

17TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE LAKES REGIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) will be sponsoring the 17th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition at the Carnegie Art Center, 120. S. Broad St., Mankato.

Artists must submit their original work at the Carnegie Art Center on Friday, April 17, 2009, 4:00-8:00 p.m.

All types of visual art, watercolor, oil, drawings, ceramic, glass, sculpture, jewelry and textiles will be considered for the exhibition. Participation is open to all artists age 16 and over residing in the nine county area: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca or Watonwan County.

The Art Exhibition Entry Form will not be mailed out this year. Artists may go to the PLRAC website, www.plrac.org and print off the Entry Form. A \$10.00 fee per entry will be charged for participation, with a limit of 2 works per artist. **Over 90 pieces of art work from artists living in the nine county area will be on display April 29-June 11, 2009.** Gallery hours will be Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 1-4 p.m. and Thursday 1-7 p.m. The public is invited to the Opening Reception – Sunday, May 17, 1-3 p.m.

The regional exhibition provides cash awards of \$1,200: First Place - \$200, Second - \$150, Third - \$125, Fourth - \$100, Fifth - \$75, 10 certificates of merit - \$50 each, and People's Choice Award of \$50. This exhibition is organized by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, in collaboration with the Carnegie Art Center, with funding from the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation, Rochester; E.F. Johnson Foundation, Waseca; and Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield.

For information contact Brenda Flintrop, Prairie Lakes Executive Director at 1-800-298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net.



April 2009 Newsletter

Art Grants will Decrease in FY 2010

Like many, the arts statewide are facing some difficult challenges as our economy continues to weaken. We anticipate that our state arts funding will be reduced in the next two years, due to the state budget deficit of about \$5 billion dollars.

Governor Pawlenty has proposed **cutting the arts by 50 percent, and eventual elimination of the State Arts Board after 2011, as part of a package of budget changes intended to balance the state's budget.** The state currently appropriates \$10.2 million to the State Arts Board and Regional Arts Councils, which go out in grants and services to all 87 Minnesota counties. The Governor's budget proposal flies in the face of the clear message sent by voters in the passage of the Amendment: that we want MORE investment in the arts and culture, not less. To then additionally propose getting rid of the State Arts Board is the opposite of the intent of voters.

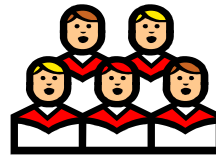
Therefore, the regional arts council anticipates a 30-50% cut in our state arts funding for the next two years. FY 2010 begins July 1, 2009 and we anticipate keeping the same grant programs, but reducing the maximum amount per grant and perhaps only have one grant deadline in Sept. 2009 for all Art Project Grants and October 1, 2009 for all Small Arts and Arts-In-Education Grants.

The public is invited to the Prairie Lakes Board Meeting to hear the details on the FY 2010-2011 State Arts Plan, on Thursday, April 23, 7:00 p.m. at Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 South Second Street, Mankato.

FY 2009 ART PROJECT GRANTS

A total of \$42,500 Art Project Grants was awarded to 18 organizations in October 2008. A variety of activities including arts festivals, dance, literature, instrumental and vocal music, theater and visual art exhibitions were funded. These 50% matching grants may be awarded to non-profit arts organizations, community groups or public organizations for art activities in all artistic disciplines.

Blue Earth Review, literary magazine, \$2,400
Blue Earth Town & Country Players, \$3,000
Blue Earth Valley Concert Assoc., \$3,000
Bothy Folk Club, \$2,084
Crescent Community Club, St. James, \$2,470
Dance Conservatory of S. MN, Mankato, \$2,550
Mankato Ballet Company, \$3,000
Mankato Council for Health Action, \$1,280
Mankato Figure Skating Club, \$2,000
Mankato Symphony Orchestra, \$2,176
MN State Univ., Mankato, Dept. of Music, \$2,070
MN Valley Chorale, Mankato, \$2,550
MN Valley Sweet Adelines, Mankato, \$1,530
Musicorum, Mankato, \$2,400
Saint Peter Choral Society, \$3,000
South Central Service Cooperative, \$2,550
Waseca Arts Council, \$3,000
Waseca High School Jazz Festival, \$1,800



PLRAC/McKnight OPERATING SUPPORT GRANTEES

The focus of the grant programs, funded by the McKnight Foundation, is on excellence in our established non-profit arts organizations. Grants of \$1,500 each were awarded to seven organizations, for a total of \$10,500, in November 2008. Operating Support Grants may be used to maintain on-going programs, services, facilities, utilities, personnel and administrative costs.

**Arts Center of Saint Peter
Carnegie Art Center, Mankato
Fairmont Opera House
Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra
Mankato Ballet Company
Project G.E.M., Lake Crystal
Waseca Arts Council**

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

207 N. State Street, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093-2930

(507) 833-8721 or (800) 298-1254

plrac@hickorytech.net or www.plrac.org

**Grant applications for all programs
are available on the web site as a
Word document or PDF format.**

PLRAC/McKnight CAPITAL GRANTS

Arts organizations may request support for small capital expenses related to their programs or services which increase their artistic quality. Three Capital Grants of \$1,500 each were awarded totaling \$4,500.

Fairmont Opera House. To purchase an air-conditioning unit for the mezzanine.

Mankato Ballet Company. To purchase portable Marley floor, barres and mirrors for their dance studios.

Mankato Children's Chorus. To purchase a laptop computer and software for organizational needs.

PLRAC/MCKNIGHT

EMERGING ARTIST GRANTEES

A total of \$9,000 was awarded to nine artists, \$1,000 each; and they are listed alphabetically.

Jana Bouma, Madison Lake, Literature - \$1,000.

Jana will attend a juried, five-day poetry workshop presented by poet Christopher Merrill at the Aspen Summer-Words Writing Retreat, Colorado in June.

Marianne Carlson, Mankato, Visual Art - \$1,000.

Marianne will create paintings inspired by Astronomy and Biology. Funds will be used to purchase supplies, matting and framing of her work.

Kathryn Cullen, Mankato, Literature - \$1,000.

Kathryn will attend the Iowa Summer Writing Festival in Iowa City and participate in a weeklong poetry workshop in July. She also plans to have her poetry edited.

Nancy Eischen, Comfrey, Music- \$1,000.

Nancy will participate in a mentorship with Phala Tracy at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter and concentrate on harp playing and composition.



Liz Madsen, Mankato, Visual Art - \$1,000.

Liz will create image transfer monoprints and will use funds to purchase supplies to create more work and will mat and frame her pieces for an exhibit.

Antje Meisner, Mankato, Visual art - \$1,000.

Antje will create a series of black and white photographs. Funds will be used to purchase supplies as well as matting and framing photographs for an exhibit at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, Mankato in August.

Joel Moline, St. Peter, Visual art - \$1,000.

Joel will attend a monotype workshop at Frogman's Print and Paper workshops in Vermillion, South Dakota in July.



Denise Neushwander-Frink, Mankato, Playwright - \$1,000.

Denise will produce a script for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The actors of Aktion Club Theatre, Mankato will then present a public performance in 2010.

Nicole Volk, Waterville, Visual art - batik - \$1,000.

Nicole will create several batik pieces and have a gallery exhibition in 2010. Funds will be used for supplies, matting and framing of her work as well as to attend batik workshops.

ARTS-IN-EDUCATION and SMALL ARTS PROJECT GRANTS

\$16,215 has been awarded in FY 2009

BLUE EARTH COUNTY- \$2,350

Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School (AIE) \$500
Lincoln Bicentennial Dramatic Play (SA) \$600
Maple River High School (AIE) \$700
The Harambee Cultural Centre, Mankato (SA) \$550

BROWN COUNTY - \$3,125

Brown County Historical Society (SA) \$700
Monument Brass Ensemble, New Ulm (SA) \$500
New Ulm Actors Community Theater (SA) \$700
River Bend Area Learning Center, New Ulm (AIE) \$525
Springfield Community Theatre (SA) \$700

FARIBAULT COUNTY- \$2,100

Blue Earth Area Community Education (SA) \$700
Blue Earth Royal Chiselers (SA) \$700
Faribault County Fair (SA) \$700

LE SUEUR COUNTY- \$2,115

LeCenter Community Education (SA) \$690
LeSueur County Historical Society (AIE) \$375
LeSueur-Henderson Youth Opportunities (SA) \$650
Montgomery-Lonsdale High School (AIE) \$400

MARTIN COUNTY - \$700

Martin County West ECFE, Welcome (SA) \$500

NICOLLET COUNTY - \$1,900

Arts Center of Saint Peter (SA) \$500
MN Valley Music Teachers Assoc. (SA) \$700
St. Peter Area Children's Theater (SA) \$700



SIBLEY COUNTY - \$1,940

Gaylord Public Library (SA) \$540
Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Community Education (SA) \$700
Henderson Sauerkraut Days (SA) \$700

WASECA COUNTY - \$1,985

New Richland-Hartland Ellendale Geneva School (AIE) \$700
Waseca County Historical Society (SA) \$700
Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library (SA) \$585

* Very limited funds are available for the remainder of FY 2009, approximately 2 more grants of \$700, and one application is pending for March .

The next deadline is April 1, 2009.

The Small Arts project grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. Arts-In-Education (AIE) grants are for public or private non parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, live art performances or mini-workshops and arts related field trips.



April 2009 Arts Calendar

(An asterisk* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)



March 25 - April 5 Art Exhibition by Amy Magnuson, painter and Matthew Bright, sculptor, at the 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. Hours: Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., and Sun. 1-4 p.m. Contact: the410project@yahoo.com

March 25 - April 19 Migrations: New Directions in Native American Art and Digital Photography from China by Priscilla Briggs, at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Avenue, GAC, St. Peter. Events are free and open to the public. Hours: 9 a.m. -4 p.m. weekdays, 1-5 p.m. weekends, (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html

March 25-April 26 Signified Notions, digital prints by Matthew Willemsen, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sun.: 1-5 p.m., Thurs.: 1-8 p.m., 315 South Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Contact: 507-931-3630, info@artscentersp.org, or www.artscentersp.org

March 25-April 30 "Flowers and Landscapes", recent work by Brian Frink, in the gallery of the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 South Second Street, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thur. 1-7 p.m. (507) 387-1008, info@twinriversarts.org or www.twinriversarts.org

March 28 - April 15 "From Studio to Gallery in Nineteen Steps", Carnegie Artists'-in-Residence Exhibit, a variety of art work will be displayed at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. (Opening Reception: March 28, 7-9 p.m.) Gallery hours: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. (507) 625-2730.

March 29 - May 7 Exhibit by Tammy Jones, recent work and an installation piece "Family Trees" by the Mixed Media class from Waseca H. S., at Passion for ART, 210 N. State Street, Waseca. (Opening Reception: March 29, 2-4 p.m.) www.pfawaseca.com (507) 833-6061

* **March 30 -April 18** Regional High School Art Exhibit at the Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State Street. Featuring students from Blue Earth, Janesville, LeSueur-Henderson, Mankato East, West and Loyola, Medford, Montgomery, St. Peter, Waseca and Waterville. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., (507) 835-1701, www.wasecaartscouncil.org, or patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org.

April 1-30 Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery will host the annual High School Art Show, featuring art work by Montgomery-Lonsdale students, grades 7-12. Hours are Thur. & Fri., 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-noon or by appointment. (507) 364-5462

April 2-26 Bethany Senior Art Exhibition, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 1-5 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu/studioart

* **April 3-29** Project GEM's Annual Creative Youth Exhibit, showcasing student art work from the area in several locations including Blue Earth County Library, Mankato; Fairmont locations: Banks Midwest, Fairmont Medical Center and Profinium Financial; and St. Peter Community Center and Library. Art work can be viewed during normal business hours.

April 3 The Gustavus Home Choir Concert, 7:30 p.m., Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. For tickets contact (507) 933-7590 or www.gac.edu

* **April 4** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra presents their third concert from their New Family Series, "Viva Vivaldi - Spring", 3:00 p.m. at the Mankato YMCA, 1401 S. Riverfront Drive. Designed for children of all ages and short attention spans. Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/children. Contact the Twin Rivers Box Office to purchase tickets, 523 South Second Street, Mankato, (507) 387-1008, or www.twinriversarts.org

* **April 4** Bothy Folk Club presents Bill Hinkley & July Larson, folk music, 7:30 p.m., at the Mankato Eagles Club, 708 North Riverfront Drive, Mankato. Tickets are \$12/Bothy members, \$15/ non-members. (507) 388-1316, paul.lindfors@mnsu.edu or www.bothy.org

April 4 Betsy-Tacy Easter Celebration, 1-3 p.m., Betsy-Tacy House, 332 Center Street, Mankato. Event is free for all ages and open to the public. (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org

April 4-17 The First Area High School Student Art Exhibit at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery hours for this exhibit: Mon. Thur, and Fri. 2 – 6 p.m. (for April 10 only); Tues., Wed., and Sat., 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.; and Sun. 2-4 p.m. (April 5 & 12 only). Contact (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.fairmont.org/redrock

April 5 Hymn Fest, 7:00 p.m., at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; call Sandy Hallstrom for details. (507) 235-9800

April 6 Spring Concert, by the Fairmont School Orchestras', Time TBD, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.fairmont.org/redrock or (507) 235-9800

April 6-17 "Photografal", exhibit by Matt Gorrie, at Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/exhibitions.html

April 9-12 & 16-19 "Mame", at Ted Paul Theater, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. each night and 2:00 p.m. Matinee on April 12 & 19, Adults/\$20, Senior Citizens/\$18, MSU students/\$14. MSU Box office (507) 389-6661.

April 14 Faculty Artists Recital, Joseph Rodgers, cellist; David Viscoli, pianist; with Mary Horozaniecki, violinist, 7:30 p.m., Halling Recital Hall, Minnesota State University, 320 Maywood Avenue, Mankato. \$8/General admission, \$4/ MSU students with current MavCard, contact (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events

* **April 16** Good Thunder Reading Series presents fiction writer Terry Davis, fiction and creative nonfiction writer Diana Joseph; and creative nonfiction writer and poet Richard Terrill. Talk on craft, 3 p.m. at CSU Ostrander Auditorium; and 7:30 p.m. Reading in CSU Room 253. (507) 389-1354 or www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt

***April 16-18** "Charlie & the Candy Factory" presented by Mankato Figure Skating Club, 7:00 p.m., All Seasons Arena, Mankato. Tickets are available at the door or contact (507) 388-4295.

April 16-18 "Pippi Longstocking" presented by Waseca High School students, 8:00 p.m., at Central Intermediate School, Waseca. Tickets available at the door.

April 17 "Man 1- Bank 0, a one-man comedy", 7:30 p.m. at the Fairmont Opera House. Patrick Combs tells the amazing-but-true story of how he deposited a \$95,093.35 junk mail check marked 'non-negotiable' in hopes of spreading cheer to bank tellers. The saga erupts into a staggering and funny David-versus-Goliath adventure that continues today --if you count his touring and this award-winning Off -Broadway one-man show about the whole incident. Tickets are \$20/Adults and \$5/students. (507) 238-4900, director@fairmontoperahouse.com or www.fairmontoperahouse.com

April 17-19 & 24-25 "The Jam Jar Sonnets" by Peter Bloedel at Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Performances at 7:30 p.m. except April 19 at 2:00 p.m. Adults/\$8 and Students and Seniors/\$5, contact the BLC Box Office at (507) 344-7374.

April 18 The AC Circuit Second Saturday, art and culture walk 1-5 p.m., a St. Peter Arts Association event. Gallery open 1-5 p.m. at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Avenue. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or download a brochure at www.artscentersp.org

April 18 Poetry Scavenger Hunt, Southern Minnesota Poets Society, bring your own lunch, 12:30-3 p.m., at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2nd Street, Mankato. Free, call for info. (507) 243-4050.



April 2009 Arts Calendar

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April 19 The Adolphus Jazz Ensemble & Gustavus Chamber Singers in Concert, 7:30 p.m., Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. For tickets contact (507) 933-7590 or www.gac.edu

April 19 The Many Voices Choir, 7:00 p.m., at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Adults/\$10 and Students/\$5, call to reserve tickets www.many-voices.com or (507) 235-9800

April 20 A Little Chamber Music with the MSU Chamber Winds, 7:30 p.m., Halling Recital Hall, Minnesota State University, 320 Maywood Avenue, Mankato. \$8/General admission, \$4/ MSU students with current MavCard, contact (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events

April 20-24 MSU AIGA Exhibit, Graphic design work by MSU student chapter members of the American Institute of Graphic Arts, at Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/exhibitions.html

April 21-30 Display of Flag Quilts by Ruth Beckendorf and other quilters, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Open Tues. only, 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Contact (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.fairmont.org/redrock

April 23 MSU CWE & Symphonic Bands of MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m., Halling Recital Hall, Minnesota State University, 320 Maywood Avenue, Mankato. \$8/General admission, \$4/ MSU students with current MavCard, contact (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events

April 23-26 "Rabbit Hole", studio season performance in Andreas Theater, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. each night, Adults/\$9, Senior Citizens/\$8, MSU students/\$7. For ticket information call the MSU Box office (507) 389-6661.

April 24 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra presents their Free Youth Concert "Ode to Joy" at Mankato West H. S., 9:30 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Students in grades 4-6 from Mankato ISD #77 and the surrounding nine county region may partici-

pate. For information contact (507) 625-8880, mso@hickorytech.net or www.mankatosymphony.com

April 24 The Gustavus Choir of Christ Chapel Home Concert, 7:30 p.m., Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. For tickets contact (507) 933-7590 or www.gac.edu

April 25 Betsy-Tacy hosts Maud's Birthday Party, 1-3 p.m., Besty-Tacy House, 332 Center Street, Mankato. Event is free for all ages and open to the public. www.betsy-tacysociety.org or (507) 345-9777

April 25 Bethany Spring Semester Honors Recital, 2:00 p.m., Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Tickets may be purchased at the door. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu

April 25-26 & May 1-3 "Blithe Spirit" presented by Merely Players Community Theater at Lincoln Community Center Auditorium, 110 Fulton Street, Mankato. April 25 & May 1-2 at 8 p.m. and April 26 & May 3 at 2 p.m.; Call 507-388-5483, email players@merelyplayers.com www.merelyplayers.com, or contact the Twin Rivers Box Office to purchase tickets, 523 South Second Street, Mankato, (507) 387-1008, or www.twinriversarts.org

April 26 Spring Choral Concert of MN State University, Mankato, 4:00 p.m., Saint Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Mankato. \$8/General admission, \$4/ Other students (K-12) and MSU students with valid ID, contact www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549

April 27 - May 5 MSU URC Creative Works, work by students in the 2009 Undergraduate Research Council program, at Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/exhibitions.html

April 28 Jazz Groups, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m., Halling Recital Hall, Minnesota State University, 320 Maywood Avenue, Mankato. \$8/General admission, \$4/ Other students (K-12) and MSU students with valid ID, contact (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events

Arts Calendar Continued

April 28 Junior High School Band and Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m., Montgomery-Lonsdale High School Auditorium. (507) 364-8157

April 29 - June 11 **17th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition**, featuring over 90 pieces of art work from artists in the 9-county region, at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. (Reception: Sunday, May 17, 1-3 p.m.) Gallery hours: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m., (507) 625-2730. Contact Brenda Flintrop at the regional arts council office plrac@hickorytech.net or 1-800-298-1254.

April 30 & May 1-2 MSU Spring Dance Collection Concert 7:30 p.m., at Ted Paul Theatre, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Adults/\$9, Senior Citizens/\$8, MSU students/\$7 Contact the MSU Box Office at (507) 389-6661 or www.MSUDance.com

April 30–May 14 Bethany Spring Semester Student Art Show, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (Reception and Awards April 30, 7 p.m.) Gallery hours: Sun.–Thurs. 1-9 p.m., Fri. & Sat. 1-5 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu/studioart

ARTIST OPPORTUNITIES

April 17 Entry date 4-8 p.m. for 17th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition. Bring original art work to the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato, maximum of 2 pieces per artist -\$10 per entry. \$1,200 in cash prizes.

April 25 deadline - RiverCrossings art fair in motion is gearing up for its 4th annual 2009 event in the St. Peter, Mankato & North Mankato area in October. Coordinated by Twin Rivers Center for the Arts in Mankato, Arts Center of St. Peter, and the Bridge: for culture and life, St. Peter. Promoting emerging and established artists, this is a FREE FAMILY EVENT. Registration fees: \$15, Participation fees: \$100 (students \$50). For printed application forms, please contact Michelle at (507) 934-1556 or rivercrossings@mchsi.com. Applications can be downloaded on the web at: www.rivercrossings.org

COLLEGE ARTS EVENTS

(check out their websites)

Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato

www.blc.edu Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Hours: 1-9 p.m., Sun.-Thurs. & 1-5 p.m. Fri.-Sat. (507) 344-7365
Concerts/Plays: (507) 344-7365 for tickets

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

www.gac.edu Ticket info. (507) 933-7598 or 933-7520
The Hillstrom Museum of Art is open, free of charge, to the public. Gallery Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends.

Martin Luther College, New Ulm

www.mlcforum.org MLC box office (507) 233-9114

Minnesota State University, Mankato

www.mnsu.edu
Dept. of Theatre and Dance (507) 389-6661, www.MSUTheatre.com, www.MSUDance.com
Good Thunder Reading Series 389-1354, www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt
Music Performance Series: 389-5549, www.mnsu.edu/music/events/
Art Department 389-6412, www.mnsu.edu/artdept/exhibitions.html
or CSU Student Gallery, 23 Centennial Student Union; Located on the lower level of the Student Union next to the food court.



To publicize your upcoming Arts Event you may contact these groups in addition to your local newspaper, radio and cable TV:

1. NEW Greater Mankato Events website:

Submit your arts event information directly to www.greatermankatoevents.com

2. ArtCetera is a weekly radio show on KTOE 1420 am radio that highlights area artists, arts organizations and events. If you would like to be a guest on the show, contact Marti Ryan mryan1@isd77.k12.mn.us to arrange an interview. The show runs on Thursday mornings from 10:10 - 10:25 a.m.

3. KMSU Radio in Mankato also has a daily run-down of the area arts events, weekdays at 1:30 p.m., so please contact them with information.

Email: james.gullickson@mnsu.edu

ART CENTERS, GALLERYS and CLASSES

Art Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Avenue. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at www.artscentersp.org/classes. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or claycenter@artscentersp.org. Registration for all Arts Center and Clay Center classes is through St. Peter Community Education, 500 S. Fifth Street, www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or (507) 934-3048.

For St. Peter all-community arts event information go to <http://www.stpeterarts.org/>

Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. (507) 625-2730

Emy Frenz Arts Guild Building-Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 South Second Street, Mankato. Artist studios, gallery space, and new Ticket Box Office for arts events in Mankato. Gallery hours: M,T,W, F 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Thur. 1-7 p.m. www.twinriversarts.org (507) 387-1008, info@twinriversarts.org or

Lifeworks Visual Arts Studio, 1806 Commerce Drive, North Mankato. Art Opportunities for people with developmental and physical disabilities. Contact Kristi or Carrie at (507) 625-7522.

Mankato Community Education will offer a variety of ARTS Classes in Spring 2009

You can view the Program Guide at www.mankatocer.com and look under "Adult Enrichment", or call (507) 387-5501. Classes are held at Lincoln Community Center, Mankato East H.S., or the Emy Frenz Arts Guild.

Passion for ART, 210 North State Street, Waseca. Fun & Free Thursdays: 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, meet local artist and learn new techniques, 2-6 p.m. (507) 833-6061, passion4art@deskmedia.com or www.pfawaseca.com Passion for ART Classes: April 4 & 5 Bold Spontaneous Watercolor with Richard Graves, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$150; May 2 & 3 Watercolor Landscape with Andy Evansen, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$150; and June 5-7 Watercolor Glazing with June Young, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$240.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Hours: Tuesday only 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday Lunch with the Arts: Noon-12:45 p.m. "Come & Go", enjoy various types of artistic performers, bring your lunch and relax in a beautiful setting. April 7 Shirley Ensrud, poetry reading; April 14 H.S. Students, April 21 Verlus Burkhart and Perlon Engleby, April 28 H.S. Students (tentative). (507) 235-9262 or www.fairmont.org/redrock

Stones Throw Gallery, 420 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, (507) 934-5655. Hours: 11-5 pm. Monday through Saturday, and by appointment. Features the work of many local artists. To browse individual artists' work and learn more about the artists and the Gallery, go to www.stonesthrowgallery.org/

The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. Monthly exhibits, Hours: Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@yahoo.com

Waseca Art Center, 401 N. State Street, Waseca. Monthly exhibits, Wednesday Group Meetings: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Drawing & Painting; and 11-11:45 a.m. Art Appreciation Discussion. (507) 835-1701, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org or www.wasecaartscouncil.org

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