

17TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE LAKES REGIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION A HUGE SUCCESS!

The 17th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition will be on display until June 11, 2009. It is held in cooperation with the Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato. **Cash Awards totaling \$1,200 were presented at the Opening Reception on May 17th.** Art work which placed 1st through 5th is pictured on page 3.

A total of 212 works of art were submitted for the exhibition and the juror Jan Shoger, Northfield selected 105 pieces for display. The exhibit encompassed a variety of mediums including: drawings, paintings in acrylic, oil and watercolor, mixed media, photography, print-making, fiber, jewelry, ceramics and sculpture. "This juried exhibit is an opportunity for emerging and established artists to display their work in a professional setting", noted Brenda Flintrop, Executive Director; "and it provides an opportunity for artists to sell their work. In fact, a majority of the artwork displayed in the exhibit is for sale."

The juror's comments on the exhibit were: "This 17th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Art Exhibition represents an exciting, eclectic range of creative ideas and visual language. It was a joy to spend several hours with the work. In the end, the works that distinguish themselves from the whole were strongest in four criteria. First, they were inventive, had a clarity of idea, or concept, and a sense of personal visual voice. Second, they had a fresh, confident handling of the media with close attention to craftsmanship.

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Art Exhibition Award Winners Row 1 (L to R): Trudi Remund, Liz Madsen, Sandra Walberg, and Jane Horton; Row 2: Catherine Lyons, Patricia Wovcha, and Antje Meisner; Row 3: Charlie Putnam, Wayne Schmidt, Joel Hansen, and Andrew Judkins; and Row 4: Ryan Nosbush, Mark Hall, and Ken Gansen.



June 2009 Newsletter

State funding will Decrease about 20%

Art Grant Sizes will decrease in 2009-10

In 2009-2010 we anticipate awarding \$101,780 in grants; depending upon final approval of state funding by the Governor. Therefore, grant maximums will decrease. **Program Support will be \$2,000 and Art Project Grants: limited days events will be \$1,000;** Small Art and Arts-In-Education Grants will be \$500.

For information on 2009-2010 Grant Program Deadlines please refer to page 8.

Summary of FY 2009 Grants: Prairie Lakes awarded 91 grants for a total of \$127,901. The grants ranged in size from \$375 to \$3,000; and 32% of those activities focused on youth. Prairie Lakes receives funding from the Minnesota State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis for re-granting. Summary of programs: Art Project Grants \$85,002; Small Arts and Arts-In-Education \$18,899; Capital Grants to arts organizations \$4,500; Operating Support \$10,500; and Emerging Artist Grants \$9,000.

In the nine-county area we are fortunate to have a large variety of musical organizations and activities, both vocal and instrumental. This represents the largest art discipline Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council reviews and funds through grant applications (about 49%). In a given year, the board will review about 105 applications and in FY 2008-09 visual art projects and exhibitions composed about 21% of all funded activities, theater performances 16%, literature projects have recently increased and they were 10%, dance performances are less common and represent about 4%. Under-served areas continue to be dance in general and ethnic music and dance.

\$ \$ New Arts & Cultural Legacy Amendment Funds Anticipated in 2010. (See article on page 8.)

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Third, they were works that were strongest compositionally with interesting color and value interactions, contained illusion or reality of textural variations, and had intriguing rhythmical elements. Fourth, they gave attention to neutral matting and framing that kept the focus clearly on the image. The work chosen for this exhibition, from all the entries, was especially sensitive, intriguing and invited pondering and exploration by the viewer.” Brenda Flintrop noted that the People’s Choice Award was selected by the those attending the Opening Reception. Liz Madsen’s Printmaking entitled “The Cathedral” received the most votes. Over 350 students and teachers toured the exhibition using bus stipends provided by PLRAC, another 175 artists and guests attended the opening reception, with total attendance estimated around 750. We are proud to sponsor this event that showcases the artistic diversity and quality of our artists. It also provides an educational opportunity for youth, teachers and the general community.

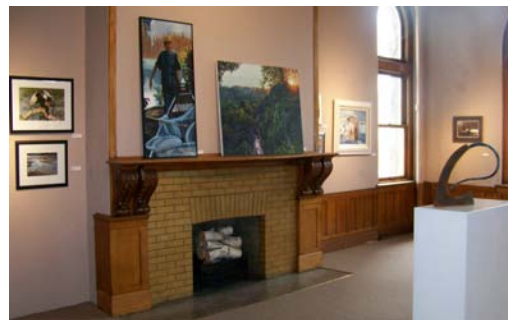
The exhibition costs about \$12,000 annually and is funded by grants from the E.F. Johnson Foundation, Waseca; Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation, Rochester; and Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield.

CASH AWARDS (\$200 - \$75)

- First** Charlie Putnam, St. Peter, “All That Glitters Is Not Gold” Acrylic Painting
Second Christopher Kanyusik, Mankato, “Untitled Man”, Ceramic Sculpture
Third Ryan Nosbush, New Ulm, “Cereal Killer”, Photography
Fourth Trudi Remund, Waseca, “Ghosting”, Watercolor Painting
Fifth Joel Hansen, Mankato, “West Sill”, Collagraph
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MERIT AWARDS (\$50 each)

- Ken Gansen, Mankato, “Awakened”, Reduction Print
Mark Hall, Kasota, “Blue Shell”, Glass
Jane Horton, Mankato, “At the Lunch Counter”, Graphite Pencil Drawing
Andrew Judkins, North Mankato, “Maple River Vista”, Oil Painting
Catherine Lyons, Madison Lake, “Show Me the Autumn”, Linoleum Block Print
Gail McKissick, Mankato, “At the Fair”, Mixed Media
Antje Meisner, Madison Lake, “God Breathes My Way”, Silver Gelatin Print
Wayne Schmidt, North Mankato, “Singing in the Sierra Leone”, Photography
Sandra Walberg, North Mankato, “Whither”, Acrylic Painting
Patricia Wovcha, Mankato, “Untitled”, Fiber and Printing Ink
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Fireside Gallery at the Carnegie



Rotunda Gallery at Carnegie



People’s Choice Award (\$50)
Liz Madsen, Mankato,
“The Cathedral”, Printmaking



Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council Board Members and Staff at the Opening Reception, May 17, 2009.

Row 1 (L to R): Brenda Flintrop, Pat Potzler, Marie Kreft, Nancy Willette & Cindy Lewer.

Row 2 (L to R): Mary Jenatscheck, Denice Evers, Judie Ziemke & Rachael Hanel.

Row 3 (L to R): Sharon Turner, Don Myers & Bette Traxler.
* Photo of board courtesy of Timothy Madsen.

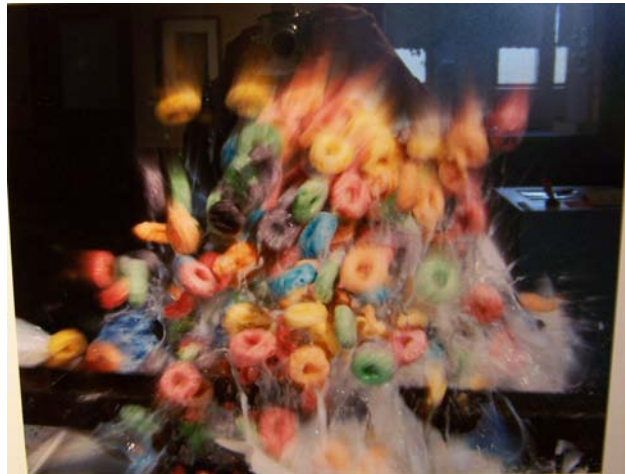
Award Winners of the 17th Annual Regional Art Exhibition



1st Place - \$200
“All That Glitters Is Not Gold”,
Acrylic Painting
by Charlie Putnam, St. Peter



2nd Place - \$150
“Untitled Man”,
Ceramic Sculpture
by Christopher Kanyusik,
Mankato



3rd Place - \$125
“Cereal Killer”, Photography
by Ryan Nosbush, New Ulm



4th Place - \$100
“Ghosting”, Watercolor Painting
by Trudi Remund, Waseca



5th Place - \$75
“West Sill” Collograph by
Joel Hansen, Mankato

ART PROJECT GRANTS AWARDED

A total of \$42,502 was awarded in March 2009 for Art Project grants. A variety of activities including arts festivals, instrumental and vocal music concerts, literary readings, theater performances, and visual art exhibitions were funded. Art Project grants may be awarded to non-profit arts organizations, community groups or public organizations for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. **The next deadline is September 1, 2009.**

Arts & Heritage Center, Montgomery - \$1,875. To present their 7th Annual Entertainment Series at Hilltop Hall, including the Tribute to World War II theatrical presentation on May 23 and The Wendinger Brothers on Oct. 30, 2009.

Arts Center of Saint Peter - \$2,125. To present a series of eight performances April-December 2009: Fish Frye, Brian Wicklund & Fiddlepals and Southern MN Poets Society, The Divers, Bill & Kate Isles, Play Reading by Douglas Huff, Stompin' at the Grant Terrace, and the Riverlights.

Arts 'n more Festival, Amboy - \$990. To present the 3rd annual arts and music festival in Amboy on Sept. 12-13, 2009.

Carnegie Art Center, Mankato - \$2,250. They will present nine visual art exhibitions featuring the work of regional artists in 2009; as well sponsor an art-making event in July and a number of adult drawing classes.

City of St. James, music events - \$990. They will sponsor "The Concerts in the Park" at Memorial Park, St. James: Godspell Actors and Friends June 3; Retro-sonix of Fairmont July 4; Bill Isles, Folk Artist on July 23 and Gospel Express Quartet of Owatonna on Aug. 9, 2009.

Cornstalk Art & Peace Festival, Dunnell - \$990. To sponsor the annual arts and music festival in Dunnell, July 31-Aug. 1, 2009.

Fairmont Opera House - \$2,250. They will sponsor their annual series of events featuring GrooveLily on Nov. 20, 2009; The Hunt Family Fiddlers on Dec. 12, 2009; Altered Reality on Feb. 13, 2010; and April Verch on April 9, 2010.

Good Thunder Reading Series, MSU - \$3,000. To sponsor a series of author readings and residencies in 2009-2010 including: Dinty W. Moore on Sept. 17; Philip Bryant & Wright Award winner, Oct. 8; David McGlynn, Oct. 29; Edward Micus, Connie Miller, and Christina Olson, Nov. 19; Candace Black, Richard Robbins, & Roger Sheffer, Feb. 4, 2010; Alicia Conroy, Feb. 25; Aryn Kyle, Mar 23-26; and George Rabasa & Andreas Award winner, April 15, 2010.

Govenaires Drum & Bugle Corps - \$1,195. To produce a drum and bugle corps competition at Hollingsworth Field, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter on Aug. 23, 2009.

Mankato Area 77 Lancers - \$1,530. To present a free band concert for the Mankato area at the Alltel Civic Center, Mankato on July 19, 2009.

Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra - \$3,000. To sponsor the 2009-2010 rehearsal season & youth concerts.

Mankato Children's Chorus - \$3,000. To sponsor the 2009-2010 rehearsal season & youth choral concerts. Over 170 students in grades one through twelve from several communities participate.

Merely Players Community Theatre - \$1,650. To present the 2009-2010 season including "Nonsense the Musical", Nov. 2009; "Social Security", Feb. 2010; and "The Unexpected Guest", April 2010; and "Golden Guys & Gals: A Revue", May 2010.

Minnesota Over 60 Band - \$3,000. They will perform at over 25 community events, nursing homes and parades in southern MN in 2009.

New Prague Czech Singers - \$765. Performances of traditional Czech music at several community events, nursing homes and parades in southern MN in 2009.

Project G.E.M., art classes for at-risk youth - \$3,000. The Growth, Experience and Motivation project will provide art, creative writing and music teachers for in-class education, of at-risk youth ages 8 -17, in a variety of settings in Blue Earth, Nicollet and Martin Counties, 2009-2010.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, Fairmont - \$2,550. To sponsor a series of art exhibits and concerts in 2009-2010.

RiverCrossing art fair in motion, St. Peter - \$1,195. To sponsor the 4th annual RiverCrossings art fair in motion on October 3-4, 2009 in the Mankato/St. Peter area. The art crawl features tours of artist's studios, displays of artwork in a variety of settings, as well as music, theater and dance performances.

Rock Bend Folk Festival, St. Peter - \$1,195. The 19th annual arts and music festival will feature two days of music from emerging and established folk artists, held at MN Square Park, St. Peter on Sept. 12-13, 2009.

SMILES Center for Independent Living, Mankato - \$1,195. To present a Neighborhood Block Party that recognizes, reflects and celebrates citizens with disabilities; a variety of music, dance and theater performances will take place as well as hands on art activities on Sept. 18, 2009 at Madison East Mall, Mankato.

Springfield Community Theatre - \$1,000. To produce "The Music Man" at the Springfield School Auditorium on Nov. 13, 14, and 15, 2009.

Wanda Gag House, New Ulm - \$2,227. To sponsor a series of youth art classes as part of the Gag House Summer Arts Camp July 2009.

Waseca County Historical Society - \$1,530. To sponsor a historic Chautauqua celebration featuring music by the House of Mercy Band, Sacred Harp-shape note singing, interactive theater and storytelling at Maplewood Park, Waseca on July 5, 2009.



June 2009 Arts Calendar

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



* **May 27-June 11** 17th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition, featuring 105 pieces of art work from local artists, at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. On June 11 the exhibit ends and hours are 1-4 p.m. only; Artists should pick up their work from 4-7 p.m. plrac@hickorytech.net or 1-800-298-1254.

May 27-31 “Deathtrap” at Andreas Theater, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m.; Adults/\$14.50 and Senior Citizens/\$13; MSU Box office (507) 389-6661.

May 27-June 7 Still Interference: oil paintings by Amanda Smith in the Theodore G. Moline Gallery at the Arts Center of Saint Peter and Choices: recent works from the Lifework’s studio / Lower Level Gallery. Reg. hours: Tues.-Sun.: 1-5 p.m., Thurs.: 1-8 p.m., 315 South Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Contact: 507-931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or www.artscentersp.org

* **May 29** Amy Kortuem, harpist will perform 6:30-8:30 p.m. as part of Henderson’s Music on Main Street, at Toody’s Sweet Treats, 417 Main Street, Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce.

May 31 Mankato Symphony Orchestra Concert at 3 p.m. at Mankato West H. S., Symphony No. 9 in D Minor, Op. 125 - Beethoven Concerto for Timpani and Orchestra - Russell Peterson; and featuring Michelle Roche – Timpani, Waseca Chorale, Mankato East and New Ulm High School Choirs. Tickets are \$25/adult, \$10/student and \$5/children. Contact the Twin Rivers Box Office to purchase tickets, 523 South Second Street, Mankato, (507) 387-1008, or www.twinriversarts.org

* **June 1-30** Joe Burns art exhibit at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 East Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont. (Open house artist’s reception June 23, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.) Summer hours: Tue., Thur.

and Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Wed. 1-6 p.m. or call to set up an appointment. Contact (507) 235-9262 or BarbaraS@redrockcenter.org

* **June 1-Dec. 30** “Brushstrokes from the Past” - Brown County Artists; at the Brown County Historical Museum, 2 N. Broadway, New Ulm. Hours: M-F 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., (507) 233-2616 or BCHS@BrownCountyHistoryMNUA.org

* **June 3** Godspell Actors and Friends concert, 7 p.m. at Memorial Park, St. James; part of the concerts in the park series sponsored by the City of St. James.

* **June 5** The Bandanas, all-female group from Mankato area will perform 6:30-8:30 p.m. as part of Henderson’s Music on Main Street, at Toody’s Sweet Treats, 417 Main Street, Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce.

* **June 6** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra presents “Viva Vivaldi - Summer”, 3 p.m. at the Mankato YMCA, 1401 S. Riverfront Drive. Designed for children of all ages, details at www.mankatosymphony.com Tickets are \$10/adult and \$5/children. Contact the Twin Rivers Box Office to purchase tickets, 523 South Second Street, Mankato, (507) 387-1008, or www.twinriversarts.org

June 11-14 “I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change”, at Ted Paul Theater, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m.; Adults/\$20 and Senior Citizens/\$18; MSU Box office (507) 389-6661.

June 12 Meet the Lancers Parade and Concert, at 7 p.m., Dakota Meadows Middle School.

* **June 12** Depot Creek Unplugged will perform 6:30-8:30 p.m. as part of Henderson’s Music on Main Street, at Toody’s Sweet Treats, 417 Main Street, Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce.

Arts Calendar Continued

June 12-13 “Alice in Wonderland”, children’s theatre residency with Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre, sponsored by Sleepy Eye Community Education. Performances will be held at Sleepy Eye H.S. Auditorium on June 12 at 7:30 pm and June 13 at 1:30 pm. Tickets are available at the door. Adults -\$4, Students age 13-18-\$2, and children age 3-12 are \$1. (507) 794-7873

June 12–July 19 AC Members Own¹⁰ - 10th Annual Member-Artists Mixed Media Show, in the Theodore G. Moline Gallery at the Arts Center of Saint Peter & Mixin’ It Up: VSA student show works created through the VSA artist-in-residence grant program in the Lower Level Gallery. (Opening Reception: Friday, June 12, 5–7 p.m.) Reg. hours: Tues.-Sun.: 1–5 p.m., Thurs.: 1–8 p.m., 315 South Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

June 13 The AC Circuit Second Saturday, art and culture walk 1–5 p.m., a St. Peter Arts Association event. Gallery open 1-5 p.m. at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Avenue. (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or download a brochure at www.artscentersp.org

June 13–30 Lifeworks presents the art exhibit “Choices”, a showcase of artwork created by artists with disabilities, at the Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Street, Mankato, (Opening Reception and art sale June 13, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.); Gallery hours are Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri. 12 noon–4 p.m. and Thur. 4-8 pm. Contact Carrie Flanagan (507) 625-7522.

June 19 Lancers perform at the Lake Crystal Parade, 7:00 p.m.

* **June 19-July 25** Pete Driessen, Waseca Fleet exhibit at the Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State Street, (Opening reception June 19, 7-9 p.m.). Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartscouncil.org

June 20 5th Annual ArtSplash Art Fair, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., located across from the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Bellgrade Avenue. Contact

Cathy Dahl (507) 327-8350.

June 20 Betsy-Tacy Victorian Lawn Party, 10 am – 4 pm, Betsy & Tacy’s House, 333 & 332 Center Street, Mankato Victorian lawn games, horse and buggy rides, costumed re-enactors, food and refreshments, music and fun for all ages as we reminisce life at the turn of the century. \$1 admission donation (507) 345-9777 or www.betsy-tacysociety.org

* **June 20** Folky Dokey musich group will perform 1:30-3:30 p.m. as part of Henderson’s Music on Main, at Charlies parking lot, Main Street, Henderson. Sponsored by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce.

June 22 Thunder of Drums, 6:45 p.m., MN State University, Mankato Blakeslee Stadium.

June 24-28 “Plaza Suite”, by Neil Simon at Andreas Theater, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m.; Adults/\$14.50 and Senior Citizens/\$13; MSU Box office (507) 389-6661.

June 25, 26 & 28 Get ready for mystery, murder and spiders?! Sleepy Eye Community Theatre will present “Web of Murder” by Jonathon Troy, June 25-26 at 7:30 p.m. and June 28 at 2:00 pm. Purchase advanced tickets June 8-24 by calling (507) 794-7873. Both reserved and general seating tickets available and performances are held in air conditioned comfort at St. Mary’s Auditorium.

* **June 26-28** Henderson Sauerkraut Days, a variety of music performances will take place during the community event.

* **June 27-July 17** “Bloom where you are Planted”, floral and landscape exhibit at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. (507) 625-2730

June 28 Cambria Eisteddfod 2009, a celebration of the Celtic Heritage of Poetry, Song and Story; at Morgan Creek Winery, Cambria. Activities include 11:30 a.m-1:30 p.m. potluck with musicians and storytellers performing, 2-4 p.m. formal program with musicians and storytellers. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Historical Society, Morgan Creek Vineyards, and the League of MN Poets.

ARTS OPPORTUNITIES

For all Mankato area events:
www.greatermankatoevents.com

June 20 - 5th Annual ArtSplash Art Fair in Mankato is looking for artists. There is still time to sign up: room for up to 40 booths. Artists of all mediums are encouraged to apply. Date of event: June 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., entry fee: \$15 and an item to donate for our silent auction to benefit the North Mankato Taylor Library and the Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society. Exhibitors will be provided with a 10x10 space; you may sign up for more than one if needed. There are a limited number of sites with electricity. ArtSplash is an outdoor Art Fair, run by community volunteers so regional artists can display and sell their art while enhancing art awareness in our area. It is a family-friendly event, complete with food and live music. All artists and crafters with original work are welcome. Contact Cathy Dahl at 507-327-8350 or Nicole Fischer at 507-382-4839.



ART CENTERS, GALLERYS and CLASSES

Art Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Avenue. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at www.artscentersp.org/classes. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or claycenter@artscentersp.org. Registration for all Arts Center and Clay Center classes is through St. Peter Community Education, 500 S. Fifth Street, www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or (507) 934-3048.

For St. Peter all-community arts event information go to <http://www.stpeterarts.org/>

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: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. (507) 625-2730

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 Summer 2009

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.

Passion for ART, 210 North State Street, Waseca. Fun & Free Thursdays: 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, meet local artist and learn new techniques, 2-6 p.m. passion4art@deskmedia.com, www.pfawaseca.com or (507) 833-6061; June 5-7 Watercolor Glazing with June Young, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., \$240.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Hours: Tuesday only 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Each Tuesday in June Lunch with the Arts: Noon-12:45 p.m. "Come & Go", enjoy various types of artistic performers, bring your lunch and relax in a beautiful setting. June 2 Meredith Cook, poetry reading and June 23 Hallie Burns, Piano; other artists in June TBA. www.fairmont.org/redrock or (507) 235-9262

Stones Throw Gallery, 420 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, (507) 934-5655. Hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Sat., and by appointment. They feature 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/

The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. Monthly exhibits, Hours: Wed., Thur., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@yahoo.com

Waseca Art Center, 401 N. State Street, Waseca. Monthly exhibits, Wednesday Group Meetings: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Drawing & Painting; and 11-11:45 a.m. Art Appreciation Discussion. June 11 Art O'Rama Day at the Waseca Art Center: Classes for kids all day long. Four different classes, grades 2-12. Contact patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org; (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartscouncil.org

\$ \$ New Arts & Cultural Heritage Legacy Amendment Funds Anticipated in 2010-11

Funding to the arts via the Minnesota State Arts Board and eleven Regional Arts Councils will increase by \$21,650,000 per year for the next two years, for a total of \$43.3 million over two years from the amendment. Added to the \$8.6 million that was passed in the state's economic development bill earlier in the session, there will now be just over \$30 million in state funding for the arts annually, compared to just over \$10 million annually for the arts this year. These funds will go out in grants and services to Minnesotans in every county, supporting artists and arts organizations, and increasing access to the arts for all Minnesotans.

Therefore, this could mean an additional \$350,000 in arts funding to Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council in 2010. We have incorporated this new money into our Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Biennial Plan submitted to the Minnesota State Arts Board in May 2009. **A copy of the plan is available on our website at www.plrac.org.**

Informational Meetings

with the MN State Arts Board & Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

June 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Arts & Cultural Heritage Legacy Amendment Funding

Fine Arts Center, Room 104, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Staff of the MN State Arts Board will present information on how the new Arts Funding will be distributed statewide, what programs and events will be funded, and new funding for Prairie Lakes and our 9-county area.

June 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m. - Artist Grants Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Street, Mankato

Find out more about Artist Grants and Cultural Community Partnership Grants from the MN State Arts Board and Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council: what artist art projects qualify, how to complete the application, the review process, and much more. Grants applications are online at www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/

Pre-register by calling the office 1-800-298-1254

2009-10 GRANT DEADLINES

**Art Project and Program Support Grant:
\$2,000 yearly programs or series of events;
or \$1,000 for limited days events.**

Total \$74,780 available.

One Deadline only September 1, 2009

Additional dates may be added in 2010 if state funds are received from Legacy Amendment.

**July 14, 2009 - Required Grant Writing
Workshop for Art Project and Program
Support Grants. 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Room 104, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato

Arts-In-Education & Small Arts Project - \$500

Total \$13,500 available.

The 1st of each month, July-December 2009

Capital Grants for Arts Organizations - \$1,500

Total \$4,500 available.

August 3, 2009

McKnight Emerging Artist Grant - \$1,000

Total \$9,000 available.

Letter of Intent Deadline January 15, 2010

Application Deadline February 1, 2010

All Grant Applications will be available July 1, 2009 on our website www.plrac.org as both a Word document and a PDF file. If you prefer to receive a copy in the mail please contact our office at 1-800-298-1254.

To publicize your upcoming Arts Event you may contact these groups in addition to your local newspaper, radio and cable TV:

1. NEW Greater Mankato Events website: Submit your arts event information directly to www.greatermankatoevents.com
2. ArtCetera is a weekly radio show on KTOE 1420 am radio that highlights area artists, arts organizations and events. If you would like to be a guest on the show, contact Marti Ryan mryan1@isd77.k12.mn.us to arrange an interview. The show runs on Thursday mornings from 10:10 - 10:25 a.m.
3. KMSU Radio in Mankato also has a daily run-down of the area arts events, weekdays at 1:30 p.m., so please contact them with information.
Email: james.gullickson@mnsu.edu

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 plrac@hickorytech.net or www.plrac.org

FY 2010-2011 Biennial Arts Plan

Dear Arts Constituents:

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council submitted our Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Biennial Plan on May 15, 2009, to the Minnesota State Arts Board. A public meeting was held in April 2009 to review the plan. The Plan identifies the programs and services that Prairie Lakes intends to provide residents of the nine-county area over the next two years.

Please take a moment to read through the plan by going to the home page of our website www.plrac.org. There you will find a PDF of the plan and we would welcome your comments about the arts plan. As your Regional Arts Council we aim to provide you with the best service possible.

Sincerely, Brenda Flintrop, Executive Director

Prairie Lakes Arts Council Board Members

Blue Earth County	Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake
Brown County	Denice Evers, Springfield
Faribault County	Nancy Willette, Winnebago
LeSueur County	Bette Traxler, LeCenter
Martin County	Rochelle Franzen, Fairmont
Nicollet County	Don Myers, St. Peter
Sibley County	Marie Kreft, Arlington
Waseca County	Mary Jenatscheck, Waseca
Watonwan County	Gloria Eager, Madelia
City of Fairmont	Sharon Turner
City of Mankato	Judith Ziemke
City of New Ulm	Judy Martens
City of North Mankato	Pat Potzler



COLLEGE ARTS EVENTS

(check out their websites)

Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato

www.blc.edu Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Hours: 1-9 p.m., Sun.-Thurs. & 1-5 p.m. Fri.-Sat. (507) 344-7365 Concerts/Plays: (507) 344-7365 for tickets

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

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