

February 2012 Newsletter



Scenes from the 2nd Annual Artist Grantee Exhibition Reception held Jan. 14, 2012



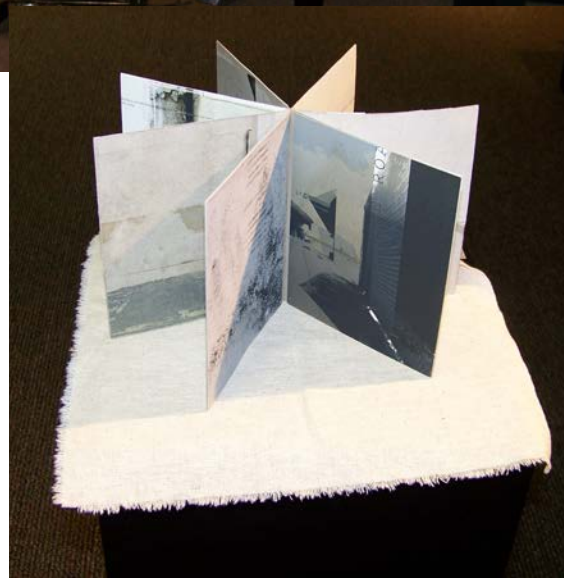
Top left: Artwork by Mika Negishi Laidlaw, Patti Ruskey, and Denise Friesen. Top middle: Todd Shanafelt discussing his artwork. Top right: Artwork by Janice Tanner. Bottom left: Brenda Byron, Executive Director introducing Artists with Cheryl Casteen's Photographs in the background. Bottom right: Artwork by Denise Friesen. View more photos on page 2 and at Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council on Facebook.

We are pleased to present the second Annual Artist Grantee Exhibition funded by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) and the McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis. This group exhibition features the ten artists that received a Fellowship Grant of \$3,000 in 2010. This exhibition at the Arts Center of Saint Peter is on display through February 12, 2012.

Fellowship grantees featured in the exhibit are: Pamela

Bidelman, St. Peter-mixed media; Cheryl Casteen, Mankato-photography; Denise Friesen, North Mankato-monotype; Michael Jorgensen, St. Peter-vocalist; Mika Negishi Laidlaw, Mankato-ceramics; Lois Peterson, St. Peter-oil sticks; Patti Ruskey, Mankato-mixed media; Todd Shanafelt, Mankato-mixed media sculptural works; Janice Tanner, Janesville-mixed media; Brad Widness, North Mankato-printmaking/mixed media.

2nd Annual Artist Grantee Exhibition Reception



Top left: Artwork by Lois Peterson. Top right: Michael Jorgensen singing at the reception and Cheryl Casteen's photography. Bottom left: Artwork by Pam Bidelman. Bottom right: Artwork by Brad Widness.

View more photos on PLRAC's Facebook page and view the exhibit brochure at http://www.plrac.org/plrac_acrobat/PrairieLakesProgram2012.pdf.

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.

Arts Advocacy Day will be February 29, 2012

Arts Advocacy Day will be really important this year as we work to protect the arts in the face of legislators thinking the Arts and Cultural Heritage funds could be used to fund a Vikings stadium. BE A PART OF THE ACTION at MCA's Arts Advocacy Day on February 29, 2012. We start with a rally and then split into teams to talk to legislators about why they should support the arts. Arts people from every corner of the state come together in St. Paul. It's the best arts networking opportunity of the year, sign up now at www.mncitizensforthearts.org. Join us!

In March, 2011 members of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) and local residents joined over 600 arts advocates from around the state, at the Capitol. Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes, noted that arts advocates formed 39 teams and met with over 90% of all legislators. The team led by Byron met with seven legislators from south-central Minnesota. "It was a great experience to be at the capitol in 2011 with so many arts supporters. It's important for arts constituents to attend Advocacy Day in person," noted Byron. In the column to the right you can see photos from 2011.



Arts Advocacy Day, March 8, 2011. L to R: Shannon Robinson, Twins Rivers Council for the Arts; Lill Robinson, PLRAC Board Member representing Faribault County; **Senator Julie Rosen**; Dan Zielske of Mankato is a board member of MN Citizens for the Arts; Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; and Sara Beuchmann, Mankato Symphony Orchestra.



Arts Advocacy Day, March 8, 2011. Arts Constituents meeting with **Senator Mike Parry** (center of photo).

FY 2012 GRANT DEADLINES

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

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

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant
February 1, 2012 Deadline
 March 22, 2012 Review

All new Grant Applications are available on our website 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.

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February 2012 Arts Calendar



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Feb. 1-5 “I Hate Hamlet” theater production at Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato, Feb. 1-4 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 4-5 at 2 p.m. \$16 adults, \$14 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$11 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

Feb. 1-10 Painting exhibit by Brian McClain, retired professor of art at Gustavus Adolphus College, at 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.

Feb. 1-11 “The Great Works” exhibit from the WAC Permanent Collection, at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 835-1701, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.



***Feb. 1-12** 2nd Annual Prairie Lakes/McKnight Artist Grantee Art Exhibition, featuring ten Fellowship Grantees funded in 2010, 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.

Feb. 1-15 Art History Roundtable Inspiration 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. <http://csu.mnsu.edu/>, www.mnsu.edu/artdept/, or (507) 389-6767.

Feb. 1-15 “Image and the Word”, a collaboration of Mankato-area poets and photographers exhibit, at the Emy Frentz 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.

Feb. 1-17 Anna Nielsen prints on display donated to Theresa House by Father Harry Behan, at the Eide Bailly Community Art Gallery, 1911 Excel Drive, Mankato. Open during business hours. (507) 386-6268.

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1-800-298-1254 or email: plrac@hickorytech.net**

Feb. 1-22 “Through the Viewfinder II” exhibit by Ryan Nosbush at the Kiesling House, 220 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1:30-4:30 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. info@thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.



***Feb. 1-28** Photography Exhibit by Pat Branstad at Stray Cat Coffee House, 600 1st Ave. S., St. James. (507) 375-7530. Pat received a PLRAC/McKnight Emerging Artist grant in 2011 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

***Feb. 1-March 30** “Side by Side – An Exhibit of Plein Air Paintings of Blue Earth County and Beyond” by Margie Larson and Gerry Tostenson. Gallery Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m, Wed., Fri. & Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Every third Thurs. until 8 p.m. Blue Earth County Historical Society Heritage Center, 415 Cherry St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566 or www.bechshistory.com.



Margie received a PLRAC/McKnight Emerging Artist grant in 2010 and Gerry received a PLRAC/McKnight Emerging Artist grant in 2011 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Feb. 2 Screening and discussion of the film “River Revival: Working Together to Save the Minnesota River.” 7 p.m. New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmlibrary.org or (507) 359-8334.

Feb. 2, 9, 16 & 23 Stories, songs and movement, 10:15 a.m., at Creative Play Place, St. Peter Community Center Room 127, St. Peter. creativeplayplace@yahoo.com, (507) 351-4284, or www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com/.



***Feb. 2-18** “Telling Myself Stories” mixed media by Joellen Preston and “Seasons of Serenity” fibers by Eileen Hines exhibits; and “Generational Confluence – Visions of a Father and a Son” exhibit by Wes and James Taylor in the Hope Cook Gallery. (Opening Receptions, Feb. 4, 7-9 p.m.) 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. www.thecarnegiemandato.com or (507) 625-2730.

Feb. 2-21 Painting exhibition by Jill Evans, (Lecture and Artist Reception, Feb. 13, 7 p.m.) on display at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.



Arts Calendar



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Feb. 2-25 Jigsaw puzzle exhibit with completed puzzles on display and puzzles you can work on during gallery hours. 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.



Feb. 2-28 Quilt exhibit by twelve Fairmont area quilters: Ruth Ann Beckendorf, Connie Katzenberger, Madalyn McCaffrey, Dorie Meyer, Sandy Nuss, Darlene Parks, Jean Olinger, Jan Wolfram, Jeanne Schultz, Blanche Stover, Mary Whiteman, and Pat Witty. 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., www.redrockcenter.org, (507) 235-9262, or redrockcenter@frontiernet.net.

Feb. 3 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Southside Aces, playing New Orleans Jazz, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm, info@thegrandnewulm.com, www.thegrandnewulm.com, or (507) 359-9222.



Feb. 3 The Brits in Concert, a Tribute to the Beatles, 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.

Feb. 3-5 & 10-11 “Very Good Eddie” mid-winter musical performance by the Bethany Choraliers. Feb. 3, 4, 10 & 11 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. \$8 adults, \$5 children, students and seniors. Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Feb. 3-19 “Photos on Front,” Community Photo Exhibition (Opening Reception, Feb. 3, 7-9 p.m.), at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@hotmail.com.



Feb. 4 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Pengra and Arsenault, playing folk, rock, blues and Americana music, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.



Feb. 4 Discover the Dakota Culture & Heritage Series, discussing “Language: Spoken and Sign.” 10 a.m.-noon, at the Blue Earth County Historical Society Heritage Center, 415 Cherry St., Mankato. Free. (507) 345-5566, www.bechshistory.com, or bechs@hickorytech.net.

Feb. 6 The Barleyjacks in concert, 7:30 p.m. \$15/General Admission; \$13/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Feb. 6 Arpeggione Duo in concert, 7 p.m., Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Feb. 7 Fingerprints and Footnotes, Larry Korteum presents “Lost and Found: The Charles McCarthy Story”, 6-8 p.m., at the Blue Earth County Historical Society Heritage Center, 415 Cherry St., Mankato. \$3. (507) 345-5566, www.bechshistory.com, or bechs@hickorytech.net.

Feb. 8-11 62nd 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.

Feb. 9 Chiarina Piano Quartet in concert, 7:30 p.m. \$12/General Admission; \$11/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.



Feb. 10 Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra and North Star Strings will present “Chocolate & Chamber Music,” featuring an all-you-can-eat dessert bar, chocolate fountain, and music by area musicians. 7-9 p.m., tickets \$12 available online, or from a MAYSO or NSS member. At the AmericInn Conference Room, 240 Stadium Rd., Mankato; (507) 217-7687 or www.mayso.net.

Feb. 10 Merely Players Community Theater and the Loose Moose present “Anchors A-Woe,” a murder mystery set on a Caribbean Cruiseline. \$45/person includes 4 course meal, murder mystery entertainment, and after dinner dance featuring the band “Fish Fry” at The Loose Moose, 119 S. Front St., Mankato. Purchase tickets at The Loose Moose or call (507) 345-1446. www.merelyplayers.com.



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Feb. 10 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Maud Hixson with pianist Rick Carlson, playing jazz music, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Feb. 10-12 & 17-18 Merely Players Community Theater presents "M is for the Million". Feb. 10, 11, 17 & 18, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 12, 2 p.m., at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. \$14/Adults, \$8/Youth 12 and under, plus \$1 TRCA handling fee, (507) 387-1008, www.twinriversarts.org, or www.merelyplayers.com.

Feb. 11 Guest Alumni, tenor voice, Roy Heilman in concert, 7:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Feb. 11 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Beg for Justice, playing folk, bluegrass and country music, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.



***Feb. 11** 15th Annual Waseca High School Jazz Festival, an educational non-competitive festival for H.S. and Middle School jazz ensembles. Evening Showcase Concert featuring the Hornheads (Prince's band), the Southern Minnesota Real Big Band, and the Waseca High School Jazz I, 7:00 p.m. \$7.50. At Central Intermediate School, 501 E. Elm Ave., Waseca. (507) 835-5560.

Feb. 11 Fairmont Concert Assoc. sponsors, Voces8, British Vocal Octet, Fairmont High School Auditorium, 900 Johnson St., Fairmont. Tickets by series membership only, \$40 adult. mdmiller2@bevcomm.net or (507) 893-4554.

Feb. 12 Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m. \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students, K-12 students, and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Feb. 12 The Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Home Concert, 1:30 p.m., at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.



Feb. 12 Chad Winterfeldt Organ Recital, 7:30 p.m., at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Feb. 12 Organ Recital by guest organist, Wyatt Smith, at Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, 8 p.m. www.mlc-wels.edu or (507) 354-8221.

Feb. 14 "Lunch with the Arts", piano music by Sandy Krumholz, 12 noon, bring a bag lunch, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or (507) 235-9262.



Feb. 14 Attend an elegant 5-course meal with musical entertainment by Nancy Eichen, playing the harp and piano. 5:30 p.m. social, 6:15 dinner. \$20 per person, reservations required. At the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.redrockcenter.org. Nancy received a PLRAC/McKnight Emerging Artist grant in 2009 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Feb. 14-17 Good Thunder Reading Series presents Samuel Ligon, fiction writer; and Kristin Naca, poetry; at MN State University, Mankato. Feb. 14-17, writing workshop, 10 a.m., CSU rooms 202/203; Feb. 14, talk on craft, 3 p.m., CSU Ostrander Auditorium; and Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m., Reading in CSU Room 253. (507) 389-1354 or www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt.

Feb. 14-March 27 Painting exhibit by Brian Frink. (Lecture and reception, Feb. 16, 7 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.

***Feb. 16** Blue Earth Valley Concert Assoc. sponsors, Bottom Line Duo, husband & wife bass/cello, 7 p.m., Blue Earth Area High School, 1125 N. Grove St., Blue Earth. Tickets by series membership only, \$40 adult, \$10 students. (507) 893-4554, (507) 893-4554 or mdmiller2@bevcomm.net.

Feb. 16 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.



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Feb. 16 Boogie Woogie Piano Genius, Chase Garrett, in concert in conjunction with the Bunny Just Piano Festival, 7:30 p.m. \$12/General Admission; \$11/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

***Feb. 16** Public memoir reading by author Lorna Rafness, 6 p.m., at the Blue Earth County Historical Society, 415 Cherry St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566 or www.bechshistory.com. Lorna received a PLRAC/McKnight Emerging Artist grant in 2011 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

***Feb. 16** Clay Center Open Studio (Community Night), 6-8 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.



Feb. 16 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.

Feb. 16-18 & 23-26 “The Imaginary Invalid” theater production at Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato, Feb. 16-18 & Feb. 23-25 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 25-26 at 2 p.m. \$16 adults, \$14 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$11 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/

Feb. 16-Mar. 15 “Land by Hand: Fiber Artists Explore Place”, a Textile Center Exhibit 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.

Feb. 17 The Excelsior! Trio in concert, 7:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Feb. 17-18 New Ulm Actors Community Theater presents “Murder at an Italian Wedding,” a murder mystery dinner theater, 5:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$39, includes 3 course Italian wedding rehearsal dinner. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.newulmact.com or (507) 359-9990 for tickets.



Feb. 17-18, 24-26 Curtain Call Theatre will be present “Dixie Swim Club” at Hilltop Hall, 206 1st St. N., Montgomery. Feb. 17, 18, 24 & 25 at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26: 12:15 p.m. dinner/1:30 p.m. show and 6:15 p.m. dinner/7:30 p.m. show. Dinner & Show: \$25; Show only: \$10. www.curtaincalltheatre.net, pint@ix.netcom.com, or 952-758-3450.

Feb. 17-19 Martin Luther College Forum presents “Around the World in 80 Days” Feb. 17, 18, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 19, 2 p.m. Tickets \$6, available at the Forum box office, (507) 233-9114. Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, 2 p.m. (507) 354-8221 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

Feb. 17-19 & 24-26 The Department of Theatre and Dance presents the musical “Assassins.” Feb. 17, 18, 24, 25 at 8 p.m.; Feb. 19, 26 at 2 p.m. Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

***Feb. 17-March 18** “Lamina” an installation by Pam Bidelman in the Moline Gallery; and “What Sustains Us: considering the hands and the land of rural south central Minnesota” photography by Kay Helms in the Lower Level Gallery, (Opening Reception, Feb. 25, 2-4 p.m.) 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., info@artscentersp.org, www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630. Pam received a PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship grant in 2010 and Kay received a PLRAC/McKnight Emerging Artist grant in 2011 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

***Feb. 17-March 31** “Fly the River” exhibit by Janice Tanner, at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org, (507) 835-1701, or www.wasecaartscouncil.org. Janice received a PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship grant in 2010 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

***Feb. 18** Fasching, German Mardi Gras with musical performances from Noon-8:30 p.m. by The Concord Singers and Gary Brueggen & The Ridgeland Dutchmen; and 8:30-11 p.m. by The Wendinger Band. \$5 advanced tickets available at HyVee, Cash Wise and New Ulm Chamber; \$7 at the door. At Turner Hall, 102 S. State St., New Ulm. (507) 354-8850.

Feb. 19 Classical pianist, Charles Asche, in concert in conjunction with the Bunny Just Piano Festival, 7:30 p.m. \$12/General Admission; \$11/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.



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Feb. 19 Minnesota Music Hall of Fame presents musical entertainment from Noon-6 p.m. by Kris and the RiverBend Dutchmen, Adam Sandhurst & the Jolly Jammers, Leon Helget Band, Bruce Bradley Band, Bock Fest Boys, and Concertina Jamboree. At Turner Hall, 102 S. State St., New Ulm. (507) 354-7305.

Feb. 19 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's "Carmen" concert 3 p.m., featuring singers from the Minnesota Opera's Young Artist Program. 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.twinriversarts.org, (507) 387-1008, or www.mankatosymphony.com.

Feb. 19 Czech Masopust Celebration, music by Larry Novotny Trio, 1-5:30 p.m.; and a performance by Domaci Children Dancers. At the Montgomery American Legion, 102 Elm Ave. SW, Montgomery. Sponsored by the Montgomery Arts & Heritage Center and Mobilize Montgomery. (507) 364-5399.

Feb. 20 Wind Symphony Homecoming Concert, Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, 2 p.m. (507) 354-8221 or www.mlc-wels.edu.

Feb. 20-March 15 AIGA Student Design 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, www.mnsu.edu/artdept/, or <http://csu.mnsu.edu/>.

Feb. 20-April 22 "Reflections and Undercurrents: Prints of Venice, 1900-1950", an exhibition of artists who explored Venice; and an exhibition of past and current studio art faculty as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration, (Opening Reception, Feb. 20, 7-9 p.m.) 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, www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom or (507) 933-7200.



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



Feb. 21 Civil War Round Table: Historian, Denis Warta, will conduct a multimedia presentation on New Ulm's connection with the Civil War battle Shiloh. 7 p.m. New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

Feb. 24-March 11 Annual Juried Show at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@hotmail.com.

Feb. 24 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Curtis & Loretta, playing celtic/folk music, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Feb. 24 Folk singer, Bill Staines in concert, 7 p.m. Tickets at the door only: \$15 general admission; \$13 Arts Center members; \$10 students. Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Avenue, St. Peter. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.



Feb. 25 JazzFest 2012 with Eric Marienthal in concert, 7:30 p.m. \$15/General Admission; \$13/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

Feb. 25 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Lilli's Burlesque Review with Robert Bell, 7:30 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Feb. 26 Winter Choral Concert by the Chamber Singers and University Chorale, 3 p.m. \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students, K-12 students, and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Feb. 27 U.S.-Dakota War Series: Presentation by Diane Wilson, author of "Beloved Child: A Dakota Way of Life." 7 p.m. New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmlibrary.org or (507) 359-8334.

Feb. 28 Jazz Lab Band & University Jazz Combos and Singers in concert, 7:30 p.m. \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students, K-12 students, and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.



Arts Opportunities & Classes

Youth Opportunities

Feb. 1-24 Registration for the South Central Service Cooperative Young Writers & Artists Conference. Students in grades 3-9 are invited to attend a day devoted to writing and the creative arts with breakout sessions for writing, painting, poetry, illustrating, dance, theater, music, broadcasting, and more. Conference held March 6 for grades 3-6 and March 7 for grades 3-9 at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. Online pre-registration by Feb. 24 is required. \$25 per student. Brochure and registration available at www.mnscsc.org, or contact Mary Hillmann at mhillmann@mnscsc.org or (952) 715-8745.

Feb. 24 Students in grades 9-12 are invited to attend the SCSC “Work for Water” art seminar with artist Vera Wong, 12-2 p.m. Seminar is free but online pre-registration is required. Held at the South Central Service Cooperative Conference Center, 2075 Lookout Dr., North Mankato. (507) 389-1425, www.mnscsc.org or students@mnscsc.org.

March 2 Mankato 77 Lancers Information Night. Keep watching www.77lancers.com/ for more information.

Artist Opportunities

Feb. 1-2 Entry dates for “Photos on Front,” Community Photo Exhibition at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. 2-6 p.m. both dates, \$3 per piece 5x7 or smaller; \$5 per piece larger than 5x7. Exhibit will be on display Feb. 3-19 with an Opening Reception and awards ceremony, Feb. 3, 7-9 p.m. For more info: the410project@hotmail.com.

Feb. 1-10 Mankato Mosaic Theatre Company is taking submissions for short COMEDY plays for a second round of Bar Tales to be performed in April of 2012. Bar Tales features four short plays set in a bar and performed in area pubs. Sets are limited, plays should have no more than six characters. E-mail your script with “Bar Tales submission” in the subject line to: mankatomosaic@gmail.com. Scripts should be in .doc or .pdf format. Author name and information should be kept to the title page sheet. Minnesota playwrights are allowed two submissions. Plays should not exceed 15 typed pages.

Feb. 1-April 30 Minnesota Shorts Play Festival will be taking submissions for its fourth annual short play festival Sept. 6-7, 2012, at Mankato West High School. Minnesota writers can submit up to two short plays (15 minutes or less) in a pdf or Microsoft Word format. E-mail to: mnshorts@yahoo.com before Noon, Monday, April 30th. The top 16 plays will be performed during the festival. Winners receive \$100 to pay director and cast. www.mnshorts.com.

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Wednesday morning painting and drawing group, 9 a.m., at Waseca Arts Center, 410 State Street North. (507) 835-1701, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.

Feb. 2 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.

Feb. 3, 10, 17, & 24 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.

Feb. 16 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.

Feb.-March 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 or (507) 388-5483.

Feb. Enter the Annual Juried Show at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Exhibit will be on display Feb. 24-March 11. Contact the410project@hotmail.com for entry information.

Feb. Blue Earth Reader Workshop needs volunteer actors to perform readings for local playwrights. If interested email name and email address to berworkshop@yahoo.com.

Feb. 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.

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





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

Feb. 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.

Arts Opportunities

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Art appreciation group, 10:45 a.m., at Waseca Arts Center, 410 State St. N. patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org, (507) 835-1701, or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.

Feb. 10 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will meet at 8:30 a.m. "Strong Reading Skills: Foundations in Musical Success" presentation by Rebekah Shockley. At Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 225-3375.

Feb. 17 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.

Feb. 18 Learn to paint realistic landscapes in a short amount of time with Loren Terhark, Certified "Bob Ross" Landscape Instructor. One session, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., create landscape painting and bring it home the same day. \$69, register with Community Education, (507) 235-3141, space is limited. Class is at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.redrockcenter.org.

Feb. 21 Guest night with the Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines. Come see if you would like to sing with the group, at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 E. Main St., Mankato. www.minnesotavalleychorus.org or (507) 388-6148.

Feb. 24 Area art instructors are invited to attend the SCSC "Work for Water" art seminar with artist Vera Wong, 12-2 p.m. Seminar is free but online pre-registration is required. Held at the South Central Service Cooperative Conference Center, 2075 Lookout Dr., North Mankato. (507) 389-1425, www.mnscsc.org or students@mnscsc.org.

Mankato Community Ed. (Adult) ARTS classes:

Feb. 6-March 12 Beginning Stained Glass.

Mondays for 5 weeks (no class Feb. 20), 6-8:30 p.m. \$55 plus supplies.

Feb. 2-March 1 Secondary Stained Glass.

Thursdays for 5 weeks, 6-8:30 p.m. \$65 plus \$10 for shared supplies.

Feb. 13-April 23 Pottery Open Lab.

Mondays, 6-9 p.m. (No class Feb. 6 or March 19) \$30 punch cards for 7 sessions or \$5 per session, \$25 supplies.

To register or view a Program Guide go to www.mankatocer.com or call (507) 387-5501.

Arts Center of Saint Peter (Adult) ARTS Classes:

Feb. 10-11 Building on the Basics of Watercolor with

Charlotte Laxen. Feb. 10, 4:30-8:30 p.m.; Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$150, register by Feb. 6.

Feb. 14 Sweetheart Night at the Clay Center with

Nicole Hoiland. 7-9 p.m. \$30 per couple, register by Feb. 6

Feb. 18-20 A Splash of Color in the "White" of

Winter, tie-dye techniques. 3 sessions, 10- a.m.-noon. \$35 plus \$8 for supplies, register by Feb. 13.

Feb. 27-April 6 Relief & Monotype Exploration with

Joel Moline. Tuesdays for 8 weeks, 9:30-11:30 a.m. \$90 plus supplies, register by Feb. 13.

Arts Center of Saint Peter (Youth) ARTS Classes:

Feb. 21-March 13 Wheel for Kids with David

Goldstein. Tuesdays for 4 weeks, 4-6 p.m. \$36, register by Feb 13.

Feb. 25 Play in a Day, "Bright Lights of the City" with

Colleen Bell & Martha Morrow. 9 a.m.-noon. Grades 3-6. \$20, register by Feb. 20.

March 5-April 9 Through the Pencil: drawing for

children with Meredith Evans. Mondays for 6 weeks: grades 3-5, 5-6 p.m.; grades 6-8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$30, register by Feb 27.

March 7-April 11 With the Brush: painting for

children. Wednesdays for 6 weeks: grades 3-5, 5-6 p.m.; grades 6-8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. \$30, register by Feb 27.

Registration at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com. Classes held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, questions on class content: info@artscentersp.org.



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.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/.

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/.

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 2012 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; 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.

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/.

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@hotmail.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.springfieldmncchamber.org

Faribault County

Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce:
www.blueearthchamber.com

Wells calendar: www.wells.govoffice.com

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.watervilllemn.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.tourism.st-peter.mn.us

Sibley County

Arlington Community Bulletin Board:
www.arlingtonmn.com

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

Waseca County

Janesville calendar: www.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.

Supporting
The Arts

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

207 N. State Street, Suite A
Waseca, MN 56093-2930
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PRAIRIE LAKES REGIONAL
JURIED ART EXHIBITION**

Entry Date:
April 12, 4-8 p.m.



Artists - Bring original work to:

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

Dates of Show:
**April 26 -
June 8, 2012**

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

Opening Reception:
Sunday, May 20, 1-3 p.m.

**School Bus Stipends
Available to Schools in the
Nine County Area**

Teachers, have you ever thought about taking your students on a field trip to see an art exhibit?

Wouldn't it be great if you could expose them to about 100 drawings, paintings, mixed media and sculpture, all in one exhibition?

April 26-June 8, 2012
Carnegie Art Center, Mankato

Schools are invited to bus children, grades 3-12 for a field-trip to see the 20th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Art Exhibition, Mankato. Prairie Lakes has funds available to provide bus stipends of up to \$125 for schools to visit the exhibition. For information, contact the PLRAC office. Stipends are available on a first come, first served basis.

There are several days available (Wed., Thurs. and Fri.) for schools to tour the exhibition: May 10, 17, 23, 24, or 25, 2012.

If you are interested in attending, please request an application from the PLRAC office by **February 10, 2012**, to secure your field trip date.