**Artist Grant Writing Workshop**

**Monday, July 8th**

5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Held at the 410 Project**

523 South Front Street, Mankato

**Artists do you need funding to create new work?**

Grants are for specific projects that contribute directly to your professional development in dance, literature, media arts, music, theater or visual art. Funds may be used for matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, etc.

Two types of Artist grants are available, the **$3,000 Professional Mid-Career grant is due Sept. 15** and the **$1,000 Career Development Grant is due Jan. 15, 2020.** Details will be discussed at the workshop. Review the guidelines at: www.plrac.org.

**RSVP by Friday, July 5th to**

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**Arts Organization/Comm. Group and School Grant Writing Workshop**

**Monday, July 8th**

6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Held at the 410 Project**

523 South Front Street, Mankato

**Small Arts Project Community Grants & School Arts Project Grants are due Aug. 1 and Sept. 1; Arts & Cultural Heritage grants are due Aug. 1st.** Details about the different grants programs and what types of projects can be funded will be discussed at the meeting. This includes dance, literature, media arts, music, theater or visual art activities. Review the guidelines at: www.plrac.org.

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**New applicants are encouraged to attend!** If you are a past applicant you don’t need to attend in person, but can call the office to discuss your project with Brenda Byron, Executive Director, 1-800-298-1254.

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**Interview on KEYC about Arts Grants**

In June 2019, Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes was interviewed on the KEYC Midday News program by Kelsey Barchenger. “We’re excited to inform the public about our Arts grants that are available for community arts activities, schools and artists”, noted Byron. To find out more information about our grants please join us for the July 8, 2019 Grantwriting Workshops, at the 410 Project, Mankato.

https://www.keyc.com/2019/06/10/grant-opportunities-june-with-prairie-lakes-regional-arts-council/?fbclid=IwAR02BGYBgfEemjXMMel4jyLSckOAMQx120PrK

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In FY 2020 All PLRAC Grant Applications are Online.

We will continue the online Grants Management from Foundant technologies for all our grant programs!

The “Applicant Login” button can be seen on the Home page and the Grant Programs page of the Prairie Lakes Website.
http://www.plrac.org/grants.html

New Grant Guidelines & Applications will be available July 1st.

On the “Grants Program Page” of the website, each will be a downloadable link. Four program grants will be listed:

- Arts and Cultural Heritage
- Youth Scholarship, grades 7-12 and 3-6
- Small Arts Project Community or School Arts Project
- Artist Grant

Prairie Lakes has identified three primary goals for this change to online applications.

**Goal 1:** Increased accountability: Grantees will submit data collection information needed for our state funding, through the online application, which can be easily reported to the MN State Arts Board to document evaluation goals, outcomes, etc. that are needed for our Arts and Cultural Heritage funds.

**Goal 2:** Increase efficiency with the online application, contract, and final report for grantees.

**Goal 3:** Allow our Prairie Lakes board members to easily read, comment and score applications in a secure online format.

Have you visited www.plrac.org lately?

Prairie Lakes has great information to share that is just a click away!

Find the latest grant applications and guidelines, monthly newsletters and arts calendar, helpful links, & more!

**FY 2020 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES**

**July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

Organizational Grants - Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, schools, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. Fundable projects may include: community choirs & bands, dance activities, literary readings, music presentations, theatre productions, visual arts classes and exhibitions, etc. Maximums for the Arts & Cultural Heritage grants vary as well as matching fund requirements; check guidelines for details. **Organizations can only receive one grant per year.**

Artist Grants - Are for specific projects that will enhance your arts career. Applications are online at www.plrac.org.

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**Youth Scholarship**

Grades 7-12 - $300
October 1 Deadline

Grades 3-6 - $200
November 1 Deadline

**All grant applications are online.**
A tutorial that explains the online process is on our website.
FY 2020 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Deadlines are: Aug. 1 and Feb. 1

1. **Arts and Arts Access – Maximum $7,000.** Projects that focus on arts programming by an organization, maintaining on-going arts programs and services, and offering new and different activities. A variety of activities including community bands and choirs, dance performances, literary readings, instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater productions, visual art classes and exhibitions are eligible.

Also equipment that enhances the artistic capabilities of the organization. Equipment may include office equipment and software, instruments, risers, theater lighting, theater curtains, sound system, display cases, etc. This also includes public art, sculpture, murals, etc; and activities that plan to reach new audiences such as youth, ethnic groups, senior citizen groups, people with disabilities, etc. and engage the public in new ways. A 50% cash match is required.

2. **ACH Arts Education:**

   There are three categories of support.

   A. Schools – Maximum $4,000. This is available to all public or private non-parochial elementary, middle or secondary schools (K-12) in the nine county area. Grants may fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. A 10% cash match is required for schools.

   B. Non-profit and Community Groups – $4,000

   C. Youth Scholarship for Students (7-12) – $300, and grades (3-6) - $200. Students have the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. This is for all Art disciplines. Deadline for grades 7-12 is October 1; and grades 3-6 is November 1.

3. **ACH Arts & Music Festivals - Maximum $5,000.** For arts and music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions. A 50% cash match is required.

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Small Arts Project Community Grant

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. Matching grants up to $2,000 are available. Fundable activities include: arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. Cash match is 10%. **Deadline: 1st of each month.**

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**School Arts Project Grant**

Grants are for schools K-12 public and private. Matching grants up to $2,000 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. Cash match is 10%. **Deadline: 1st of each month.**

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**Individual Artist Grant**

These Artist Grants are for specific projects that contribute directly to an Artists growth and professional development in dance, literature, media arts, music, theater or visual art. Funds may be used for matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, or studying with a mentor, etc. Deadlines are:

**September 15** - Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant, $3,000 each.

**January 15** - Artist Career Development Grant, $1,000 each.
In FY 2019 Prairie Lakes awarded 218 Grants totaling $451,144

Here’s a summary of Grants awarded:

$44,000 - McKnight Artist Grants (24 grants)
$77,918 - State General funds (46 grants)
Small Arts Project & School Grants
$329,226 - Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) (148 grants); 48 organizational grants & 100 Youth Scholarships.

The three categories of ACH grants and the amounts awarded were:

1. Arts Programming/Arts Access $262,966, which includes grants to 38 nonprofit arts organizations and community groups, for their arts programs and activities.
2. Arts Education $50,685, which includes 6 school grants and 100 Youth Scholarships of $300 or $200 each.
3. Arts & Cultural Heritage Festivals $15,575; which was awarded to 4 community festivals.

FY 2019 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS

*These grants were awarded July 2018 through May 2019.

The Small Arts Project Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. School Grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies and arts related field trips. The deadline is the 1st of each month.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY
410 Project, Project Bike art exhibit - $2,000
Artist on Main Street, Mankato, music bench - $1,263
Bethany College, Speechless Film Festival - $2,000
Deep Valley Book Festival, author talks - $875
Free to the People Theater, performances - $2,000
GSR Fine Art Festival - $2,000
LCWM Community Education, comm. band - $600
Mankato Area Community Education, theater - $2,000
Maple River High School Band, field trip - $1,820
Open Arts Minnesota, theater - $1,040
ProMusica Minnesota, Music Festival - $2,000
Rosa Parks Elementary School, art show - $1,800

BROWN COUNTY
Healthy Comm./Healthy Youth, theater - $2,000
Hermann Monument Society, ethnic music - $2,000
New Ulm Middle School, artist-in-residence - $1,800
Sleepy Eye High School, theater field trip - $1,560
Springfield Elementary School, mural creation - $2,000

FARIBAULT COUNTY
Blue Earth Area Comm. Education, theater - $2,000
BEAM-Blue Earth Area Mentors, field trip - $1,675
Blue Earth Area Orchestra, field trip - $1,720
Wells Historical Society, art expo - $2,000

LE SUEUR COUNTY
Czech and Slovak Century Celebration, music - $2,000
Le Sueur County Fair, music performances - $2,000
Waterville Elyssian Morristown School, theater - $1,510

MARTIN COUNTY
Rural Advantage, music performances - $2,000
South Central MN Interpretive Center, music perf. - $1,050

NICOLLET COUNTY
Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, performances - $2,000
Play With Your Food Theatre, performances - $1,960
Rural Route Dance Ensemble, performances - $2,000

SIBLEY COUNTY
City of Arlington, public art - $1,170
City of Winthrop, summer concert series - $1,580
GFW Community Education, theater - $2,000
Henderson C.A.N., public art - $2,000
Henderson Sauerkraut Days, music performances - $1,500
Minnesota New Country School, theater - $2,000
MN Valley Music Teachers Assoc., piano festival - $1,800
Sibley County Fair, music performances - $2,000
St. Thomas Oratory Jessenland, Irish music - $1,725
Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, music - $1,000

WASECA COUNTY
Project G.E.M., American Indian Artist Residency - $2,000
American Indian Service Learning Project - $1,400
Waseca Community Education, theater - $2,000
Waseca Marching Classic, clinicians - $1,750
Prairie Lakes Needs Assessment Survey Results Spring 2019

Prairie Lakes continuously assesses and responds to the needs of the region through a variety of channels including day-to-day contact with constituents, feedback from applicants and grantees on their Final Reports, public workshops, and by conducting a formal Needs Assessment Survey every four years. This provides an accurate and comprehensive understanding of the characteristics of the nine county region, as they relate to the arts, and to identify needs and problems that may be addressed by our regional arts council. This survey was conducted online through Survey Monkey in February 2019 and three different surveys were created. We disseminated the surveys using our internal email database of constituents and through our Facebook page, Newsletter, and News Releases.

* We received 84 Organizational surveys in 2019 and 69 in 2016; which is a 22% increase.

* We received 111 Artist surveys in 2019 and 105 in 2016; which is a 5% increase, so overall we are pleased with the increase.

*This is the first year that we created an Arts Interested Public Survey. A new database was created for this survey: City contacts 73 and Chambers 41 = 114. A total of 15 surveys were received.

The survey style and questions were similar to our past survey in 2016. The questions asked were different for each survey. A formal 31 question survey was distributed to Artists; the Arts organizations/community groups/schools survey had 25 questions, and the Arts Interested Public answered 21 questions. However, there were NEW questions regarding an Artist’s Race and the percentage of organization’s board, staff, or audience that are ethnically diverse, or are people with disabilities.

* Artist Racial/Ethnic Characteristics: White 96.4% and Asian 3.6%

* Artist with a Disability? No 94.5% and Yes 5.5%

**Organizations:** What percentage of your organization’s board and staff identify as People of Color? 90% of Respondents said their board/staff is 2% or Less, People of Color. However, the percentage of their audience was more diverse, with a majority stating they were 10% persons of color and about 6% people with disabilities.

New Broader questions were included like do you agree or disagree with the following questions: “I can trust PLRAC’s stewardship of public arts funding; PLRAC Programs and services and resources ensure that the arts are interwoven into every facet of community life; ensure that people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities participate in the arts; PLRAC programs, services and resources play a significant role in the arts thriving in Minnesota.”

In all three survey’s respondents were asked about PLRAC’s Public Stewardship of funding. All respondents overwhelmingly said they could trust PLRAC’s stewardship of public arts funding.

We appreciate everyone who participated!

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**Youth Scholarship for Students**

Grades 7-12 - $300 & Grades 3-6 - $200

Students have the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. This is for all Art disciplines. **Deadline for grades 7-12 is October 1 and grades 3-6 is November 1.**

Last year Prairie Lakes awarded Youth Scholarships of $27,000 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. This included 70 students in grades 7-12 and 30 students in grades 3-6 throughout the region. “Youth Scholarship recipients live in twenty different communities representing eight counties,” noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. “We are excited about the wonderful arts activities these students will be involved in.”

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**Twin Rivers Council for the Arts**

**July 1-2**

**Entry Date for Juried Artist Exhibit**

Artwork drop off dates for Twin Rivers Council for the Arts “Flowers in Bloom” Juried Exhibition. Two and three dimensional works focusing on the theme of flowers are eligible, any art medium is welcome. Enter up to 3 pieces, $5 per piece. Drop off 4:30-6:30 p.m. each day. Exhibit runs July 12-26. Go to www.twinneriversarts.org/exhibition-schedule for more information and an application. Held at the Emy Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 South Second Street. Mankato. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinneriversarts.org.
Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff

Front Row (L to R): Denice Evers; Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerene; Carol Soma; Dana Sikkila; Cindy Lever, Program Manager; and Brenda Byron, Executive Director. Back Row: Dennis Van Moorhem; Liz Miller; Karen Krause; Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant; Lauren Shoemaker; Randy Mediger; and Charles Luedtke. Not pictured: Steve Davis, Margie Larson, and Rita Rassbach.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has One Board Position Open

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has one vacant position on the Board for representatives from the City of Fairmont.

The deadline for submitting an application is July 15, 2019. Interested persons residing in Fairmont should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at (800) 298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board. We will email you a Board Application and a list of responsibilities.

This is a great opportunity to understand the workings of the granting process, to be more involved with the arts and artists of our region, and to enjoy camaraderie with others who appreciate the arts. The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: Artists, teachers, and representatives of arts organizations.

Board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran College; no meetings in June or December. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required and board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings and arts events.

Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

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Staff
Executive Director .......... Brenda Byron
Program Manager .......... Cindy Lever
Administrative Assistant .. Pam Trumbull
Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

A total of $122,945 was awarded to 22 Area Organizations

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees

Row 1 (L to R): Heidi Bednarchuk, Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band; Kylie Rieke, New Ulm Suzuki School of Music and T-Bird Community Arts; Anne Broskoff, Mankato Ballet Company; Karla Angus, Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce; Joleen Koenigs, Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota; Alisa Boswell, Mankato Area Community Education; and Vickie Apel, Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises & Services-SMILES. Row 2: Kristie Schwartz, Green Isle Community School; Matthew Sanders, Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps; Amy Muehleinhardt, Mankato Public Schools; Noelle Lawton, City Center Partnership and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts; John Ganey, Rock Bend Folk Festival; Jeremy Freeman, Minnesota “Over-60” Band; Dale Haefner, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Music Performances Series; Anne Makepeace, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, New Ulm; Michael Asmus, La Grande Bande, Gaylord; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

The next ACH Grant deadline is August 1, 2019.

These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that Arts and Cultural Heritage grants of $122,945 were awarded to twenty-two arts organizations, community groups, and schools in the region. This fund was created by the people of Minnesota to support the arts and preserve our heritage. The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by the voters in Nov. 2008, created new resources for land conservation, water conservation, parks and the Arts.

Grants were awarded for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities including arts and music festivals, instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater and dance performances, school projects, visual art exhibitions, art classes, and public art were funded.

The next Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant deadline is August 1, 2019. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

**Blue Earth County - $63,755**

**City Center Partnership, Mankato-$7,000.** They will sponsor the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour consisting of at least 26 juried outdoor sculptures in downtown Mankato and North Mankato, May 11, 2019 to April 2020. The funds will be used to pay stipends to seven artists. **Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota-$7,000.** They will expand their summer dance programs to include pre-point ballet, boys hip hop, beach party, glee camp and technique classes and will offer a free summer camp for children to try dance in 2019. The funds will be used for studio rent during the summer months. **Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band-$7,000.** They will present their 41st season as the premier youth marching band for the greater Mankato area, performing in over 20 community events and parades. The funds will be used for scholarships, publicity, venue rental fee, and supplies and props. **Mankato Area Community Band-$4,400.** They will present free outdoor concerts in the summer of 2019. Concerts at Sibley Park, Mankato will be on June 11, 18, 25, July 9 & 16; and one concert at Lincoln Park, Mankato on July 2. The funds will be used for conductor and other staff fees, musician stipends, guest performance by Bass Brand Brass Band, publicity, and sheet music. **Mankato Area Community Education-$4,000.** They will purchase a new kiln for the ceramics and pottery lab located at Lincoln Community Center. They will also use funds to purchase clay, glazes, and staff time during open lab sessions. **Mankato Ballet Company-$7,000.** They will present “Snow”, a new large scale, original ballet production to be performed, May 18-19, 2019 in St. Peter. The funds will be used for sets, costumes, and backdrops. **Mankato Public Schools-$4,000.** They will host a regional Elementary Art Show at Bethany Lutheran College, May 13-24, 2019 with seven area elementary schools being invited to participate. There will be an opening reception and awards ceremony during the exhibit. The funds will be used for coordinator, judge, and teacher stipends; supplies; and publicity. **Mankato Symphony Orchestra-$7,000.** They will present one of four concerts in their Symphonic Series, May 11, 2019.

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Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees

The “Handel’s Messiah” concert will feature four vocal soloists and the Minnesota Valley Chorale. The funds will be used for musician stipends, guest artists, publicity, and salaries. **Minnesota State University, Mankato, Music Performance Series-$7,000.** They will sponsor six music performances by Minnesota artists as part of their 2019 Performance Series. This will also include three outreach activities for area K-12 schools and community members. The funds will be used for performer’s artist fees and publicity. **Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises and Services - SMILES-$2,355.** They will sponsor “ChalkFest 2019” featuring several 3D and 2D professional chalk artists, face painting, music, and more in the Consolidated Communications parking lot in downtown Mankato, August 24, 2019. This event is conceived and led by people with disabilities. The funds will be used for artist fees. **Twin Rivers Council for the Arts-$7,000.** They will sponsor eight exhibitions in the Emy Frentz Gallery, April-December 2019; purchase equipment for the gallery; and hire a part-time Gallery Coordinator. The funds will be used for musicians to play at the exhibition receptions, LED gallery lighting, five wooden pedestals, and salaries.

**Brown County - $18,000**

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music-$7,000. They will sponsor their annual Summer Pops Camp and conduct their season of rehearsals and concerts in 2019. The funds will be used for the Pops Camp clinician, facility rent, and director’s fees. **Springfield Community Theatre-$4,000.** They will partner with Springfield Community Education and present Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” theater production; November 22-24, 2019. The funds will be used for a choreographer, costumes, and prop equipment. **The Grand Center for Arts and Culture-$7,000.** They will continue their 2019 performing arts series which features many Minnesota artists presenting a variety of music genres each weekend and small theater productions. They will also display art exhibitions in their 4 Pillars Gallery. The funds will be used for performer’s artist fees, publicity, and staff salary.

**Nicollet County - $17,000**

Goveryaires Drum & Bugle Corps-$7,000. They will perform in several Drum and Bugle Corps competitions throughout Minnesota and the Midwest, perform in several parades, and host the Drum Corps Expo, August 2019. The funds will be used for artist’s fees, publicity,

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**Brown County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees**

Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Anne Makepeace, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, New Ulm; and Kylie Rieke, New Ulm Suzuki School of Music.

**Nicollet County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees**

(L to R): Matthew Sanders, Goveryaires Drum and Bugle Corps; John Ganey, Rock Bend Folk Festival; Jeremy Freeman, Minnesota “Over-60” Band; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.
and travel expenses. Minnesota “Over-60” Band—$5,000. They will perform in parades and concerts in Minnesota cities and the Minnesota State Fair during their 2019 season. The funds will be used for artist travel, salaries, music, and publicity. Rock Bend Folk Festival—$5,000. They will sponsor the 29th annual two-day festival featuring local and regional Minnesota folk musicians on two stages and local artists displaying their work at Minnesota Square Park in St. Peter; September 7-8, 2019. The funds will be used for performer’s artist fees, artist travel, and sound equipment rental fees.

Sibley County - $19,190
Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce—$5,000. They will sponsor “Music on Main” with twelve weekly concerts in downtown Gaylord, June through August 2019. The funds will be used for the performer’s artist fees and publicity. Green Isle Community School—$3,190. They will sponsor an Artist in Residency where students interview an elder from the community and work with local artists to create a play and music based on the elder’s life. A public performance of the work will be May 23, 2019. The funds will be used for artist fees and travel, publicity, and rental fees. La Grande Band, Gaylord—$4,000. They will sponsor an Artist in Residency with the Sibley East Middle and High School choir and band students; May 9-10, 2019. There will be open rehearsals, masterclass sessions for individual students, an educational session to learn about Baroque music and period instruments, and a finale concert that will be open to the public. The funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and rental fees. T-Bird Community Arts, Gibbon—$7,000. They will sponsor an Art Camp for grades 3-8, including painting, vocal performance, theater, computer art, dance, sculpture, and photography, June 10-21, 2019 and “The Little Mermaid” musical theater performance, August 1-4, 2019. The funds will be used for publicity, music and scripts, salaries, set and props, costumes, and art camp supplies.

Watonwan County - $5,000
Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce—$5,000. They will sponsor the 7th annual Watona Park Blues Festival during Madelia Park Days; July 13, 2019. The funds will be used for the performer’s artist fees, publicity, and stage sound and lighting.

Sibley County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees
(L to R): Kylie Rieke, T-Bird Community Arts, Gibbon; Kristie Schwartz, Green Isle Community School; Michael Asmus, La Grande Bande, Gaylord; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

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Watonwan County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantee
(L to R): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director and Nancy Grosland & Karla Angus, Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce.
Celebrating 10 Years of Arts Legacy Funding in the Prairie Lakes 9-County Area

“We were pleased to see so many Arts supporters at our January 2019 celebration in Mankato,” noted Brenda Byron, Prairie Lakes Executive Director, “I discussed the 10 Year Impact of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund of the Legacy Amendment in the 9-county region and details are listed below showing the amount of grants awarded from FY 2009 to FY 2018.” Sheila Smith, Director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, presented information about how the Arts Give Back to our communities and the statewide Creative Minnesota Study.

In the last 10 years PLRAC has awarded over $2.6 million dollars in grants from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund (Legacy dollars). In total, PLRAC has invested $3.8 million from all sources in the region, including $803,658 from state General Funds. These investments have increased attendance and the economic impact from arts activities in communities across the region, according to the Creative Minnesota study.

The Legacy Amendment was passed by a statewide vote of the people of Minnesota in 2008 to dedicate a portion of the state’s sales tax to create four new funds for 1. land conservation, 2. water conservation, 3. parks and trails, and 4. arts and culture. The legislature appropriates the dollars from the Legacy Arts and Culture Fund to the Minnesota State Arts Board, Regional Arts Councils, Minnesota Historical Society and other entities to provide access to the arts and culture for all Minnesotans.

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is a group of dedicated individuals committed to supporting, nurturing and expanding the arts; knowing that the arts improve the quality of life in our region. Our purpose is to provide promotion, technical assistance and grants to non-profit arts organizations, community groups, schools and individual artists. The nine counties served are Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan.

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Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant; Lauren Shoemaker, Board President; Brenda Byron, Executive Director; and Cindy Lewer, Program Manager.
Learning about Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in the Arts

For the past year Brenda Byron, the Prairie Lakes Executive Director has been attending meetings and workshops on the topic of **diversity, inclusion, and equity** in the Arts. This effort is also in collaboration with the eleven Regional Arts Councils in Minnesota that will focus on Intercultural Competence in FY 2020. Six meetings of the Regional Arts Council (RAC) Director’s were held in 2018-2019 with a consultant that led the RAC’s through this discussion. It included an individual assessment survey completed by all Directors focusing on their “intercultural competence” through survey questions and several learning sessions.

Byron noted that “It’s been very interesting to explore tactical ways boards and leadership can expand our understanding of diversity, inclusion and equity and build it into our organizational culture and decision making. It was important to learn some definitions in this area and to bring back the information to our Prairie Lakes board at several meetings.” This information may also be helpful to the arts organizations and community groups we serve in the nine-county area.”

“Although we may have a small percentage of racial diversity in our region, it still important to be aware of including all people in the Arts, noted Byron. In our nine county region the White population is about 90% or higher in 8 counties and our 9th county Watonwan has 77% White, 20% Hispanic, and 3% other. **The goal of PLRAC as an organization in FY 2020 is to strive for Equity and Inclusion in our programs, programs and the communities we serve.**”

Therefore, a few new questions are being asked about Equity and Inclusion in our grant applications if an organization’s project is to provide Access to the event. These questions encourage applicants to think broadly and plan intentionally to reach more people through their arts programming and activities. Arts Access activities that plan to reach new audiences and engage the public in new ways, should also think about Equity and Inclusion. Within the context of your community, describe how your project identifies and proactively addresses barriers to engaging historically marginalized, targeted, and underserved people and identities that may otherwise have limited access to your proposed activity.

**Examples might include:**
- IPOC (Indigenous people and People of Color including Native American, Black/African/African American, Afro Latino, Caribbean, Chicano/Mexican, Central American, South American, Middle Eastern/North African, Southeast Asian/Asian/Pacific Islander, Immigrants, Refugees, and Muslim individuals.)
- Economically disadvantaged
- Youth and Seniors
- People with Disabilities
- LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, etc.)

The RAC Staff and Board Members from around the state met together in 2018-2019 to continue the discussion on this topic. Here are a few definitions we’d like to share to inform you about this topic.

**Diversity.** The presence of difference within a given setting. Include race, gender, ethnicity, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, language, socio-economic status, ability, geographical location and more …

**Culture.** A culture is a way of life of a group of people: the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them, and that are passed along by communication and imitation from one generation to the next. “The way we do things around here.”

**Cultural difference.** The fact of human difference that makes a difference in how we interact with one another.

**Inclusion.** Individuals with different identities feeling and/or being valued, leveraged, and welcomed to fully participate within a given setting.

**Equity.** Promote justice, impartiality and fairness within the procedures, processes and distribution of resources by institutions or systems. Eliminate root causes of outcome disparities within institutional and societal systems.

**Intercultural Competence.** The capability to shift cultural perspective and appropriately adapt behavior to cultural difference and commonalities.

**Learning Strategies Toward Intercultural Competence.** Cultural self-awareness including around power and privilege. Recognize overemphasis on commonalities. Increase understanding of cultural differences and understanding of cultural-general frameworks. Interact across cultural difference in ways that expand cultural understanding. Continue to build on knowledge of cultural difference and further develop skills to adapt across differences.
**July 1-2** The Mankato Riverblenders presents Salute to America patriotic concerts “Freedom Sings 2019”, 7 p.m. both days. **July 1** at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. **July 2** at The Church of St. Peter, 1801 W. Broadway, St. Peter. www.singmankato.com or (507) 525-0419.

**July 1-25** “New Life Through Transition” Exhibit by Mary Gitter-Zehnder, Kay Herbst Helms, Virginia LaFrance, Terri Michels, Jim Muyres, Ann Obernolte, Doug Wood, and Randy Wood. Held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 150 Stadium Road, Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-12 Noon & 1-3 p.m. and Fri. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 387-6592. Kay and Ann each received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2017 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**July 1-29** “A Century of Civic Engagement: League of Women Voters Minnesota” Traveling Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

*July 1-Aug. 28* Open Pottery Lab, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Ed. Office. Punch cards are $39 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is $25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

*July 1-Dec. 31* The 2019/20 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. **July 13**, 10 a.m., free guided tour of the sculpture tour, starting at 500 S. Front St. at sculpture #1. Bring a water bottle and comfortable shoes. (507) 388-1062 or www.cityartmankato.com.

*July 2* The Mankato Area Community Band will perform a free, outdoor patriotic concert to honor veterans and active service members in Mankato’s Lincoln Park, which is bounded by Grove, Lincoln and Broad Streets, 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain cancels. (507) 779-1567 or www.mankatoadecommunityband.us.

**July 2-12** Sharon Sudusky’s Retrospective Exhibit, held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues., Wed. & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and evenings & weekends by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

**July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30** Weekly Open Houses sponsored by the Minnesota Makers & Artist Guild, 3-6 p.m., Tuesdays. Tour the shops, check out the tools, and purchase memberships. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Avenue. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

**July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30** Free Summer Noontime Organ Recitals by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, 12:10 p.m. each day. **July 2** by David Mertesdorff, held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. **July 9** by Mark DeGarmeaux; **July 16** by Nathan Madsen; and **July 23** by Sean Connolly, held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. **July 30** by Kraig Windschitl, held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. www.agosiuonxtails.org or (507) 933-7447.

*July 2-Aug. 2* Exhibits by Areala Kumaraea, Ann Price, and the Wednesday Art Group. (Reception, Aug. 2, 5-8 p.m.) Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

**July 3-14** Olivia Sirek’s Painting and Mixed Media Exhibition. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. www.the410project.com.

*July 4* Music Festival in Fairmont, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Country, bluegrass, Czech, German, and old-time music performances by Barefoot Becky and Steve Lang. Food vendors, antique displays, kids games, and more. Free, held at Heritage Acres, South Central Minnesota Interpretive Center, 507 W. Lake Ave., Fairmont. (507) 238-4645 or www.heritageacresmn.org.

**July 4** Fourth of July parade in St. Peter, including the Governaires Drum and Bugle Corps and Minnesota “Over-60” Band, 10 a.m. (507) 934-3400.

**July 4** Fairmont Opera House Block Party. Free event in the lot next to the Opera House, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Music by The Home Fires 10 a.m.-12 Noon; Divas through the Decades 12:30-2:30 p.m., and Miss Myra and the Moonshiners 3-6 p.m. Held at Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza. www.fairmontoperahouse.org or (507) 238-4900.

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Look for upcoming events, grant deadlines, photos and other important information to be posted!
**July 5-7** Curtain Call Theatre will present the musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”, July 5-6 at 7:30 p.m. and July 7 at 2 p.m. Adults $12, seniors $10, and children $8. Held at Tri-City United Middle School Auditorium, 101 2nd St. NE, Montgomery. (507) 744-8947 or www.curtaincalltheatre.net.

**July 5-13** Czech Heritage Exhibit, held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Hours: Thurs & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

**July 5-27** Exhibit by Members of the Arts Center of Saint Peter. (Reception, July 6, 6-7:30 p.m.) Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Summer gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. (507) 931-3630 or www.artcentersp.org.

**July 8** Minnesota Authors, Kirstin Cronn-Mills, Rebecca Davis, Allen Eskens and Cary Griffith, will discuss the role of “place” in their books, 7-8:30 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120. Kirstin received a PLARC/ McKnight Artist Grant in 2019 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**July 9, 16 & 23** The Mankato Area Community Band will perform free, outdoor public concerts in Mankato’s Sibley Park, 7:30 p.m. The band will perform all of your favorite upbeat styles, for all ages, at the Leas Schwickert Memorial Bandshell. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain cancels. www.mankatoareacomunityband.us or (507) 779-1567.

**July 10** She’s My Sister performs Americana music as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the corners of 5th St. and Main Ave., downtown Gaylord. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.gaylordmitchamber.com.

**July 11** Music in the Park series: Charlie Stitcha Band performing polka and folk music, 6:30-8 p.m. Light meal offered at 5:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood St. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. (507) 647-5306 or www.winthropminnesota.com.

**July 11** Summer Sing-Along with the Singing Hills Chorus, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Check out the Chorus prior to the fall 2019 session. The chorus is made up of people with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias and their care partners. Social time is from 9:30-10 a.m. and 11-11:30 a.m. Held at The Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 387-1256 or www.singinghillschorus.org.

**July 11** Montgomery Summer Concert Series: The Amy Manette Band performing jazz music, 7 p.m., held at Memorial Park, Park Lane, Montgomery. Sponsored by the Montgomery Public Library. (507) 364-7615.

**July 11** Author, illustrator, and musician Stephen Shaskan will read three of his children’s books, play guitar and sing songs, 10:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 East Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

**July 11** Literature That Contributed to Abraham Lincoln’s Greatness presentation by costumed historical interpreter, Bryce Stenzel, 1 p.m. Books discussed will include Parson Weem’s “Life of Washington”, “Pilgrim’s Progress”, “The Arabian Nights”, and more. $5. Held at Vine Community Center, 421 E. Hickory St., Mankato. (507) 386-5586 or www.vinevolunteers.com.


**July 9 Thunder of Drums**, Drum and Bugle Corps Show and Competition at Blakeslee Field, Minnesota State University, Mankato, 6:30 p.m., including a preshow performance by the Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band. Show includes the Govenaires, Blue Stars, Colts, Madison Scouts, River City Rhythm, and more. Reserved seats in advance $23, at the door $25; general admission in advance $12, at the door $15, youth 12 and under $6. General admission tickets available at Mankato grocery stores, Music Mart, and Community Bank; reserved tickets available at www.thunderofdrums.org. (507) 382-2739 or TODtickets@gmail.com.

**July 9 Film screening and discussion of “Double Indemnity”, as part of the Film Noir Series, 6 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

**July 9-14** “Sister Art” musical theater production, 7:30 p.m. each night. Adults $22, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 $19. Held at the Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/

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**Arts Event Happening in Your Area?**

Please submit the event information to us by the 15th of the prior month to be included in our newsletter!

Email the date, time, location, ticket price, and a brief description of the event to: plrac@hickorytech.net.
**July 11-14**  Blue Earth Town and Country Players will present their 43rd summer musical, “Once Upon a Mattress”. July 11, 12 & 13 at 7:30 p.m. and July 14 at 2 p.m. All seats are $10 general admission and will be sold at the door. Held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, Highway 169 N. “Blue Earth Town & Country Players” on Facebook or (507) 525-0409.

*July 11-27*  Josh Winkler’s “Horizon” Relief Print Exhibit in the Rotunda Gallery, Andrew Judkins Painting Exhibit in the Cook Gallery, and Rachel James’ “Chthulucene” Exhibit using forageable plants to create work about edible and medicinal herbs and fungi and their links to women’s struggles past and present in the Fireplace Gallery. (Reception, July 13, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiemankato.com or (507) 625-2730. Rachel received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2018 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**July 12**  State Street Theater Company’s “Gastón’s Tavern”, a night of cabaret by your favorite villain from Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast”, 7 p.m. Tickets in advance only $15, from the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce or online at www.statestreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

**July 12**  Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Jazz Concert by Nikki & The RueMates, refreshments at 7 p.m. and music at 7:30-9:30 p.m. $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

*July 12-13*  Madelia Park Days.  **July 12:** Parade at 7 p.m. including the Minnesota “Over-60” Band and other musical groups. Free Concert in the park by The Chad Edwards Band at 8 p.m. Fireworks at 10 p.m.  **July 13:** Rivers Edge Arts & More Fair, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and free Blues Music Festival, beginning at 11:40 a.m., including performances by Billy and the Bangers, Lisa Wegner & Her Mean Mean Men, The Virgil Caine Band, Armadillo Jump, and Chris Duarte. Held at Watona Park, Madelia. Sponsored by the Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 642-8822 or www.visitmadelia.com.

*July 12-13*  The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents weekend music, 7:30 p.m. each night.  **July 12:** The Ken & Ken Show performing comedy and classic music by Frank Sinatra, Bobby Darin, Elvis, Neil Diamond, and more; free.  **July 13:** Paul Allman and Sharon Grandinette performing music with the Swedish Nyckelharpa, tickets $5. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

*July 12-13*  Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre performances of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” by grades 3-9, July 12 at 7 p.m. and July 13 at 1 p.m., $2. Held at the New Ulm High School Theater, 1600 Oak Street. Sponsored by Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth of Brown County, (507) 354-8632 or hchymua@newulmhs.net.

*July 12-26*  Twin Rivers Council for the Arts “Flowers in Bloom” Juried Exhibition (Reception, July 12, 5-7 p.m.) Held at the Emy Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 South Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org.


**July 13**  State Street Theater Company’s Prince & Princess Party, 1 p.m. Kids can take pictures with Belle from Beauty and the Beast, have story-time with Mrs. Potts, a sing-a-long with the wardrobe, and a dessert buffet. Tickets in advance only $20, from the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce or at www.statestreetnewulm.org. Accompanying adults are required to purchase tickets as well. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

**July 13**  Fun Days parade in North Mankato, including the Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band, 11 a.m. (507) 625-4141.

*July 13*  Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band 2019 Final Concert, 6 p.m., free, held at MN State University, Mankato, in the Taylor Center’s Bresnan Arena. www.77lancers.com or (507) 389-5545.

**July 14**  Open Clay Studio, 3-5 p.m. For all ages and ability levels, under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. An instructor will be available. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

**July 14**  Farm/City FunFest parade in Winthrop, including the Minnesota “Over-60” Band, 2 p.m. (507) 647-5306.

*July 17*  The White Sidewalls perform oldies music as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the corners of 5th St. and Main Ave., downtown Gaylord. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.gaylordmnchamber.com.

**July 17**  Festag Days parade in Minnesota Lake, including the Minnesota “Over-60” Band, 7 p.m. (507) 462-3469.
July 17-21 Waseca County Free Fair in Waseca, view a complete schedule at www.wasecaCountyfreefair.com.

*July 17 & 24 Lake Crystal Area Community Band Concerts, 6:30 p.m. July 17 at Crystal Seasons, 222 South Murphy St., Lake Crystal and July 24 at First Presbyterian Church, 302 Prince St. E., Lake Crystal. (507) 726-2673.

July 18 Entertainer Randy Christensen will tell stories from India, China, Austria, and South Africa with mime, 10:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mankato. www.bclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

July 18 Demonstrations, discussion and hands-on opportunities to learn about leather crafting with presenter Jack Rupert, 1:30 p.m. $5. Held at Vine Community Center, 421 E. Hickory St., Mankato. (507) 386-5586 or www.vinevolunteers.com.

July 18-21 Watonwan County Fair in St. James, view a complete schedule at www.watonwanCountyFair.com.

July 18-Aug. 17 “Celebrating Concertinas” Exhibit, held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Hours: Thurs & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. www.artsandheritagecenter.org or (507) 364-8107.

*July 19-21 “A Night of One Acts” by actors in grades 9-12. July 19 & 20 at 7 p.m. and July 21 at 3 p.m. Adults $7, students and seniors $5. Held at The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. Sponsored by Healthy Communities/Healthy Youth of Brown County, hchynua@newulmtel.net or (507) 354-8632.

*July 19-Aug. 4 Jessi Klitzke’s Painting Exhibition. (Reception, July 19, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. www.the410project.com.

July 23 Film screening and discussion of “Apollo 11”, including never before seen footage of NASA’s first mission to the moon, 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.


*July 24 The Frye performs Americana music as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the corners of 5th St. and Main Ave., downtown Gaylord. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.gaylordmnchamber.com.

July 24-27 Faribault County Fair in Blue Earth, view a complete schedule at www.faribaultCountyFair.com.


July 25-28 Blue Earth County Fair in Garden City, view a complete schedule at www.blueearthcountyfair.org.


*July 26-28 & Aug. 2-3 Disney’s “Beauty and the Beast” musical theater performances by State Street Theater Company. July 26-27 & Aug. 2-3 at 7 p.m. and July 28 at 2 p.m. Tickets: In advance $12.50 from the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm HyVee, or online at www.statetreetnewulm.org, at the door $15. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statetstreetnewulm.org.

State-Wide Online Resources

COMPAS www.compas.org
A Minnesota resource for artist residencies in the arts.

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts www.artsMN.org
State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization.

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits www.minnesotanonprofits.org
Information and links about board governance, marketing, fundraising, etc.

Minnesota State Arts Board www.arts.state.mn.us
Artist and Organization Grant Information.

Springboard for the Arts www.springboardforthearts.org
Artists & non-profit arts groups workshops.

Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations www.mnartists.org
The website showcases the work of over 4,500 MN Artists in all disciplines.
July 28  Kolacky Days parade in Montgomery, including the Minnesota “Over-60” Band and Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps, 12 Noon. (507) 953-0094.

July 28  Maker Market, sponsored by the Minnesota Makers & Artist Guild, 12 Noon-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Avenue. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

*July 29  Author Reading and Book Release by adults with developmental disabilities who participated in a 5-week writing workshop, 6 p.m. Held at the Boat House Grill and Bar, 406 9th St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

*July 31  Night Shift performs Americana music as part of the Music on Main series, 5-7 p.m. Held at the corners of 5th St. and Main Ave., downtown Gaylord. Sponsored by the Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce. (507) 237-5535 or www.gaylordmnchamber.com.

*July 31-Aug. 4  Sibley County Fair in Arlington, featuring free entertainment by the Schlueter Band, Isaiah Muller Band, Eddie Shimota Band, South 40 Band, Doug Ohman’s Pioneer photography talks, and more. View a complete schedule at www.sibleycountyfair.com.

Area Wineries have musical entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please visit their websites for details. Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. www.chankaskawines.com or (507) 931-0089.


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**Youth Arts Opportunities**

**Youth Classes**

**July 2 & 16  Music Together: for Child and Caregiver,** ages 18 months-5 years old with their caregiver. Two time sessions available, 9:30-10 a.m. or 10:15-10:45 a.m., $8 each session. Sing, dance, and learn about musical instruments. Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org/ or (507) 235-9262.

**July 8-10  Youth Beginning Pottery Classes** led by Katie Dick, 9-11 a.m. each day, ages 7-15. Learn to form, wedge, and throw on the wheel; create your own cup, bowl or vessel, $57. No experience needed. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

**July 8-Aug. 2  Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre,** ages 7-16, $50 per student. July 8-12, Wizard of Oz, 1-5:15 p.m. each day. July 15-19, Sleeping Beauty, 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. each day. July 22-26, Tom Sawyer, 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. each day. July 29-Aug. 2, Cinderella, 8 a.m.-12:15 p.m. each day. Register with Mankato Area Community Ed. Held at Mankato East High School Auditorium, 2600 Hoffmann Road. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

**July 9  Art Start for Tots — Counting with Frida Kahlo Class,** ages 18 months-4 years old, 10-10:45 a.m., $8. Explore colors, shapes, counting, and cultures. Create artwork to take home. Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org/ or (507) 235-9262.

**July 9-23  Come Dance With Me: Music and Movement for the Young Child** led by Lynn Rozen, ages 3 months-5 years. Tuesdays, choose 10:30-11:15 a.m. or 6-6:45 p.m. sessions. Play rhythm instruments, sing, and enjoy creative movement. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 159, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

**July 11 or 12  Kids Painting Classes** led by Rhonda Johnson, grades 4-8, 9 a.m.-12 Noon each day. Learn the basics in a fun, creative atmosphere, $26 each session. July 11, Music. July 12, Fashion & Pop Culture. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 152, 110 Fulton Street, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

**July 15  Early Registration to participate in the Mankato Children’s Chorus.** Students in grades 1-12 welcome. receive a $20 discount on participation fees if you sign up by July 15th. Register online at www.mankatocorchildrenschorus.org. (507) 387-9007. (continued on page 18)
Youth & Adult Opportunities

**July 15 or 31** Kids Painting Classes led by Rhonda Johnson, grades K-3, 9 a.m.-12 Noon each day. Learn the basics in a fun, creative atmosphere, $26 each session. July 15, Cuddly Animals. July 31, Unicorns. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 152, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

**July 18 & 20** Two-Session Relief Print & Accordion Book Workshop, ages 14 and up. July 18 from 4-7 p.m. & July 20 from 1-5 p.m. Learn the relief carving/printing processes and learn to bind an accordion book. No experience necessary. Students are encouraged to bring photography of local landscape spaces to the first session. Carnegie members free, non-members $10 suggested donation. Call the Carnegie to register (507) 625-2730. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. www.thecarnegiemankato.com or (507) 625-2730.


**July 22-26** Songwriting Camp led by Ray Smart, ages 6-12, 10 a.m.-12 Noon each day. Learn how to develop a melody, write lyrics, and find chords to support the mood and theme of the piece, $65. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 152, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Individual Art Classes and Mentoring at The 410 Project, for ages 4-18. Director, Dana Sikkila, will give individual lessons based on the child’s artistic interest, classes can be scheduled around family schedules. $15 per hour with student bringing supplies, $20 per hour with The 410 Project’s supplies, $12 per hour for students 5 and under. Email for more information: 410project@hotmail.com. Held at The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. www.the410project.com.

Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota offers unique and hands on programs and events for youth of all ages. Hours: Tues.-Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thurs. until 7:30 p.m. $8 per person 1 year and older. Located at 224 Lamm St., Mankato. (507) 386-0279 or www.cmsouthernmn.org.

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**Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:**
- Dance Express: (507) 625-3865 or [https://sites.google.com/view/specialtycamps](https://sites.google.com/view/specialtycamps).
- Riverfront Performing Arts: [https://www.riverfrontartsmn.org/summer-classes](https://www.riverfrontartsmn.org/summer-classes) or (507) 469-4351.

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**Adult Artists**

*July 1-2* Artwork drop off dates for Twin Rivers Art Council for the Arts’ Juried Exhibition, “Flowers in Bloom”. Two and three dimensional works focusing on the theme of florals are eligible, any art medium is welcome. Enter up to 3 pieces, $5 per piece. Drop off 4:30-6:30 p.m. each day. Exhibit runs July 12-26. Go to [www.twinriversarts.org/exhibition-schedule](http://www.twinriversarts.org/exhibition-schedule) for more information and an application. Held at the Emy Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008.

**July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30** Jam Sessions, Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org) or (507) 514-2921.

**July 3 & 17** Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, crochet, knitting, embroidery, and more. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

**July 8** Poetry Reading Group, each participant will read aloud at least two poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

**July 9** Ceramics: Intro to the Wheel Class, 7-9 p.m. Learn how to use the wheel to create functional pieces, $35. Held at Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org).

**July 10** Welding Basics for Everyone Classes, 6-9 p.m. Learn MIG and Arc welding, including welding safety, equipment use, proper preparation, hands on practice of various types of welding joint techniques. Members $40, non-members $45, each session. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. [www.mankatomakerspace.org](http://www.mankatomakerspace.org) or (507) 514-2921.

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**July 10** Drop-In Critique Group for Writers, Artists, and Musicians, 3-5 p.m. Come give and receive feedback, motivation, and practical guidance guaranteed to help you move forward with your creative pursuits. Hosted by Ann Rosenquist Fee. All levels welcome, there is no previous participation or experience necessary. No advanced registration required. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

**July 11** Glass Torchwork with Basic Color Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn to make your own colored necklace pendants, $80. Held at Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

**July 11 & 18** Wire and Wine Design Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn wire wrapping and create jewelry. Members $40, non-members $45 each session. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

**July 11-Aug. 29** Beginner Ballroom Dance Classes, Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. Come to one class, a few, or all. $15 per class per couple, $10 per class per individual. Sign up online at www.statesstreetnewulm.org or come to the class with payment. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 North State Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statesstreetnewulm.org.


**July 14** Writers’ Critique Group, 3-4:30 p.m. Bring work in progress and a question or two for the group. Read for five minutes, get critiqued for ten. Leave with good vibes and new ideas for moving forward. Hosted by Ronda Redmond. All levels welcome, there is no previous participation or experience necessary. No advanced registration required, $5. Held the 2nd Sunday of the month, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

**July 18** Glass Torchwork Basic Clear Creation Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn to make your own clear piece including a pendant, paperweight, or sculptural form, $60. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

**July 18** Adult Intro to Perspective Class, 6-8 p.m., $18. Learn to draw buildings and spaces with simple perspective techniques. Register with Waseca Community Education at www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

**July 18** Acrylic Pour Painting Class led by Jessica Schwantes-Greve, 6:30 p.m. Choose to paint on an 8”x10” canvas, a record, or a set of four 4”x4” ceramic tiles. No prior experience required. $30, includes materials. Register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 152, 110 Fulton Street, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

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*July 20-21* Christmas in July: Holiday Cardmaking Workshop with instructors Andy Kahmann and Rachel James. July 20 at 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and July 21 at 12 Noon-4 p.m. Typeset your own holiday cards and carve a simple block print. Create 30 of your own cards during this two-day course. Registration required, $120. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

**July 23** Ceramics: Intro to Handbuilding Class, 7-9 p.m. Learn the different techniques of hand-building and create a piece of sculptural work, $35. Held at Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Avenue. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

**July 23** Non-Profit Directors’ Lunch, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Nonprofit leaders can network while sharing resources, challenges, and successes; free. You are responsible for your own lunch. Held at the Wow Zone Restaurant, 2030 Adams Street, Mankato. Sponsored by Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. (507) 469-2217 or www.minnesotanonprofits.org.

**July 26** Pottery Date Night Class led by Felicia DeWald, 6-7:45 p.m. Bring your significant other, learn the potter’s wheel, and choose 1-2 pieces to be glazed and fired. No prior experience required. $45. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

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**Adult Arts Opportunities**

**July 27** Southern Minnesota Movie Musicals Club, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. View "Two Weeks With Love", free. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.


**July 28** Maker Market, 12 Noon-5 p.m. Members can exhibit for free, non-members pay $30 fee. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

**July 31** Metal Cutting and Shaping Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn about different techniques and metal working tools. Member $45, non-member $50. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

**July 31** Artwork Proposal Submission Deadline for the Commerce Dr. Improvement Project in North Mankato. Twin Rivers Council for the Arts is accepting proposals for five public art pieces to be installed along Commerce Dr.; three different sculptures, a bike rack, and an interactive piece. Budgets range from $10,000-$18,000. Artists can apply for one or more of the proposed pieces and can work in teams. For details and to view a full application visit http://www.twriniversarts.org/public-art. Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. www.twriniversarts.org or (507) 387-1008.

**July-Aug.** 6”x6” Artwork Donation. Artists and non-artists can donate their talent of creating small works of art that will be sold at a fall fundraiser for the Waseca Art Center. Each piece must be 6”x6” square or mounted to a 6x6” board, signed on the back only, and exhibited anonymously. All works will be displayed and offered for sale. Mail or deliver your artwork to: Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State St., Waseca, MN 56093. Contact the art center for details. www.wasecaartscouncil.org, info@wasecaartscouncil.org, or (507) 835-1701.

Individual or Small Group Art Lessons. Artist, Kevin Kroeber, will give individual or small group lessons in drawing and watercolor painting at his studio. Kevin has MFA and MA degrees in art and has teaching in the French technique of realism at the Atelier Lack. Contact kkroeber@hickorytech.net or (507) 420-3760 to set up lessons. Held at 723 Warren St., Mankato.

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**Grant Opportunities**

**July 12** Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Tour Minnesota Deadline. This program is designed to support Minnesota artists and arts organizations touring existing artworks to Minnesota communities that are outside of their home region. The program is open to tours featuring visual, literary, and performing arts. $10,000-$150,000. Application deadline: July 12 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or rina.rossi@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

**July 19** Minnesota State Arts Board Community Arts Education Support Deadline. This program is designed to support the programming and operating goals of community arts education organizations and programs, so that they may maintain and grow ongoing services, staffing, and support functions. $8,000-$25,000. Application deadline: July 19 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or richard.hitchler@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

**Aug. 1** PRLAC Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant Deadline. For arts organizations, schools, and festivals. $7,000 available for arts organizations, $4,000 for schools and $5,000 for festivals. Prairie Lakes serves the 9-county region that includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Guidelines can be downloaded from our website: www.prlac.org, along with a link to the online grant application after July 1. (507) 833-8721, (800) 298-1254, or prlac@hickorytech.net.

**Sept. 15** PRLAC Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant Deadline. This grant provides mid-career and beyond artists with financial support that enables them to further their work and their contribution to their communities. Ten $3,000 grants are available. Prairie Lakes serves the 9-county region that includes Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Guidelines can be downloaded from our website: www.prlac.org, along with a link to the online grant application after July 1. (507) 833-8721, (800) 298-1254, or prlac@hickorytech.net.
Non-profit Art Centers

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. www.artsandheritagecenter.org or (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. Register for classes at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com. Summer gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. Contact info@artscentersp.org, (507) 931-3630, or www.artscentersp.org.

Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegie-mankato.com, (507) 625-2730, or arte@hickorytech.net.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and evenings & weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. www.redrockcenter.org, (507) 235-9262, or redrockcenter@frontiernet.net.

The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., and Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@hotmail.com or www.the410project.com.

The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music every Fri. & Sat. and monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sat. during shows 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on second and third floor of the Grand. Contact: grand@thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts and the Eny Frenz Art Guild Gallery, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios, gallery space, and Ticket Box Office for arts events in Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. info@twinriversarts.org, (507) 387-1008, or www.twinriversarts.org. Also find other arts events at: www.greatermankatoevents.com. Gallery Application link: www.twinriversarts.org/exhibition-schedule

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, weekly art appreciation discussions, and spring concert series. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. info@wasecaartcenter.org, www.wasecaartcenter.org, or (507) 835-1701.

College Galleries

Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Art exhibits are held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. www.blc.edu/art-exhibits.

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: weekdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends 1-5 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom/.

South Central College Lookout Gallery, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu.

Student Union Gallery, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, 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.
Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
105 22nd Ave. NE, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093-2612
(507) 833-8721 or (800) 298-1254
plrac@hickorytech.net or www.plrac.org

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts has worked in collaboration with Twin Cities Public Television's Minnesota Original show, to create several Arts Advocacy Videos; showing the Ways the Arts Give Back to Minnesota.

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