



August 2011 Newsletter



In FY 2011 Prairie Lakes awarded 104 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants totaling \$275,000



Arts Programming and Arts Access: awarded 41 grants totaling \$218,625; Arts Education: \$42,295, includes 8 school grants and 50 Youth Scholarships at \$300 each; and Cultural Heritage Festivals: \$14,080 awarded to 5 groups. Overall, the grants ranged in size from \$300 to \$7,000.

This "Legacy Amendment" funding has a new logo that you will see on the PLRAC website, grant guidelines, and events. It is also required by law to be incorporated, where practicable, into printed

and other materials by grant recipients who have received funding through the Legacy grant programs. The Logo is available at:

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

You may also view all groups and organizations that have received funding from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund at:

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



Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

(L to R) Row 1: Brenda Byron, Exec. Director; Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant and Cindy Lewer, Program Manager. Row 2: Marie Kreft, Sibley County; Pat Potzler, City of North Mankato; Denice Evers, Brown County; Bonnie Taplin, Martin County and Lill Robinson, Faribault County. Row 3: Joe McCabe, Watonwan County, Mary Motter, City of Mankato, Rachael Hanel, Blue Earth County, Judy Berkeland, City of Fairmont and Bette Traxler, LeSueur County

Not pictured: Don Myers, Nicollet County; Mary Jenatscheck, Waseca County and Judy Martens, City of New Ulm.

Positions are still open for two PLRAC Board Members!

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FY 2012 GRANT DEADLINES

Arts-In-Education & Small Arts Project - \$1,200

The deadlines are August 1, 2011 to May 1, 2012, or until funds are exhausted.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

August 1, 2011 Deadline
September 22, 2011 Review
February 1, 2012 Deadline
March 22, 2012 Review

Youth Scholarship/Mentorship Grant-\$300 each

October 3, 2011 Deadline
October 27, 2011 Review

PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship Grant - \$3,000

Letter of Intent Deadline
September 15, 2011
October 3, 2011 Deadline
November 17, 2011 Review

PLRAC/McKnight Emerging Artist Grant - \$1,000 each

Total \$9,000 available.
Letter of Intent Deadline
January 16, 2011
Application Deadline
February 1, 2012
February 23, 2012 Review

All new Grant Applications are available on our website www.plrac.org as both a Word document and a PDF file. If you prefer to receive a copy in the mail please contact our office at 1-800-298-1254.

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council serves a nine-county area including Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan Counties.

Prairie Lakes Seeking Board Members Application Deadline Extended to August 30th

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has openings on the Board of Directors for representatives from **Waseca County and the City of New Ulm**. The deadline for submitting an application is August 30, 2011. Interested persons residing in these areas should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at (800) 298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board and we will send you an application and a list of responsibilities. The new board members will have their first meeting on August 25, 2011.

The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: artists, arts consumers, art teachers and representatives of arts organizations. Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications, members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, music, theater and visual arts.

Board Members are appointed through an open nomination process. The board is comprised of thirteen members, one from each of the nine counties and one from each city over 10,000 population. **Board members serve a three-year term with a maximum of two terms.**

Monthly evening meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month, in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran College. Board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required.

This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who loves the arts to enrich and support an active arts environment in our region!



August 2011 Arts Calendar



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

***Aug. 1** New Ulm music concert to bring two cultures together at the site of the 1862 Dakota War at 7 p.m. Free concert will feature a German polka band and costumed dancers; and live Indian drummers, chanters and dancers. At German Park, New Ulm. (507) 233-2423 or dwarda@comcast.net.

***Aug. 1-24** Figuratively Speaking: Amanda Gullixson Exhibit (Opening Reception, Aug. 18, 5-8 p.m.) at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 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.

Aug. 1-31 Paintings and Drawings Exhibition by Craig Groe at the Landkamer Building, 124 E. Walnut St., Mankato. Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-1 a.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-1 a.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m. To purchase art (507) 387-7053, craig@craiggroe.com or www.craiggroe.com.

***Aug. 2, 9 & 16** Summer Noontime Organ Concerts in Mankato. Free half-hour organ concerts; Aug. 2 Michael Asmus; Aug. 9 Chad Fothergill; and Aug. 16 Christine Schulz - recitals will be at Bethlehem Lutheran, 720 South Second St., with its fine Holtkamp organ situated in full view at the front of the nave. Sponsored by The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, (507) 934-3060.

***Aug. 2-26** "Highlighting the Locals" juried WAC Member's 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 or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.

***Aug. 2-30** Exhibition featuring work from Fairmont native, Kellie Krumholz, at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (Opening Reception Aug. 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m.) Hours: Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.redrockcenter.org/

***Aug. 4** Retro Sonix Band of Fairmont performs at the St. James Block Party, Memorial Park, St. James; 5:30 p.m. food, 6 p.m. entertainment; part of the concerts in the park series sponsored by the City of St. James. www.stjames.govoffice.com or (507) 375-4370.

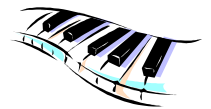
***Aug. 4** Creative Play Place presents: Blues Wonder Weavers Storytelling, The audience will participate and have a chance to do artwork. Free, 6 p.m., at Gorman Park in St. Peter. (507) 351-4284, creativeplayplace@yahoo.com or www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com/

Aug. 4-7 14th Annual Ribfest. Performing groups: Aug. 4, 5-11:30 p.m.: Hitchville, Rocket Club, and Tracy Lawrence; Aug. 5, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.: The Barefoot Winos, The Nadas, and Big Head Todd and the Monsters; Aug. 6, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.: Neon and the Noble Gases, PYPE, Trent Romens, City Mouse, Powerhouse, and the Little River Band; Aug. 7, 12-5 p.m.: Mankato Battle of the Bands. \$5 Thurs.-Sat., free admission Sun. Riverfront Park, Mankato. www.verizonwirelesscentermn.com

Aug. 5 The Noteables present their "This Land is Your Land..." concert at 7 p.m., free admission, at LeSueur-Henderson High School auditorium, 901 E. Ferry St., LeSueur. (507) 665-3234 or (507) 665-8864.

***Aug. 5** Prairie Fire Children's Theatre production of "Alladin and his Magic Lamp" sponsored by Blue Earth Area Community Education, at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 U.S. 169, Blue Earth. 7 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 students. (507) 526-3172.

Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26 Jazz and classical pianist, Ben Marti, performs 6:30-9 p.m., at Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or www.morgancreekvineyards.com.



Aug. 5 & 26 Guitarist, Duke Zecco, performs 50's, 60's & 70's music, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

***Aug 5-28** Exhibition of paintings by Micheal Zimino, 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

***Aug. 6** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Beg For Justice, playing a blend of folk, bluegrass and county music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. 6 "Corn Stock" barn dance at Farmamerica. Performances by The Good Ole Boys at 4 p.m. and Chris Brooks & The Silver City Boys at 8 p.m., 7367 360th Ave., Waseca. farmamer@hickorytech.net, (507) 835-2052, or <http://www.farmamerica.org>.

Aug. 6 Pianist, Matt Sieberg performs 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.



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Aug. 6 Jazz Nite! with Jim McGuire Jazz Trio and visiting guest artists, 6:30-9 p.m., at Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or www.morgancreekvineyards.com.

***Aug. 6-7** Curtain Call Theater presents “It’s All About Us” at Hilltop Hall, 206 1st St. N., Montgomery. Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. and Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. \$10 adults and \$5 children 12 & under. Hilltop Hall, 206 1st Street N., Montgomery. Contact 952-758-3450, www.curtaincalltheatre.net, or pint@ix.netcom.com.



***Aug. 9** “Lunch with the Arts”, piano music by Sandy Krumholz and her students. 12 noon, bring a bag lunch, Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.redrockcenter.org.

***Aug. 11** Musical tribute to Marcia Rae Findley with various groups, choirs and students performing, Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.redrockcenter.org.

Aug. 11 U.S.-Dakota War Series: Steven Ulmen, historical fiction author, will share his novel “Blood on the Prairie: A Novel of the Sioux Uprising”, 7 p.m., New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm; (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

***Aug. 12** Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota’s Awesome Arts at Fridays in the Park in Fairmont. 12-1 p.m. (507) 995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

Aug. 12 Duckshack Dave performs bottleneck blues, ragtime and 60’s music, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.



***Aug. 13** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Third Wheel (formerly known at The Maptones), an acoustic trio, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, www.thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222 or info@thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. 13 Summer Wine Fest performances by Duke Zecco, 1-3:30 p.m.; Tess Erickson, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; and Debbie & Mike, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

***Aug. 14** Zumbrota Community Band performance at Memorial Park, St. James; 2 p.m.; part of the concerts in the park series sponsored by the City of St. James. www.stjames.govoffice.com or (507) 375-4370.

Aug. 15 Dick Kimmel & Co. bluegrass concert, 7 p.m., German Park, New Ulm; presented by the New Ulm Park and Recreation Dept., (507) 359-8340 or www.ci.new-ulm.mn.us.

Aug. 16 Minnesota Music Hall of Famer Dick Kimmel and Jerilyn Kjellberg will discuss the history of bluegrass music and demonstrate instruments played in the music, 7 p.m., New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm; (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

***Aug. 16** “SMILES 21st Anniversary ADA Block Party” The Block Party celebrates achievements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Art exhibits and performances; T-shirt painting; mini golf; exhibitors; entertainment; food and fun for the whole family. Free event, 4-7 p.m. at Madison East Center, 1400 Madison Ave., Mankato. amurray@smilescil.org, 507-345-7139, 888-676-6498, or www.smilescil.org.

***Aug. 18** Bully Pulpits Bluegrass Band of Mankato performs at Memorial Park, St. James; 7 p.m.; part of the concerts in the park series sponsored by the City of St. James. www.stjames.govoffice.com or (507) 375-4370

Aug. 18 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

***Aug. 18** 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 or www.artscentersp.org.

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We will be contacting artists and organizations by email, in order to reduce our postage costs.

To be added to our mailing list call 1-800-298-1254 or email: plracc@hickorytech.net



Arts Calendar



Aug. 18, Sept. 7, 22 & 29 U.S.-Dakota War Series: Author, Gary Wiltscheck, will discuss his book “The Leavenworth Rescue Expedition Revisited”. Aug. 18, 7 p.m., New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm; Sept. 7, 7 p.m., Springfield Public Library, 120 N. Cass Ave., Springfield; Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Dyckman Free Library, 345 W. Main St., Sleepy Eye; Sept. 29, 3:30 p.m., Comfrey Area Library, 120 Brown St. E., Comfrey. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

Aug. 19 Mary Guentzel Quintet performs 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

***Aug. 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Dennis Spears with the Jim Whitman Trio, playing jazz music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 19-20** Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre production of “Peter Pan” sponsored by Waseca Community Education, at Central Intermediate School auditorium, 501 E. Elm Ave., Waseca. Aug. 19, 7 p.m. and Aug 20, 2 p.m., \$2 admission. (507) 835-5626.



***Aug. 19-20** Kernel Days at Half Moon Park in Wells with performances by Boss Grant & The Johnny Cash Revue on Friday; Gator Alley & Co., Al Batt, Jim Lawrence Orchestra, and Schell’s Hobo Band on Saturday. All shows are free. www.cityofwells.net, (507) 553-6450, or wellscc@bevcomm.net.

Aug. 20 Indian Island Winery is hosting Merely Players Murder Mystery & Wine Tasting Event. 6:30-8:30 p.m., participate in an Irish style murder mystery as the cast performs “Brannigan’s Wake.” \$20 ticket includes wine tasting, appetizers and a wine glass to take home. 18018 631st Ave., Janesville, www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-5469.

***Aug. 20** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents String Theory, playing jazz, blues and folk fusion, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. 20 Becky Borneke performs easy listening music, 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

Aug. 20-Sept. 23 Exhibit by art faculty member, Eric Ouren, (Lecture and Reception, Aug. 24, 7-8 p.m.) Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

***Aug. 21** Drum Corps Expo featuring the Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps of St. Peter and drum corps from across the nation 5 p.m. St. Peter High School Football Field. (507) 388-1927 or www.govenaires.org.



***Aug. 23** “Lunch with the Arts”, music by the Blease family. 12 noon, bring a bag lunch, Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.redrockcenter.org.

Aug. 25 Read the book “This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women” and come meet Dan Gediman, executive producer and one of the editors of the book for the Learning Communities Program Common Read 2011, 7-8:30 p.m. at Ostrander Auditorium on the first floor of the Centennial Student Union, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/fye/communities/commonread.html

Aug. 25 Foreign and Independent Film Series showing of “If I Want to Whistle, I Whistle,” a Romanian drama, at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, 6 p.m. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

***Aug. 25-Oct. 5** Acrylic painting and mixed media exhibit by Susanne Crane (Opening Reception, Sept. 15, 5-7 p.m.) at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 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.



***Aug. 26** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Don Scott, playing blues music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Aug. 27 Vocalist, Garrett Steinberg, performs 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.



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***Aug. 27** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Jazz with Ross Anderson & Pete Lothringer, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***Aug. 27-Oct. 30** Photography by Carrie Elizabeth Thompson in the Moline Gallery. (Opening Reception: Aug. 27, 1-3 p.m.) Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Tues.-Fri.: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m., www.artscentersp.org, (507) 931-3630, or info@artscentersp.org.

***Aug. 30** Cooker John, Americana/Blues concert, 7:30 p.m. at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Upcoming Events

***Sept. 8-9** 2011 Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, 7:30 p.m. at the Mankato West High School Theater, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. The festival features 20 short plays over 2 days that run 15 minutes or less. Tickets are on sale at Hy-Vee locations and online \$9 in advance or \$14 for a two-day pass. www.mnshorts.com/.

***Sept. 10-11** 21st Annual Rock Bend Folk Festival in St. Peter. The festival features Art by 35 local artisans and a variety of Music (blues, folk, jazz, rock, etc.) in a family friendly setting, with a variety of entertainment on two stages, with 5 National Headliners and 3 Regional Headliners plus more acts at Minnesota Square Park in St. Peter, on Hwy 169. Free event; Sept 10, 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sept. 11, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Food vendors are on site, or bring your own food and beverages. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, stay awhile. The city will be enforcing the "No Pets" in the park ordinance. For a complete list of performers go to www.rockbend.org.

***Sept. 10-11** Amboy Arts 'N More Festival, featuring local artists, demonstrations and music groups. Events are on Amboy's Maine St., at Fire Hall, and at City Park. artsnmore@hotmail.com or (507) 351-7277.

***Sept. 17** 24th Annual Waseca Marching Classic, 100 unit parade at 12:30 p.m. in downtown Waseca and includes competing High School Marching Bands, floats, and Classic Car Cruise. Field competition for H.S. Marching Bands, 4:30-8 p.m., advance ticket \$5 and at the field \$6. www.wasecamarchingclassic.com.

Sept. 17-19 Wacipi 2011, Mankato PowWow at Land of Memories Park, Mankato. Education day: Friday. PowWow event hours: Fri. 4-10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. PowWow times: Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; and Sun. 1 p.m. \$5 button is good for the whole weekend. www.mahkatowacipi.org or MahkatoWacipi@aol.com.

www.southernmnarts.org



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Visual, written, musical, and performance artists can now be found by the business community and fellow artists at one location.

It is self driven, easy to navigate, and includes upload capacity of you tube links, jpgs, and pdf's. You create and update your text and images at any time - 24/7. Get connected – be found!

The cost to become a TRCA affiliate in the year 2012 has been waived for individual artists and small arts groups due to generous grants from Mankato Area Foundation, and Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. After December 31, 2011, there will be an annual Affiliate fee for individuals and small groups of \$25/year for a Basic listing and \$50/year for a Portfolio listing, which adds a URL link, 5 images, 5 pdfs, and 4 YouTube uploads, updatable along with your profile information. If you are wanting to become an Affiliate organization, with additional benefits, contact TRCA at info@twinrivers.org or call 507-387-1008 for more information.



Arts Opportunities & Classes

Artist Opportunities

***Aug. 1-2** Merely Players Community Theatre will be holding open auditions for the production of, "The Accusing Parlor", written by local Mankato playwright, Jacob Kempfert; from 7-9 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Center. Merely Players will be casting 7 men and 4 women, age range between young 20's and late 60's. No prior theatre experience is necessary. You do not need to come prepared with anything memorized. The production will be held: Sept. 16-18 & 23-24. 507-388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com.

***Aug. 2-3** New Ulm Actors Community Theater will be holding auditions for "Once Upon A Mattress." 6:30 p.m. at United Church of Christ, 301 S. Minnesota St., New Ulm. No prepared material is required. Production dates are October 21-23 & 29-30. www.newulmact.com or 507-233-1303.

***Aug. 4** 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.

***Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26** 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 Council for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org.

Aug. 9 & 23 A clay interest group in St. Peter is in the process of forming (name to be determined). Meetings will be at 10 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. If interested contact Cyle Gruver: cgruverrun@hotmail.com.

Aug. 19 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.

Arts Opportunities

***Aug. 2011-March 2012** Merely Players Community Theatre has volunteer openings for costumes, set building, props, lighting, or sound. For more information or to sign up email player@merelyplayers.com or 507-388-5483.

Aug. 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.

Aug. The Landkamer building in Mankato has exhibit space available to artists. Email antje@myclearwave.net for release forms and scheduling.

Aug. North Mankato Taylor Library is looking for artists to exhibit their work on library walls. Email rjkober@hickorytech.net for more details.

Aug. The Red Rock Center for the Arts is looking for student performers for the summer "Lunch with the Arts" performances and visual artists to display artwork throughout the lower level. 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont, (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/.

Aug. Custom Home Interiors, Mankato is looking for local artists to market their work in the CHI showroom. Contact Tony at tony@customhomeimprovers.com or (507) 345-3896

Youth Opportunities

Aug. Youth interested in participating in the Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra or North Star Strings should email the director, Dr. Rodgers, at joseph.rodgers@mnsu.edu to schedule an audition prior to the first rehearsal on Sept. 10. For additional information contact Roslyn at (507) 217-7687 or www.mayso.net.

Aug. Open Registration for Mankato Children's Chorus 2011-2012 Season. MCC provides choirs for children in grades 1 - 12. Rehearsals begin in September and conclude in April. For more information or to download a registration form, visit mankatochildrenschorus.org or email mankatochildrenschorus@gmail.com

Aug. 12 Fall Arts Center class registration begins through St. Peter Community Education, www.stpetercommunityedonline.com Questions on class content: info@artscentersp.org.

Aug. 26 Mankato Ballet Company's Fall Registration Day. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come to the studio to meet the instructors, see the classrooms, tour the facility, and register for classes. 155 Chestnut St., Mankato. www.mankatoballet.com or (507) 625-7716.

Aug. 26 Auditions for Mankato Ballet Company's Nutcracker Production for dancers who have completed 1A or are 7 years old by Aug. 26. 155 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7716 or www.mankatoballet.com



Visit Rochester Aug. 18-21

The passage of the "Legacy Amendment" in 2008 created new funds to develop and support Outdoor Heritage, Clean Water, Parks and Trails, and Arts and Cultural Heritage throughout Minnesota. As a Legacy Destination, Rochester will host a weekend of arts, history and outdoor events and activities August 18-21. The Legacy Destinations events celebrate local resources and organizations to expose Minnesota residents and visitors to an eclectic assortment of fun activities.

Thursday thru Sunday, August 18 thru 21

Rochester City Trail System, Silver Lake Park, 700 West Silver Lake Drive NE. Park and ride your bike or walk along more than 85 miles of trails in Rochester. Maps and loops are available at <http://www.rochestermn.gov/departments/park/trails/index.asp>.

Quarry Hill Nature Center and Park, 701 Silver Creek Road NE, 507-328-3950. Visit the Nature Center and ask for your free water bottle before you head out for a walk around the beautiful new three acre pond, partially funded by a Minnesota Parks and Trails Legacy Grant.

Thursday, August 18

The Paul McKenna Band, Peace Plaza, 1st Street and 1st Avenue SW, 6:30 p.m., 507-328-2201. Scotland's own Paul McKenna Band will take the Peace Plaza stage in downtown Rochester during the Thursdays on First & Third summer market and music festival. It is the second performance in a series of three *World Music* mini-residency "capstone concerts." The band's music features outstanding vocals, driving guitar, intense fiddle playing, flute and whistles and dynamic Bodhren and percussion. An opening act performs at 4:30pm.

Friday, August 19

Movie Under the Stars at the Olmsted County History Center, 1195 West Circle Drive SW, Dusk (9 p.m.), 507-282-9447. The History Center will be showing the movie on the Roosters vintage baseball field near the Center. A free will offering is collected as the admission to this event. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets.

Saturday, August 20

Rochester Art Council presents the 3rd Annual ARTigras in Mayo Park (Located behind Mayo Civic Center, 30 Civic Center Drive SE) 507-424-0811. Activities from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. **ARTiVillage, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.** This village will feature over 100 juried artisans intermingled with Rochester's premier arts and cultural organizations. **ARTiStages, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.** Located in the outdoor Amphitheater and near the Art Center, hear professional entertainers performing everything from spoken word to Middle Eastern dance. **ARTiKids, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.** For the young and young at heart, delight with creative arts activities including Dr. Bob's Balloon

Magic, Maier Forest and Tree's interactive climbing activities. **Steamroller Art, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.** **Science Museum of Minnesota's Suitcase Science, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Art Center Stage.** Every item you touch speaks and if you listen closely, you'll hear a story - a story of science. Suitcase Science is a community-inspired theatre piece and exhibit that highlights many scientific disciplines. Meet the Object Whisperer and hear the science story behind some interesting Rochester items.

Americana Showcase, Rochester Civic Theatre, 20 Civic Center Drive SE, 7:30 p.m., 507-282-8481. A live musical performance by Bob Wootton, Johnny Cash's lead guitarist, and Brandon Sampson of Six Mile Grove.

Sunday, August 21

Brunch at the Rochester Art Center, 40 Civic Center Drive SE, 11 a.m., 507-282-8629. While attendees enjoy a gourmet brunch in the Art Center's Grand Lobby, Chicago-based artist Tony Tasset and Rochester Art Center chief curator Kris Douglas will lead a presentation on his exhibition *Life During War Time*, followed by a gallery tour.

Collective Soul, Mayo Park (Located behind Mayo Civic Center), 7 p.m., 507-328-2201. Down by the Riverside is a seven-week-long free outdoor concert series. With their 1993 mega #1 hit single "Shine", Collective Soul shot to international fame fueling an unprecedented string of alternative rock chart topping hits including "December", "The World I Know", "Where the River Flows", "Gel", "Precious Declaration", "Listen", "Heavy" (which would hold the top Billboard spot for a then record 15 weeks), "Why, Part 2", "Vent", and "Perfect Day" (a duet with Sir Elton John). Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, snacks and coolers down to the park to enjoy a night of free music. This event was funded, in part, by Legacy Grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and Southeast Minnesota Arts Council.

View other upcoming Legacy Destinations at:
<http://www.exploreminnesota.com/travel-ideas/legacy/index.aspx>

This is a statewide collaborative project between the Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, Conservation Minnesota, Explore Minnesota Tourism and local community partners.



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. 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 claycenter@artscentersp.org, info@artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630. Registration for all Arts Center and Clay Center classes is through St. Peter Community Education, 500 South Fifth Street, (507) 934-3048 or 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 or www.carnegieartcenter.org.

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, 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 2011 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.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Summer Hours: Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; evenings and weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. Tuesday is Lunch with the Arts held monthly: 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.redrockcenter.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.stonesthrowgallery.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.

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 or www.twinriversarts.org, then link to 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 or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.

Chamber of Commerce & City Websites by County

Blue Earth County

Greater Mankato Area: www.greatermankatoevents.com

Lake Crystal Chamber of Commerce:
www.lakecrystalchamber.com

Brown County

New Ulm Chamber of Commerce: www.newulm.com
(click on Chamber of Commerce)

Sleepy Eye Chamber of Commerce:
www.sleepyeyechamber.com

Springfield Chamber of Commerce:
www.springfieldmnchamber.org

Faibault County

Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce:
www.blueearthchamber.com

Wells calendar: www.cityofwells.net

Winnebago calendar: www.winnebago.govoffice.com

LeSueur County

Elysian calendar: www.elysianmn.com

LeCenter calendar: www.cityoflecenter.com

LeSueur Chamber of Commerce:
www.lesueurchamber.org

New Prague Chamber of Commerce:
www.newprague.com

Waterville Chamber of Commerce:
www.watervillemn.com

Martin County

Fairmont Chamber of Commerce:
www.fairmontchamber.org

Nicollet County

Nicollet Chamber of Commerce: www.nicollet.org

St. Peter Chamber of Commerce:
www.stpeterchamber.org

Sibley County

Arlington Community Bulletin Board:
www.arlingtonmn.com

Henderson Chamber of Commerce:
www.hendersonmn.com/chamber/index.php

Waseca County

Janesville calendar: <http://janesville.govoffice.com>

Waseca Area Tourism & Visitors Bureau:
www.discoverwaseca.com

Waseca Chamber of Commerce:
www.wasecachamber.com

Watonwan County

Madelia calendar: www.madeliamn.com

St. James Chamber of Commerce:
www.stjameschamberofcommerce.com



State-Wide Online Resources

COMPAS

www.compas.org

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

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

State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization to Increase funding.

Minnesota State Arts Board

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

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

Springboard for the Arts

www.springboardforthearts.org

Workshops for artists & non-profit arts groups.

Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations

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.

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