



*December 2011 Newsletter*



## PLRAC Welcomes New Board Members



Two new board members were recently appointed. Pictured are (L to R): Sara Krassin, Waseca; Mary Jane Glawe, New Ulm and Brenda Byron, Executive Director, PLRAC.

Two new board members were recently appointed to the board of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. The board is comprised of fourteen members, one from each of the nine counties, one from each city over 10,000 population, and one at-large position.

“We are pleased to have Mary Jane and Sara join the board”, noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director at the November 17th PLRAC Board Meeting. “We now have six new members starting out in 2012, with all fourteen positions filled”, added Byron.

**Mary Jane Glawe**, New Ulm, will represent the City of New Ulm. Mary Jane has a BFA in Art and is a Strategic Marketing Designer at Blue Hue Interactive in North Mankato. She is a member of the New Ulm Community Theatre, New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, The Grand Center for Arts &

Culture, and on the Board of Directors for the Wanda Gag House Association and Lind House Association in New Ulm. Mary Jane also serves as Executive Director for New Ulm Holiday Art Shows. She previously served on the PLRAC board from 1999-2003.

**Sara Krassin**, Waseca, will represent Waseca County. Sara has a BA in English with a minor in communications from Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato; and is a museum assistant with the Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota in Mankato. She was a staff member of the Inkwell Literary Magazine at Bethany and participated in their student art show. Sara also participated for five years in dance classes in Waseca.

# Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff



(L to R) Row 1: Brenda Byron, Exec. Director; Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant and Cindy Lewer, Program Manager. Row 2: Bette Traxler, LeSueur County; Lill Robinson, Faribault County; Bonnie Taplin, Martin County; Pat Potzler, City of North Mankato; and Gina Wenger, Blue Earth County. Row 3: Denice Evers, Brown County; Mary Motter, City of Mankato; Greg Wilkins, At-Large; Joe McCabe, Watonwan County; Melanie Schmidt, Nicollet County; Paula Scheffler, Sibley County and Judy Berkeland, City of Fairmont. Not pictured: Sara Krassin and Mary Jane Glawe.

## **Prairie Lakes will feature ten McKnight Fellowship Grantees in an upcoming Art Exhibition**

January 13-February 12, 2012 at the Arts Center of Saint Peter

This exhibit will highlight our ten Fellowship Grantees from 2010 funded by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. The exhibit will take place at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 Minnesota Avenue, January 13 to February 12, 2011. Funding for our artist grant programs and this exhibit is from the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis.

The Opening Reception will be Saturday, January 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m. "We are pleased to use the Arts Center of Saint Peter," noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. "The arts center has two levels and can accommodate over 40 pieces of art work."

Fellowship grantees from 2010 that will be featured in the exhibit are: Pamela Bidelman, St. Peter-oil painting; Cheryl Casteen, St. Peter-photography; Denise Friesen, North Mankato-drawing and monotype works; Michael Jorgensen, St. Peter-vocalist; Mika Laidlaw, Mankato-ceramics; Lois Peterson, St. Peter-mixed media; Patti Ruskey, Mankato-mixed media; Todd Shanafelt, Mankato-mixed media sculptural works; Janice Tanner, Janesville-mixed media; Brad Widness, North Mankato-printmaking.

## **FY 2012 GRANT DEADLINES**

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

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

### **Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant February 1, 2012 Deadline**

March 22, 2012 Review

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

Total \$9,000 available.

### **Letter of Intent Deadline January 16, 2012**

Application Deadline February 1, 2012  
February 23, 2012 Review

All new Grant Applications are available on our website [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org) as both a Word document and a PDF file.

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



# December 2011 Arts Calendar



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

**\*Dec. 1** Robby Vee's Have a Rock'n Holiday Christmas Concert, 7 p.m., \$10 in advance (recommended), available at Fairmont HyVee and the Center; \$15 at the door. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/), (507) 235-9262, or [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net).

**Dec. 1** Foreign and Independent Film Series showing of "The Party's Over," an American documentary; 6 p.m., at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org)

**Dec. 1** Documentary film "Reel Injun", a portrayal of North American Natives through the history of cinema, 7 p.m., at the Treaty Site History Center, 1851 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 934-2160 or [jessica@nchsmn.org](mailto:jessica@nchsmn.org).

**Dec. 1** University Jazz Combos and Vocal Groups Holiday Jazz 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)



**Dec. 1-2** "Cellular Theory: Containing Chaos" mixed media sculpture exhibit by Keith Ludi 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/>

**Dec. 1 & 3** "Endgame" theater production 7:30 p.m., at Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$8 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/)

**\*Dec. 1-4** "Color it Local: pleine aire paintings by Sara Leadholm" in the Moline Gallery (Artist Lecture, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m.); and "Jungle Drawings: past and present by David Strom" in the Lower Level Gallery, at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Hours: Tues.-Fri.: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m., [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org), [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), or (507) 931-3630.



**Dec. 1-4** Christmas at Bethany Concerts, featuring Bethany Choral Choir, Bethany Handbell Choir, and Bethany Concert Band, 4 p.m. daily, free, Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)



**Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29** 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/)

**Dec. 1-9** Fall Semester Student Art Show. (Opening Reception, Dec. 1, 7 p.m.) Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, 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](http://www.blc.edu)

**\*Dec. 1-17** 12"x12" Dimensional Cube and Mask Making Exhibit by West High School studio art students and community members. (Celebration Party, Dec. 3, 1-3 p.m.) At the 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 or [www.thecarnegiemandato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandato.com).

**\*Dec. 1-29** Art exhibit of scenes in Martin County by Sue Ellen Koons, at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; second Sat. of the month 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.redrockcenter.org/](http://www.redrockcenter.org/)

**Dec. 1-31** Exhibition by Antje Meisner 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.

**Dec. 1-Jan. 2** Third Annual ArtScape Juried Art Show at The Kiesling House, 220 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Wed.-Fri. 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (507) 359-9222, [grand@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:grand@thegrandnewulm.com) or [www.artscapenewulm.org](http://www.artscapenewulm.org).

**Dec. 1-Jan. 27** "Our Treasures", highlights from the Minnesota Museum of American Art; "Familiar Names, Familiar Faces", portraiture by Paul Granlund; and selected 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 [www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom](http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom)

**\*Dec. 1-Jan. 31** Holiday Boutique and Holiday Trees on display at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First Street, Montgomery. Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 noon. (507) 364-8107.





# Arts Calendar

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**Dec. 2** Fairmont Concert Association sponsors, A Home Free Christmas, A Cappella music, at Fairmont High School Auditorium, 900 Johnson St., Fairmont. Tickets by series membership only, \$40 adult. (507) 235-9124.

**\*Dec. 2** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Dick Kimmel & Co. playing bluegrass music, 7:30 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)

**Dec. 2** “Why We Have a Body” theater production, 7:30 p.m., at Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$8 MSU students. [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/) or (507) 389-6661.

**Dec. 2** “A Riverlights Christmas” concert by the Riverlights, with special guest artists Bonnie Jorgensen and Folky Dokey. 7:30 p.m., suggested donation of \$10 and a non-perishable food item. Trinity Lutheran Church, 511 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St., St. Peter. [dmyers@gustavus.edu](mailto:dmyers@gustavus.edu).

**Dec. 2** Becky Borneke performs easy listening 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.

**Dec. 2-3** Fall Dance Concert, at MN State University, Mankato, Ted Paul Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2; and 2 p.m. Dec. 3. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$8 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/)

**\*Dec. 2-4** Merely Players Community Theater presents “Golden Guys and Gals-Holiday Notes”. Dec. 2, & 3, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 4, 2 p.m., at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. \$12/Adults, \$11/Seniors (55+), \$10/groups of 20 or more, \$8/Youth 12 and under, plus \$1 TRCA handling fee, (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org). [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com)

**\*Dec. 2-4** Blue Earth Town and Country Players will present "A Christmas Story," their 2011 Christmas Dinner Theater featuring hot wassail, roast pork dinner, musical serenade by the BEAHS Madrigals, at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3, and at 1 p.m. on Dec. 4, on stage 28 in the Blue Earth Area Middle School, 315 E 6<sup>th</sup> St., Blue Earth. Tickets \$20, available at the Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce, 507-526-2916 or <http://blueearthchamber.com/events/christmas-dinner-theater/>.



**\*Dec. 2-7** The Resident Artist Exhibition 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. [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008.

**\*Dec. 2-31** “Let It Snow” juried photography exhibit. (Opening Reception, Dec. 2, 7-9 p.m.) Waseca Arts Center, 410 State St. N. (507) 835-1701, [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org) or [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org).



**Dec. 3** Chubb House Christmas Tea set in 1866, with bake and craft sale, at the Chubb House, 209 Lake Ave., Fairmont. [chubhouse@martincountypreservation.org](mailto:chubhouse@martincountypreservation.org), [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/), or (507) 235-9777.

**\*Dec. 3** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Organic Cowboys playing folk, rock, and country music, 7:30 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)

**Dec. 3** Tess Erickson performs country ballads, 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**Dec. 3** Betsy-Tacy Victorian Christmas, 12-3 p.m. Enjoy the sounds of Christmas with music from the Minnesota Valley Chorale. \$3 adults; \$1 for children 6-16; free to children 5 and younger. At Betsy and Tacy’s houses, 333 & 332 Center St., Mankato. (507) 345-97777 or [www.betsy-tacysociety.org](http://www.betsy-tacysociety.org)

**Dec. 3** My House/Mi Casa: Community Art Project, hear stories about children and their homes around the world, then create works of art about your own house, 2 p.m. The projects will be combined with artwork by other children in the community and displayed at the Arts Center of Saint Peter in 2012. 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/)

**Dec. 3-4** “Tinsel Time – A Mid-Century Christmas” exhibit and open house; artifacts, stories and facts about Christmas in the 1950s and 1960s. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. The Waseca County History Museum, 315 Second Avenue N.E., hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 507-835-7700, [director@historical.waseca.mn.us](mailto:director@historical.waseca.mn.us), or [www.historical.waseca.mn.us](http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us).



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**Dec. 3-4** Sights & Sounds of Christmas Annual Housewalk in Waseca, sponsored by the Waseca Arts Council. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Sat. and 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sun; \$14, tickets available at the Waseca Arts Center, 410 N. State St., Waseca. [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org), [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org), or (507) 835-1701,

**\*Dec. 3-4** The Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota presents: "SCROOGE...Danced Like The Dickens!", 2:00 p.m. both days. Tickets available at the door: Students, seniors and children 5 and up - \$7; General Admission-\$9. Mankato East High School Auditorium, 2600 Hoffman Rd., Mankato. (507) 625-2205 or [www.dcsmdance.com](http://www.dcsmdance.com).

**Dec. 3-4** Children's Theater performance of "Dude, You Hear What I Hear?" 7 p.m. on Dec. 3; 1 p.m. on Dec. 4, at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont. [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com), or 507-238-4900.

**Dec. 4** Fairmont Area Community Choir Christmas Concert, 3 p.m., at 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/).



**Dec. 4** 2<sup>nd</sup> European Christmas Boutique, arts & crafts, European imports, and ethnic singing & dancing including Domáci Czech Folk Dancers, Chad McAnally on Gaelic Harp, and the New Prague Czech Singers. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., at the American Legion Park Ballroom, 300 Lexington Ave. S., New Prague.

**Dec. 4** Student Dance Showcase, 2 p.m., at MN State University, Mankato, Ted Paul Theatre. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/)

**Dec. 4** Christmas on the Farm, with storytelling, folklore and music, 1-5 p.m., at Farmamerica, 7367 360<sup>th</sup> Ave., Waseca. (507) 835-2052, [farmamer@hickorytech.net](mailto:farmamer@hickorytech.net) or [www.farmamerica.org](http://www.farmamerica.org).

**Dec. 4** MN State University, Mankato, Holiday Choral Concert, 4 p.m. \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. At Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 105 N Fifth St., Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events)

**Dec. 4-5** "A Hubbard Family Christmas", costumed characters bring history to life in the beautifully decorated home. 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5-8 p.m. Dec. 5. \$7.50 Adult, \$5 students 5-17, free children under 5. At the Hubbard House, 606 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566.

**Dec. 5-9** Master of Arts Exhibit at Conkling Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/> or (507) 389-6412.

**\*Dec. 5-19** Open Pottery Lab, Monday, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon before the class starts that the Community Ed. Office. Punch cards are \$5 per session and a clay coupon is \$25 including 25 pound of clay, glaze and firing. At the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or [www.mankatocer.com](http://www.mankatocer.com).



**Dec. 5-Jan. 4** "As It Happens" exhibit by Todd Shanafelt, (Opening Reception, Dec. 5, 6-8 p.m.) 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/>. [www.mnsu.edu/artdept/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/). Todd received a PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship grant in 2010 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**\*Dec. 6** "Lunch with the Arts", music by Amber Dermody's Hand Bell & Chime Choir, 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.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Dec. 6** Dr. Peter Mansoor, New Ulm Native, Military Historian, retired U.S. Army Colonel, and author of "Baghdad at Sunrise: A Brigade Commander's War in Iraq", will give a presentation on the Iraq War; 7 p.m., at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org)

**Dec. 6** "The Winds of Christmas," the Vasa and Gustavus Wind Orchestras joint concert, 10 a.m., at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**Dec. 7** T.A. Degner, author of "My Brave Little Man", will have a reading, question and answer session, and book signing, 5:30-7 p.m. Barnes & Noble, inside River Hills Mall, 1850 Adams St., Mankato. (507) 388-1100.



**Dec. 8** A Charles Dickens' Christmas: Learn about the life of Charles Dickens and enjoy a retelling of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." Performed by Dale Blanshan, 7 p.m., at the Watonwan County/St. James Library, 125 5<sup>th</sup> St. S., St. James. (507) 375-1278 or [sliene@tds.lib.mn.us](mailto:sliene@tds.lib.mn.us).



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**\*Dec. 8-Jan. 11** Exhibit by Laura Veenhuis 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](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

**\*Dec. 9** The Good Lovelies Christmas Concert, three young ladies sing and swap instruments, funny and upbeat, 7:30 p.m., 2011/12 subscription series. \$20 adult, \$10 student. All reserved seats; at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, 507-238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com).

**Dec. 9** Guitarist, Duke Zecco, performs 50's, 60's & 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.

**\*Dec. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Twin Cities Hot Club playing acoustic jazz and gypsy music, 7:30 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)

**Dec. 9** Alumni singers, song-writers and guitarists, Neal Hagberg and Leandra Peak, perform "Home Again at Christmas", an Artist Series Event, 7:30 p.m. \$15 adults, \$12 seniors and students. At Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**Dec. 9-11** 9th Annual Goldsmith Reunion Fine Art Festival of professional artist vendors and musical performances, Dec. 9, 11 a.m. -7 p.m.; Dec 10, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; and Dec 11,12 - 5 p.m., free, Verizon Wireless Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. (507) 934-5655 or [www.gsrfineartfestival.com](http://www.gsrfineartfestival.com).

**Dec. 9-11** Devised Theatre Showcase, highlighting students who have completed a semester of writing and improv. Dec. 9 and 10, 8:30 p.m.; Dec. 11, 2 p.m. At Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**\*Dec. 10** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents The Little Prairie Pickers playing folk, country, and bluegrass music, 7:30 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)

**Dec. 10** Rod Kinney performs 60's, 70's, and 80's music, 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**Dec. 10** The Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra in concert, 1:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**\*Dec. 10** Musicorum, presents "Joyful Sounds with Musicorum." 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) or (507) 386-1380.

**Dec. 10** Monroe Crossing Concert, playing Bluegrass and Gospel music, 7:30 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door; tickets available at Herrmann Drug and the Arts & Heritage Center, Montgomery; Downtown Sound, New Prague; or online at [www.montlonsdale.k12.mn.us](http://www.montlonsdale.k12.mn.us). At Hilltop Hall, 206 1st Street N., Montgomery. (507) 364-8107.

**\*Dec. 10-11** The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual production of The Nutcracker, presented by the Mankato Ballet Company. Both days at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Tickets \$17 adult, \$14 seniors and students, \$10 children 12 and under, can be purchased in advance at MSU box office, [www.msutheatre.com](http://www.msutheatre.com) or (507) 389-6661. At the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 625-7716 or [www.mankatoballet.com](http://www.mankatoballet.com)

**Dec. 11** Gustavus Chamber Singers and Ansgar's Chorus in concert, 7 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**\*Dec. 11** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "Candy Cane Concerts." 3-4 p.m., Candy Can Pops, fun-filled Christmas delights with vocals by Mary Jan Alm, formerly of City Mouse; 4:30-6 p.m., Candy Cane Classic, portions of Handel's "Messiah." Attend both for the same price as a single MSO concert, or choose the portion that interests you. At Mankato West High School Auditorium, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Adult tickets are \$25, \$20, or \$15; children 18 and under \$5, contact the Twin Rivers Box Office, 523 South Second Street, Mankato, [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com), [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org), or (507) 387-1008.

**Dec. 11** Christmas Benefit Concert by FourEver Young with special guest harpist, Amy Korteum. 2 p.m., free will offering will be collected for the Winnebago Food Shelf. First Baptist Church, 205 Cleveland Ave. W., Winnebago. [homestead@bevcomm.net](mailto:homestead@bevcomm.net).

**Dec. 11** The Gustavus Percussion Ensemble in Concert, 1:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)



# Arts Calendar



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

**Dec. 12** 1st-4th Grade Concert, 7 p.m., Martin County West High School, 16 West 5<sup>th</sup> St., Sherburn. (507) 764-4661 or [www.martin.k12.mn.us](http://www.martin.k12.mn.us)

**\*Dec. 13** “Lunch with the Arts”, entertainment by Loren Dunham, DeeAnne Helfritz, and Stan Sundberg, 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.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Dec. 15** 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)

**\*Dec. 15** 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).



**Dec. 15** Poetry reading sponsored by the Southern MN Poets Society, 7-8:30 p.m. Open mic poetry reading with music or other art forms. Come to participate or listen, refreshments provided. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. (507) 344-8709 or [bajanorthwest@yahoo.com](mailto:bajanorthwest@yahoo.com).



**\*Dec. 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Poetry Night with the Minnesota Poetry Society, 7:30 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).

**\*Dec. 16** Glenn Henriksen’s Christmas Piano Concert, 7 p.m., at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net), [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/), or (507) 235-9262.



**Dec. 16** Chad Stoltenberg performs on steel drums, 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.

**Dec. 16-18** New Ulm Actors Community Theater presents “It’s a Wonderful Life” A Live Radio Play. Dec. 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. [www.newulmact.com](http://www.newulmact.com) or 507-233-1303.

**\*Dec. 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Pengra and Arsenault playing folk, rock, and blues music, 7:30 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)

**\*Dec. 17** “Bach’s Lunch”, Family Concert Series. Composer Johann Sebastian Bach has it all. The only problem is his student, Heinrich, won’t take things seriously! A great introduction to classical music for kids of all ages, starring David Fienen as Bach and Alex Barnett as Heinrich, and the Mankato Symphony Orchestra String Quartet. Mankato YMCA exercise room, 11 a.m. Adults \$10, youth \$5. [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com) Tickets available at the door, online, or Twin Rivers Box Office (507) 387-1008.



**\*Dec. 18** The Five Choirs of the Mankato Children’s Chorus present their Winter Concert in collaboration with Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra, 3:00 p.m., Christ Chapel; Gustavus Adolphus College; St. Peter. Tickets available at Music Mart, Scheitel’s Music, and the door; \$10/Adults, \$7/Seniors and Children 18 and under. Contact 507-345-6097, 507-345-3839, or [www.mankatochildrenschorus.org](http://www.mankatochildrenschorus.org).



**Dec. 19** Fairmont High School Orchestra Concert, 7 p.m.; at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or 507-238-4900.

**Dec. 19** All Choirs Concert, 7:30 p.m., Martin County West High School, 16 West 5<sup>th</sup> St., Sherburn. (507) 764-4661 or [www.martin.k12.mn.us](http://www.martin.k12.mn.us)

**Dec. 23** Mary Guentzel Quintet performs 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.

**Dec. 29** Foreign and Independent Film Series showing of “Illegal,” a psychological thriller from Belgium, Luxembourg and France, in French and Russian with English subtitles; 6 p.m., at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org)

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**Dec. 30** Garrett Steinberg performs hit vocals, 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.

**\*Dec. 31** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Jim Whitman Trio playing jazz music, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com), [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or(507) 359-9222,

**Dec. 31** Mary Guentzel Quintet performs 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

## Upcoming Event in 2012

**Feb. 8-11, 2012 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Waseca Sleigh and Cutter Festival.** Feb. 8 Ice Harvest on Clear Lake, 9:30 a.m.–2 p.m.; Feb. 8-10 Ice Sculpting Contest; Feb. 10 Dinner & Dance at VFW; and Feb. 11 Parade at 1 p.m., featuring the Jesse James Gang, Cannon Old West Society, and 80+ horse units. For information on their other month long activities go to [www.sleighandcutter.org](http://www.sleighandcutter.org)

## [www.southernmnarts.org](http://www.southernmnarts.org)

**Are you connected to the new and innovative southern Minnesota arts directory?**

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](mailto:info@twinrivers.org) or call 507-387-1008 for more information.



Our office  
will be closed:

**For Christmas**  
Monday,  
December 26th

**For the New Year**  
Monday,  
January 2nd



## Prairie Lakes is on Facebook!



Search Facebook for  
**'Prairie Lakes Regional  
Arts Council'**

Look for upcoming events, grant deadlines, photos  
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# Arts Opportunities & Classes

## Youth Opportunities

**\*Dec. 1-Jan. 6** Registration for the Youth in Harmony Festival sponsored by the Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines. Youth in grades 9-12 will learn new music and work with clinicians. Forms available at [www.minnesotavalleychorus.org](http://www.minnesotavalleychorus.org), return form with \$5 registration fee by Jan. 6. Event is Jan. 21 at Crossview Covenant Church, North Mankato. (507) 388-6148 or [www.facebook.com/SweetAdelinesMankato](http://www.facebook.com/SweetAdelinesMankato).

## Artist Opportunities

**\*Dec. 1** 4Playwrights Project has 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).

**\*Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28** Wednesday morning painting and drawing group, 9 a.m., at Waseca Arts Center, 410 State St. N. (507) 835-1701, [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org).

**\*Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28** Art appreciation group, 10:45 a.m., at Waseca Arts Center, 410 State St. N. [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org), or (507) 835-1701.

**\*Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 23** 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](http://www.twinriversarts.org).



**Dec. 2 & 9 and Dec. 8 & 15** Mankato Community Education classes: Ceramic Holiday Ornaments, Dec. 8 & 15, \$22 for both sessions; Pottery Date Night, Dec. 2 & 9, \$38 per couple, for both sessions. Register at the Mankato Community Ed office. (507) 387-5501 or [www.mankatocer.com](http://www.mankatocer.com).

**\*Dec. 12-13** Merely Players Community Theatre will be holding open auditions for the production of, "M is for the Million" from 7-9 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Will be casting 7 men (3 mid-twenties, 2 mid-forties, 2 50+), 5 women (3 mid-twenties, 2 mid-forties), and up to 6 "wild card" roles to serve the Cabin Boy roles (any age or gender). You do not need to come with anything prepared. No prior acting experience necessary. The production will be held: Feb. 10-12 and 17-18. 507-388-5483, [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com), or [player@merelyplayers.com](mailto:player@merelyplayers.com).



**Dec. 15** Open mic poetry reading with music or other art forms sponsored by the Southern MN Poets Society, 7-8 p.m. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. (507) 344-8709 or [bajanorthwest@yahoo.com](mailto:bajanorthwest@yahoo.com).

**\*Dec. 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 [player@merelyplayers.com](mailto:player@merelyplayers.com) or (507) 388-5483.

**Dec.** Blue Earth Reader Workshop needs volunteer actors to perform readings for local playwrights. If interested email name and email address to [berworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:berworkshop@yahoo.com).

**Dec.** 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).

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

**Dec.** 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.



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

**\*Dec.** Are you proud of your heritage or have you traveled abroad and would like to share your pictures and stories with others? Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont is seeking a variety of artwork to reflect cultures from around the world. They are also looking for individuals or groups to share stories, pictures, poetry, food demonstrations, musical performances and such. Tentatively scheduled for March 2012. If this is you or you know someone please contact the Red Rock Center at [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or 507-235-9262.

**Dec.** Arts Center of Saint Peter classes, registration through St. Peter Community Education – [www.stpetercommunityedonline.com](http://www.stpetercommunityedonline.com) Questions on class content: [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org). Winter Decoration, register by Dec. 5.



## 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 [claycenter@artscentersp.org](mailto:claycenter@artscentersp.org), [info@artscentersp.org](mailto: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](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 or [www.thecarnegiemandato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandato.com).

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

**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](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: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; second Sat. of the month 8 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](http://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.stonethrowgallery.org/](http://www.stonethrowgallery.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), then 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.springfieldmncchamber.org](http://www.springfieldmncchamber.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.

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