



*April 2011 Newsletter*



# 19TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE LAKES REGIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION

Entry Date:  
**April 15, 4-8 p.m.**

Bring original work to the Carnegie Art Center along with completed entry form and fees. All types of work may be accepted, see Entry Form for details.

\$10 per entry, with a maximum of  
2 pieces per artist.

**Entry forms available on our website, [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org)**



Dates of Show: **April 28 - June 9, 2011**

**Carnegie Art Center 120 S. Broad, Mankato**

HOURS: THUR. 1-7 P.M., FRI. 1-4 P.M. & SAT. 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

Opening Reception: **Sunday, May 15, 1-3 p.m.**



This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

# Local Art Constituents Meet With Legislators at the State Capitol on March 8th

Members of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) and local residents joined over 700 Arts Advocates from around the state, at the Capitol March 8th. Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes, noted that arts advocates roamed the capitol in over 40 teams and met with over 80% of all legislators. The team led by Byron met with seven legislators from south-central Minnesota, including Senators Mike Parry, Julie Rosen and Kathy Sheran and Representatives Kathy Brynaert, Bob Gunther, Kory Kath, and Terry Morrow. “It was a great experience to be at the capitol with so many arts supporters. The timing was perfect, just a few days before legislative committees were scheduled to make recommendations for arts funding. However, we are very concerned about the state deficit and know that all agencies will need to be cut to balance the budget”, added Byron.

The House and Senate leadership recently revealed their spending targets for legislative committees, and their proposal was pretty shocking. The state's \$5 billion deficit is about 15% of the budget overall and all state programs may be cut at this level.

If you haven't yet contacted your legislator, do it now. The state currently appropriates funding to the State Arts Board and Regional Arts Councils, which go out in

grants and services to all 87 Minnesota counties. [www.mncitizensforthearts.org](http://www.mncitizensforthearts.org)

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, a non-profit advocacy group sponsors the annual event at the capitol. The purpose is to show the state legislature that the arts community speaks with one voice. From urban to rural, from large arts organizations to small, the arts play a significant role in our lives and the Minnesota State Legislature plays an important role in continued funding.

“Public funding for the arts is very important for south central Minnesota residents. Non-profit arts groups strengthen the economic development of small towns and promote tourism. Arts availability in a community enables local employers to attract and retain higher skilled employees,” noted Brenda Byron. State arts' funding is distributed to the eleven Regional Arts Councils geographically located throughout the state of Minnesota, and they provide grants to artists, small arts organizations, community groups, and schools for artist residencies and arts related field-trips. In FY 2010 PLRAC awarded 201 grants totaling \$385,430 which included \$56,430 in general State funds; \$295,000 in Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) funding; and \$34,000 in McKnight Foundation funding.

**(More legislator photos on page 8.)**



## **Sen. Mike Parry, District 26**

(L to R): Row 1 – Lill Robinson, Blue Earth Town & Country Players and PLRAC Board Member; Sen. Mike Parry; Sara Beuchmann, Mankato Symphony Orchestra and Brenda Byron, Waseca, PLRAC Executive Director & board member of MN Citizens for the Arts; and Row 2 – Shannon Robinson, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts; and Daniel Zielske, Mankato and board member of MN Citizens for the Arts.

Arts Constituents meet with **Rep. Bob Gunther, District 24A.**





# April 2011 Arts Calendar

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



**\*April 1** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Daddy Squeeze Trio with Dan Newton, playing swing and Latin music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**April 1-2** “A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking” theater production at the Andrea Theatre, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. \$9 adults, \$8 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$7 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/)

**April 1-6** Student Art League Show at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to midnight. 507-389-6767 or <http://csu.mnsu.edu/>

**\*April 1-9** Carnegie Artist-in-Residence Exhibit, at Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730.

**\*April 1-10** “Six McKnight Artists” McKnight Exhibition from Northern Clay Center featuring Ursula Hargens, Maren Kloppmann, Ilena Finocchi, Elizabeth Smith, Yoko Sekino-Bové, and Cary Esser; at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m., (507) 931-3630, [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*April 1-10** Daniel Forslin and Sophia Leonhardt Exhibit of 2 dimensional art, at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. [the410project@yahoo.com](mailto:the410project@yahoo.com)

**\*April 1-13** “Eternal Summer-Sibley Park” exhibit featuring paintings by William Bukowski, at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)

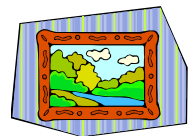
**\*April 1-15** Southern MN High School Exhibit at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N., Waseca. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org).

**April 1-18** Senior Art Shows, (Opening Receptions, April 7 & 18, 7 p.m.) Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**April 1-21** “Many-Fold Manifolds: Engineered Origami by Robert J. Lang” and “Look! Works from the Hillstrom Collection” at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 1-5 p.m. weekends, (507) 933-7200 or <http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html>

**\*April 1-23** High School Art Exhibit at the Montgomery Arts & Heritage Center, 206 B. First Street, Montgomery. Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 noon. (507) 364-8107

**\*April 1-30** Project GEM’s Annual Creative Youth Show, showcasing student art work from the area in several locations including: Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato; St. Peter Public Library, 601 S. Washington Ave., St. Peter; St. Peter Community Center, 600 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., St. Peter; New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm; and Citizens Bank, 105 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. The art work can be viewed during normal business hours. (507) 726-6047 or [www.projectgemMN.org](http://www.projectgemMN.org)



**\*April 2** Bothy Folk Club presents The Pine Beetles, a FolkGrass trio playing Celtic ballads to Tin Pan Alley jazz, 7:30 p.m. at Mankato Eagles Club, 708 N. Riverfront Dr. \$12/Bothy Club members, \$15/non-members, and \$10/students with ID, (507) 388-1316 or [www.bothy.org](http://www.bothy.org)



**\*April 2** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Dick Kimmel & Co., playing bluegrass music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**April 2** Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota’s Awesome Arts Library Tour, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Winthrop Public Library, 305 N. Main St., Winthrop. 507-995-2242, [peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org](mailto:peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org) or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

**April 2** Noche De Salsa 4, Hispanic music celebration, dance to Latin rhythms and enjoy food from local restaurants, 8-11 p.m., Ronald Younge Gym of the Bethany Sports and Fitness Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)



# Arts Calendar



**April 3** Community Concert, 2 p.m., Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 354-8221 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu)

**April 2-May 14** Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota Play Lab, featuring play activities, creative studio, and exhibit prototypes. Wednesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Extra days, March 28-31, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$3 per visitor over the age of one, at the old Pier One building in front of River Hills Mall, Mankato. Special April event: April 9, 10 a.m.-12 noon, The Minnesota Valley Assoc. for Early Childhood Educators will have resource tables and activities for children. 507-995-2242, [peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org](mailto:peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org) or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

**\*April 2-May 31** "Traditions and Holidays Around the World," Tuesdays and Saturdays. Events will include speakers, decorations, performers, food and artwork from various countries, cultures, heritages, and religions, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery hours: Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and by appointment. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/)

**April 4 & 11** Monday Night Recitals, featuring applied music students in the Department of Music, 7:30 p.m. Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**\*April 4-15** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Area High School Student Juried Art Show, students from 6 area high schools will participate, (Reception, April 15, 11 a.m.-noon) at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery hours: Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and by appointment. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/)

**April 5** "From the Marigold Dixielanders to the Blue Ox Jazz Babies", presentation by Margaret Schreyer about the history of local jazz musicians. 6-8 p.m., \$3 admission. Blue Earth County Historical Society Heritage Center, 415 Cherry St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566 or [www.bechshistory.com](http://www.bechshistory.com)

**April 5, 12, 19 & 26** Germans in America film and discussion series, 7 p.m. New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm; (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org)

**April 5-12** Senior Show 2 at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. (Opening Reception, April 5, 7-9 p.m.) Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

**\*April 7** Good Thunder Reading Series presents Kirstin Cronn-Mills and Rebecca Fjelland Davis, fiction writers for young adults, at MN State University, Mankato. Talk on craft, 3 p.m. at Centennial Student Union Ostrander Auditorium and Reading at 7:30 p.m. in CSU Room 253. (507) 389-1354 or [www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt](http://www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt)

**\*April 7, 14 & 28** Stories, songs and movement, 10:15 a.m., at Creative Play Place, St. Peter Community Center Room 127, St. Peter. (507) 351-4284, [creativeplayplace@yahoo.com](mailto:creativeplayplace@yahoo.com) or [www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com/](http://www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com/)

**April 7-10 & 14-17** "The Producers" musical theater production at Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. Thurs., Fri, Sat.; and 2 p.m. April 9 & 10. \$20 adults, \$18 seniors over 65 & youth under 16, \$14 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/)

**\*April 8** Rani Arbo and daisy mayhem in concert, featuring American roots, pop and jazz music, 7:30 p.m., \$20 adult, \$5 student, all reserved seats; at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, 507-238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com)

**\*April 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Little Prairie Pickers, featuring bluegrass and newgrass music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**\*April 8-9** Prairie Fire Children's Theatre production of "Sleeping Beauty," grades 2-12 perform, 7 p.m. Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial Secondary School, 607 Knights Lane, Lake Crystal. (507) 726-2323 or <http://isd2071.k12.mn.us/secondary>

**April 8-9** "Enfolded Precision: Embodied Interpretations," dance performances inspired by works currently on display, April 8 at 5:30 p.m., April 9 at 3 p.m. at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. (507) 933-7200 or <http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html>

**\*April 8-10** Spring Follies musical, "The Royal Bachelor," sponsored by Community And Seniors Together of New Ulm, April 8 & 9 at 7 p.m., April 10 at 2 p.m., \$7 admission. New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St., New Ulm. (507) 354-3212 or [www.newulmseniors.org](http://www.newulmseniors.org)



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**April 8-10, 15-16** “Blood Wedding,” theater performance. Fri. & Sat. at 7:30 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m. \$8 adults, \$5 for children, students K-college and seniors 55+. Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 344-7374 or [events@blc.edu](mailto:events@blc.edu)

**April 8 & 29** Guitarist, Duke Zecco, performs 50’s, 60’s and 70’s music, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**April 9** Poetry for the Earth: a talk by poet Florence Chard Dacey. Brown-bag luncheon at 12:30 p.m., program at 1 p.m. At the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. Presented by the Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 243-4050

**April 9** The AC Circuit Second Saturday, art and culture walk 1–5 p.m., a St. Peter Arts Association event. Special activities at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., (507) 931-3630 or [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org)

**\*April 9** “Evening at Farmamerica”, featuring artwork created by local artists in conjunction with the Waseca Arts Council. Meet the artists Reception 5:30 p.m., Dinner and Program 6:30 p.m., at Farmamerica – MN Agricultural Interpretive Center, 7367 360<sup>th</sup> Waseca. Tickets \$25, call (507) 835-2052, [www.farmamerica.org](http://www.farmamerica.org)

**April 9** Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota’s Awesome Arts Library Tour, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato. 507-995-2242, [peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org](mailto:peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org) or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

**\*April 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents guitarist, Lee Weber, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**April 9** The Gustavus Jazz Lab Band Home Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**April 9** Wind Symphony Concert, 7 p.m., Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 354-8221 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu)

**April 10** MN State University, Mankato Spring Choral Concert, 4 p.m., \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. St. Peter and Paul’s Catholic Church, 105 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events)

**April 10** Bethany Jazz Band Concert, 7 p.m., free, Ronald Younge Gym of the Bethany Sports and Fitness Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**April 10** The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra concert, 1:30 p.m. at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**April 11** Spring Jazz Concert, 7:30 p.m., at Waseca High School 1717 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW, Waseca. (507) 835-5470 or [www.waseca.k12.mn.us](http://www.waseca.k12.mn.us)

**April 11-29** URC Creative Works Exhibition at the Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to midnight. 507-389-6767 or <http://csu.mnsu.edu/>

**\*April 12** “Lunch with the Arts”, musical performance by Jen Bartholmey, Logan Kahler, and Katie McConnell. 12 noon, bring a bag lunch, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/)

**April 14-16** Waseca High School Spring Play, 7:30 p.m., Waseca Central Intermediate School Auditorium, 500 E. Elm Ave., Waseca. (507) 835-5470 or [www.waseca.k12.mn.us](http://www.waseca.k12.mn.us)

**\*April 14-17** “A Night In Hollywood On Ice” Mankato Figure Skating Club’s annual ice show, paying tribute to many famous actors and actresses, April 14-16, 7:00 p.m. & April 17, 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 adults; \$5 ages 4-18 and senior citizens; ages 3 and under free. All Seasons Arena, 1251 Monks Ave., Mankato. (507) 388-4295, [senne@hickorytech.net](mailto:senne@hickorytech.net) or [www.mankatofsc.org](http://www.mankatofsc.org)

**\*April 14-May 11** “Plusminus”, exhibit featuring paintings by Craig Groe, (Opening Reception, April 22, 7-9 p.m.) at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)

**\*April 15 Artists Entry Date: 4:00-8:00 p.m. for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition, at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato.** Bring original artwork to the Carnegie, \$10 per entry, with a maximum of 2 pieces per artist. Entry forms are available at local art centers and can also be downloaded from our website [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org). \$1,200 in cash prizes will be awarded to artists. For info. [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) or 1-800-298-1254.



# Arts Calendar



**\*April 15** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Jim Whitman Trio with Charmin Michelle, featuring jazz music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**\*April 15** Blue Earth Valley Concert Association presents Redhead Express, performing bluegrass, gospel, and old time music, 7 p.m. Admission is by membership only - \$40 for 10 concerts throughout the season in Blue Earth and Fairmont. Blue Earth Area Performing Arts Center, Hwy. 169 N., Blue Earth. For details call Nancy Willette (507) 893-4554.

**April 15** Adolphus Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combos Concert, 7:30 p.m. at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**April 15-22** Senior Show 3 at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. (Opening Reception, April 18, 7-9 p.m.) Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

**\*April 15-May 8** Works on Paper, a group printmaking exhibition, at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. [the410project@yahoo.com](mailto:the410project@yahoo.com)

**\*April 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Betty & Ocho, playing folk music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**April 16** Victorian Tea Party, afternoon tea at 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m., at St. John's Episcopal Church, 302 Warren St., Mankato. Tours of the R.D. Hubbard House available, 606 S. Broad St., Mankato. \$15 adults, \$10 for Blue Earth County Historical Society Members, \$5 children 5-17, free for children 5 and under. (507) 345-5566 or [www.bechshistory.com](http://www.bechshistory.com).

**\*April 16** Many Voices Choir Concert, 3:30 p.m., at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/)

**April 16** Children's Theater Public Performance of "Mr. Toad's Mad Adventures", 7:30 p.m., Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 354-8221 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu)



**April 16** Will Marwitz of St. Cloud will read and sign copies of his poetry collection, "Turning the Cup," 1 p.m. New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm; (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org)

**\*April 16-23** Permanent Collection Exhibition at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org).

**\*April 17** "Think On These Things," Mankato Children's Chorus spring concert, 4 p.m. Including the Melodia Choir performing a newly commissioned work "Rejoice!" in memory of Michael Ries, who was a Chorus member and son of the Chorus' Artistic Director, Leah Ries. Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Tickets \$10/adult, \$7/seniors and children under 18. [mccsing@charter.net](mailto:mccsing@charter.net) or [www.mankatochildrenschorus.org](http://www.mankatochildrenschorus.org)

**April 17** The Mankato Area International Festival, including African Zulu drum performance, singing and dancing from over 10 student nationality groups, food booths, style show, children's area for making crafts, and vendors selling cultural items. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Free parking and admission. Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffman Rd., Mankato. [yuyoung.park@mnsu.edu](mailto:yuyoung.park@mnsu.edu) or <http://www.mnsu.edu/international/events/international-festival.html>

**April 19** University Jazz Big Bands Concert, 7:30 p.m., \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events)

**April 19** Spring Semester Honors Recital, 7 p.m., free, Bethany Lutheran College Trinity Chapel, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**April 20-23** "Frozen" theater production at the Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. \$9 adults, \$8 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$7 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/)

**April 21** Third Thursday Gallery Walk in Mankato's City Center. Local galleries open from 5-7 p.m. Participating galleries: Blue Earth County Historical Society, Fillin' Station, Carnegie Art Center, The 410 Project, Landkamer Building, Raydiance Salon, The Coffee Hag, and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts. Sponsored by the City Center Partnership, [www.citycentermankato.com/partnership.php](http://www.citycentermankato.com/partnership.php)



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**April 21** University Concert Bands Concert, 7:30 p.m., \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events)

**April 21** Third Thursday Poetry and Wine, featuring poetry readings by John Calvin Rezmerski and Ikars Sarma, followed by open poetry mike, 7 p.m., at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. Presented by the Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 243-4050

**April 21** Foreign and Independent Film Series showing of "Bad Day To Go Fishing," a Uruguayan comedy-drama in Spanish and English with English subtitles, at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, 6 p.m. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org)

**\*April 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Southside Aces, a New Orleans dance hall style band, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**April 22** Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota's Awesome Arts Library Tour, 2-4 p.m., Henderson Public Library, 110 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St., Henderson. 507-995-2242, [peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org](mailto:peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org) or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>



**April 22** Mary Guentzel Quintet featuring jazz music, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**\*April 23** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Beg For Justice, featuring old time, bluegrass and folk music; with James Ihrke, 2011 McKnight Emerging Artist Grantee, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**April 26** University Jazz Combos/Vocal Groups Concert, 7:30 p.m., \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events)

**April 27** The Bethany String Band Concert, 7 p.m., free, Bethany Lutheran College Trinity Chapel, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**April 27-May 4** Master of Arts Exhibit at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. (Opening Reception, April 18, 7-9 p.m.) Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

**\*April 28** "Author's Celebration" to showcase students' artwork and books created with author and illustrator, Gary Harbo, during a 3 day residency. 6 p.m., Lafayette Charter School, 351 6<sup>th</sup> St., Lafayette. (507) 228-8943 or [clobes@lafayettecharter.k12.mn.us](mailto:clobes@lafayettecharter.k12.mn.us)

**\*April 28** Spring Luncheon Lecture Series, "The Minnesota Road Guide to Gangster Hot Spots," presented by author Chad Lewis. 12 noon-1 p.m, lunch provided. Paid reservations due two days before the event, \$11 WCHS members, \$16 non-members. Waseca County Historical Society, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE, Waseca, (507) 835-7700 or [www.historical.waseca.mn.us](http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us)

**April 28** Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota's Awesome Arts Library Tour, 3:30-5 p.m., Comfrey Area Library, 120 Brown St. E., Comfrey. 507-995-2242, [peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org](mailto:peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org) or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

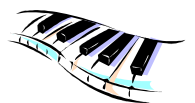
**April 28-30** Spring Collection Dance Concert, at Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. April 28 & 29 and 2 p.m. April 30. \$9 adults, \$8 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$7 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/)

**\*April 28-June 4** American Legion Exhibit, in conjunction with the State Legion Meeting held in Montgomery, at the Montgomery Arts & Heritage Center, 206 B. First Street, Montgomery. Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 noon. (507) 364-8107.



**\*April 28-June 9** 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition, featuring over 100 pieces of art work from artists in the 9-county region, at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. (Reception: Sunday, May 15, 1-3 p.m.) Gallery hours: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m., (507) 625-2730.

**\*April 29** Glenn Henricksen Piano Concert; featuring classical, rag time, novelty, show tunes, and requests, 7 p.m., at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/)





# Arts Calendar



**\*April 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents The Bockfest Boys, featuring music from the past 50 years, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**\*April 30** Musicorum, presents their Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m., Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Dr. Mankato. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, and \$5 students. [www.musicorum-mn.org](http://www.musicorum-mn.org).

**\*April 30** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents String Theory, featuring jazz, blues and folk music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**\*April 30** Monroe Crossing Concert, featuring bluegrass music. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., music at 7 p.m. \$15 adults, \$13 Arts Center members, \$10 students. The Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m., (507) 931-3630, [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**\*April 30-May 21** Annual Elementary Art Show, at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org).

**\*April 30-May 1** The Opera “Dido and Aeneas”, MSU Performance Series Event, 7:30 p.m. on April 30; 3 p.m. on May 1, \$12/General Admission; \$11/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events)

**\*April 30-June 11** New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music, a Museum on Main Street Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit. (Opening Reception, April 30, 1-5 p.m.) Moline and Lower Level galleries, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m., (507) 931-3630, [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

## Local Art Constituents Meet With Legislators on March 8th

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Arts Constituents meet with **Rep. Kathy Byrnaert, Dist. 23B.**



Arts Constituents meet with **Sen. Kathy Sheran, Dist. 23.**



Arts Constituents meet with **Rep. Kory Kath, Dist. 26A.**



Arts Constituents meet with **Sen. Julie Rosen, Dist. 24.**



# Arts Opportunities & Classes

**April** Gallery space open to local artists at the Blue Earth County Historical Society. Art must be two-dimensional, ready to hang, and all ages appropriate. Exhibits will change quarterly. 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato, (507) 345-5566 or [bechsam@hickorytech.net](mailto:bechsam@hickorytech.net)

**April** The Landkamer building in Mankato has exhibit space available to artists. Email [antje@myclearwave.net](mailto:antje@myclearwave.net) for release forms and scheduling.



**April** North Mankato Taylor Library is looking for artists to exhibit their work on library walls. Email [rjkober@hickorytech.net](mailto:rjkober@hickorytech.net) for more details.

**April** The Red Rock Center for the Arts is looking to display artwork throughout the lower level. Contact the center at: 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont, (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/)

**\*April 1-4** The Minnesota Shorts Play Festival will be accepting submissions of short plays (15 pages or less) for its Third Annual Short Play Festival September 8-9, 2011, in Mankato. E-mail your submission in a pdf or Microsoft Word format to [mnshorts@yahoo.com](mailto:mnshorts@yahoo.com). Twelve winners will receive \$100 after the performance of the play, an additional four will receive \$50. Winning playwrights must find actors, rehearse and have their play ready to perform at the festival. (507) 420-1881 or [www.mnshorts.com](http://www.mnshorts.com)

**\*April 1-18** Open lab for pottery and ceramics at Lincoln Community Center's new and improved pottery studio, Monday's from 5-9 p.m. Make unique artwork using the pottery wheel, slab roller and extruder. This is not an instructional class, but the lab supervisor will be on hand to help with technical questions. \$5 per session or \$30 for a 7-session punch card plus materials. Material cost is \$25 coupon which includes 25 pounds of clay, studio glazes and firings. No outside clay or glazes allowed in the studio. Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. 507-387-5501.



**\*April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29** Friday Muses invite artists to bring in-progress or completed artwork to the table and enjoy conversation with other artists, every Friday, 1-3 p.m. at Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Ave., Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)

**April 1-30** Minnesota Humanities Center and Minnesota Indian Affairs Council are looking for an organization to host a traveling exhibit exploring the history of U.S.-Indian treaties and how they still matter today. It will consist of twenty banners and a video presentation. If interested, apply before May 1. More information and application instructions at [www.minnesotahumanities.org/treaties](http://www.minnesotahumanities.org/treaties) or call 651-772-4244.

**\*April 1-30** The Interlaken Heritage Days "Art in the Park" committee is taking applications for artist booth space for the June 11<sup>th</sup> event in Sylvania Park, Fairmont. Applicants will go through a selection process. Only original work, handmade by the artist will be accepted. \$50 for a 12'x12' space, exhibitors must provide their own means of display, this is a rain or shine event. Application must include: 4 digital jpeg images representing work to be exhibited, booth fee, and signed application form. Application deadline is May 1. For more information and application forms go to <http://sites.google.com/site/i hdfairmont/> or call (507) 236-7040.

**\*April 1-30** Twin Rivers Center for the Arts is accepting applications for art exhibitions to be presented at Emy Frenz Arts Guild for 2012. The space can accommodate a wide variety of work including paintings, photography, poetry, sculpture and more. Each exhibition is hosted for approximately a four to six week period. For more information contact Shannon Robinson, 507-387-1008 or [shannon@twinriversarts.org](mailto:shannon@twinriversarts.org)

**\*April 2** Part Auditions for the 2011 Season of the Mankato 77 Lancers Marching Band, 1-5 p.m., Dakota Meadows Middle School, 1900 Howard Dr. W., North Mankato. [lancersecretary@gmail.com](mailto:lancersecretary@gmail.com) or [www.77lancers.com](http://www.77lancers.com)

**\*April 7** 4Playwrights Project Monthly Meeting. All area playwrights are invited. 7 p.m. at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. (507) 420-1881 or [www.4playwrights.com](http://www.4playwrights.com)

**\*April 9 & 16** Digital Photography Basics Workshop by Allison Roberts from the Waseca Arts Council, learn basic operations, composition and lighting. Bring your digital camera, charged batteries and instruction manual. 9-11 a.m. both days, \$25 fee, register by April 2 through CER 507-235-3141. At the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/)



# Arts Opportunities & Classes

**\*April 11** Twin Rivers Center for the Arts Combo Nite. Join artists, arts groups, and TRCA Affiliates for "Arts After Hours". Are you new to the area? Have you found your artistic passion and now you want to get involved? Are you looking for more people to join your group or are you looking to join a group? Here is your opportunity to connect. 6-7:30 p.m. Patti Smith-Conlin will discuss what to consider when setting up a fair booth for Words of Wisdom. Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Ave., Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)

**April 15** Mankato Area Non-Profit Networking Lunch: free, informal discussion and information-sharing group; noon - 1 p.m. at Blue Earth County Historical Society, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. (Held the third Friday of each month.) Participants are encouraged to bring questions, samples, and insights related to the topic of the day. Contact Amy Jo Lennartson at (507) 469-2217 or [alennartson@mncn.org](mailto:alennartson@mncn.org).

**\*April 15 Artists Entry Date: 4:00-8:00 p.m. for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition, at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato.** Bring original artwork to the Carnegie, \$10 per entry, with a maximum of 2 pieces per artist. Entry forms are available at local art centers and can also be downloaded from our website [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org). \$1,200 in cash prizes will be awarded to artists. For info. [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) or 1-800-298-1254

**April 21** Poetry Slam 101! No prizes, no pressure, just perform your 3 best poems, 7 p.m., at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. Presented by the Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 243-4050

**\*April 21** Clay Center Open Studio (Community Night), 5-9 p.m. All ages, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required/\$5 recommended donation accepted. Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 931-3630, [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org) or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org)

**May 12** Mankato's Southern Minnesota Nonprofit Summit. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Country Inn and Suites, 1900 Premier Dr., Mankato. Keynote Topics: "Owning Your Place in the Community" and "Engaging Your Board/ Getting Them to Set Their Own Agenda," presented by Carlo Cuesta, Creation in Common. The day will also feature breakout sessions, hosted lunch tables, a special focus on boards, and regional resources for nonprofits. The early registration rate for MCN members and TRCA affiliates is \$45. Sponsored by Bremer Bank, Greater Mankato Area United Way, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts and the Mankato Area Foundation. (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)

**June 8-11** Rural Arts and Culture Summit, A gathering of arts/culture makers, organizers, and supporters who are committed to further developing the richness of life in rural America. Learn from nationally renowned speakers, round table with peers from across the country, interact with panels and presenters representing the best in rural arts and culture practices, topics include: networking & building collaborations, audience development, marketing, fundraising, etc. Register by April 30 for \$100, after that the fee is \$125. Summit held in Fergus Falls, MN. For more information visit: <http://ruralartsandculturesummit.com>



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## Arts Centers, Galleries and Classes

**Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery**, 206 B. First St., Montgomery. Various events and monthly exhibits on display. Contact for hours (507) 364-8107

**Arts Center of Saint Peter**, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at [www.artscentersp.org/classes](http://www.artscentersp.org/classes). Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. Clay Center Open Studio Night (third Thursday of every month 6:30-8:30 p.m.) no registration required/\$5 donation accepted; for all ages. Contact (507) 931-3630, [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org) or [claycenter@artscentersp.org](mailto:claycenter@artscentersp.org). Registration for all Arts Center and Clay Center classes is through St. Peter Community Education, 500 S. Fifth St., (507) 934-3048 or [www.stpetercommunityedonline.com](http://www.stpetercommunityedonline.com).

**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: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730

**Conkling Art Gallery**, 139 Nelson Hall, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits are on display. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

**Hillstrom Museum of Art**, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus, College, 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 <http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html>

**Lifeworks Visual Arts Studio**, 1806 Commerce Drive, N. 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 2011** You can view the Program Guide at [www.mankatocer.com](http://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.

**Red Rock Center for the Arts**, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Hours: Mon & Thurs. 1-6 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or call to set up an appointment. Each Tuesday is 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. (507) 235-9262 or [www.martincountypreservation.org](http://www.martincountypreservation.org)

**Stones Throw Gallery**, 420 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, (507) 934-5655. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. 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.stonestrowgallery.org/](http://www.stonestrowgallery.org/)

**Student Union Gallery**, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to midnight, Sun. 10 a.m. to midnight.

**The 410 Project**, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits, Gallery hours: Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. [the410project@yahoo.com](mailto:the410project@yahoo.com)

**Twin Rivers Council for the Arts in the Emy Frenz Guild Building**, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios, gallery space, and new Ticket Box Office for arts events in Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. 12- 4 p.m. and Thur. 4-8 p.m. Contact (507) 387-1008, [info@twinriversarts.org](mailto:info@twinriversarts.org) or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org) Link to [www.greatermankatoevents.com](http://www.greatermankatoevents.com)

**Waseca Art Center**, 401 N. State St., Waseca. Monthly exhibits, Wednesday Group Meetings: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Drawing & Painting; and 11-11:45 a.m. Art Appreciation Discussion. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org).

# Chamber of Commerce & City Websites by County

## **Blue Earth County**

Greater Mankato Area: [www.greatermankatoevents.com](http://www.greatermankatoevents.com)

Lake Crystal Chamber of Commerce:

[www.lakecrystalchamber.com](http://www.lakecrystalchamber.com)

## **Brown County**

New Ulm Chamber of Commerce: [www.newulm.com](http://www.newulm.com)

(click on Chamber of Commerce)

Sleepy Eye Chamber of Commerce:

[www.sleepyeyechamber.com](http://www.sleepyeyechamber.com)

Springfield Chamber of Commerce:

[www.springfieldmnchamber.org](http://www.springfieldmnchamber.org)

## **Faibault County**

Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce:

[www.blueearthchamber.com](http://www.blueearthchamber.com)

Wells calendar: [www.wells.govoffice.com](http://www.wells.govoffice.com)

Winnebago calendar: [www.winnebago.govoffice.com](http://www.winnebago.govoffice.com)

## **LeSueur County**

Elysian calendar: [www.elysianmn.com](http://www.elysianmn.com)

LeCenter calendar: [www.cityoflecenter.com](http://www.cityoflecenter.com)

LeSueur Chamber of Commerce:

[www.lesueurchamber.org](http://www.lesueurchamber.org)

New Prague Chamber of Commerce:

[www.newprague.com](http://www.newprague.com)

Waterville Chamber of Commerce:

[www.watervillemn.com](http://www.watervillemn.com)

## **Martin County**

Fairmont Chamber of Commerce:

[www.fairmontchamber.org](http://www.fairmontchamber.org)

## **Nicollet County**

Nicollet Chamber of Commerce: [www.nicollet.org](http://www.nicollet.org)

St. Peter Chamber of Commerce:

[www.tourism.st-peter.mn.us](http://www.tourism.st-peter.mn.us)

## **Sibley County**

Arlington Community Bulletin Board:

[www.arlingtonmn.com](http://www.arlingtonmn.com)

Henderson Chamber of Commerce:

[www.hendersonmn.com/chamber/index.php](http://www.hendersonmn.com/chamber/index.php)

## **Waseca County**

Janesville calendar: [www.janesville.govoffice.com](http://www.janesville.govoffice.com)

Waseca Area Tourism & Visitors Bureau:

[www.discoverwaseca.com](http://www.discoverwaseca.com)

Waseca Chamber of Commerce:

[www.wasecachamber.com](http://www.wasecachamber.com)

## **Watonwan County**

Madelia calendar: [www.madeliamn.com](http://www.madeliamn.com)

St. James Chamber of Commerce:

[www.stjameschamberofcommerce.com](http://www.stjameschamberofcommerce.com)



# State-Wide Online Resources

## **COMPAS**

[www.compas.org](http://www.compas.org)

A Minnesota resource for artist residencies and community-building through the arts.

[www.compas.org/arts-education/young-audiences/programs/about](http://www.compas.org/arts-education/young-audiences/programs/about)

COMPAS and Young Audiences of Minnesota roster of Artists

## **Minnesota Citizens for the Arts**

[www.mncitizensforthearts.org](http://www.mncitizensforthearts.org)

State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization to Increase funding

## **Minnesota State Arts Board**

[www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us)

Artist Grant Info. & Publications: Basic Guide to Grants for MN Artists, Performance and Rehearsal Spaces, and Gallery and Exhibition Spaces in Minnesota.

[www.arts.state.mn.us/aie/index.htm](http://www.arts.state.mn.us/aie/index.htm)

Minnesota State Arts Board Roster of qualified Artists to conduct residencies in schools and other educational settings

## **Perpich Center for Arts Education**

and Minnesota Arts High School, Golden Valley

[www.pcae.k12.mn.us](http://www.pcae.k12.mn.us)

## **Springboard for the Arts**

[www.springboardforthearts.org](http://www.springboardforthearts.org)

Workshops for artists & non-profit arts groups

## **Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations**

[www.mnartists.org](http://www.mnartists.org)

The website showcases the work of over 4,500 Minnesota Artists in all disciplines. Many are from our local region.

## **Traverse des Sioux Library System**

<http://tdslib.org/achf/>

Application and information about Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants through the Library System.

**Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

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## Legacy Logo is now available for arts groups

A **New Legacy Logo** is to be used to identify all projects funded by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. This logo illustrates the clean water, outdoor heritage, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds that were established following passage of the Legacy Amendment in November 2008. The logo will be displayed throughout the state at Legacy Amendment supported projects, in print, on signs and other materials reflecting the support of Minnesota residents via our vote in 2008.



Look for this logo on materials of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council and other regional arts councils when the Legacy Amendment is the source of funding for that project.

**Legacy Website:**

<http://www.legacy.leg.mn/>

This website was created by the Minnesota Legislature to help citizens monitor how dollars from the Legacy Amendment and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund are being invested in the state. On this site you can track the progress of hundreds of funded projects, see how funds are being invested in your community and learn how you can apply for funds.

**Arts and Cultural Heritage Programs:**

<http://www.legacy.leg.mn/funds/arts-cultural-heritage-fund>

**Minnesota State Arts Board Grantees:**

<http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/machf.htm>

**The Logo is available in several formats for grantees to use. Please refer to this website.**

**<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/legacylogo/index.html>**