



June 2011 Newsletter



State Budget Deficit of \$5 Billion Affects the Arts Cuts may be 15% or more in FY 2012-2013

The legislative session ended May 23, 2011 with no resolution on the \$5 billion dollar state budget deficit. Therefore, the Minnesota State Arts Board (MSAB) and eleven Regional Arts Councils have prepared several budget scenarios to deal with these cuts. The governor will call a special session sometime this summer. Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council held a public hearing on May 26, 2011 to discuss the FY 2012-13 State Plan and Budget submitted to the MSAB. In that plan there are contingency budgets to deal with a 5%, 15% and 30% cut to state arts funding.

New information for FY 2012, which begins July 1, 2011. There may be a state government shut down on July 1, 2011. If there is a shut down the PLRAC office will be open in July, but at reduced hours. This will not affect the grant payments for previous grantees awarded funds in FY 2011. The FY 2012 Grant deadlines will remain the same as listed in the June 2011 Newsletter on page 5.

New applications will be posted to the PLRAC website on July 1st and for planning purposes arts organizations can use the current ACH Grant application as a guide to begin preparing your application. There will only be a few changes to the questions on the application and the maximum of the grants will be reduced in FY 2012. **The maximum amounts are tentative, depending upon what will be the percentage cut to state arts funding.** If the cuts are low the maximum may be \$6,500 and if the cuts are more severe the maximum may be \$4,500 for the ACH Arts Grant. In the other categories: the

ACH Education Grant to Schools and ACH Cultural Heritage and Festival Grant may be \$3,500 or \$2,500 respectively.

The ACH grant deadline is August 1st and the review date is September 22, 2011. However, new ACH grant payments for FY 2012 will be delayed pending receipt of state arts funds by PLRAC.

Did you know... that MOST of our grant programs, workshops and sponsored events are made possible with funding by the MN Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the MN State Legislature with money from the vote of the people on MN on November 4, 2008.

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

Arts and Arts Access: awarded 49 grants totaling \$218,625; Arts Education: \$42,295, with 50 Youth Scholarships at \$300 each, and 8 school grants; and Arts & Cultural Heritage Festivals: \$14,080 awarded to 5 groups. Overall, the grants ranged in size from \$300 to \$7,000.

This "Legacy Amendment" funding has a new logo that you will see on the PLRAC website, grant guidelines, and events. It is also required by law to be incorporated, where practicable, into printed and other materials by grant recipients who have received funding through the Legacy grant programs. The Logo is available at:



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

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19th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition April 28-June 10, 2011

\$1,200 in Cash Awards Presented to Artists



Art Exhibition Award Winners Sixteen artists received awards at the Opening Reception on May 15, 2011. Those artists present at the reception were: Row 1 (L to R): Pam Bidelman, St. Peter; Debra Evans-Paige, LeSueur; Abra Wooldridge, Mankato; and Ann Kronlokken Widness, N. Mankato. Row 2: Rochelle Koberoski, Mankato; Janice Tanner, Janesville; and Kim Bovee, Henderson. Row 3: Arnoldus Grüter, Mankato; Jon Knecht, Mapleton; David Hydeke, Kasota; and Eric Ouren, Kasota. Row 4: Brad Widness, N. Mankato; Mark Traxler, Mankato and Dale Looft, Montgomery. Other award winners are listed on page 3.



This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

19TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE LAKES REGIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION CONTINUES THROUGH JUNE 10, 2011

The 19th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition was a huge success. The six week exhibit continues through June 10, 2011. Cash Awards totaling \$1,200 were presented to sixteen artists at the Opening Reception on May 15th. The top five Award winners and their art work are featured on page 4. In addition, ten artists received Merit Awards and are listed alphabetically. Brenda Byron noted that the People's Choice Award was selected by those attending the Exhibition prior to and during the Opening Reception. Nicole Lecy's charcoal drawing entitled "Ava Jean" received the most votes.

A total of 236 works of art were submitted for the exhibition and the juror Jill Ewald selected 93 pieces for display. The exhibit encompassed a variety of mediums including: drawings, paintings in acrylic, oil and watercolor, mixed media, photography, print-making, fiber, and ceramics. "This juried exhibit is an opportunity for emerging and established artists to display their work in a professional setting", noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director; "and it provides an opportunity for artists to sell their work." The exhibit is coordinated by the staff of the Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato; as the recipient of an Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant.

Over 600 students and teachers toured the exhibition using bus stipends provided by PLRAC, another 200 artists and guests attended the opening reception, with total attendance estimated around 1,000. The Prairie Ecology Bus and school bus stipends are funded by a grant from the **Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield**. The Prairie Ecology Bus was on site at the Carnegie on May 6th and students were taken to Rasmussen Woods and led on a nature hike to gather items to paint with. About 100 students in 5th grade participated in a hands-on art project at the nature center.

"We are proud to sponsor this event that showcases the artistic diversity and quality of our artists", noted Byron at the Opening Reception. It also provides an educational opportunity for youth, teachers and the general community.

MERIT AWARDS (\$50 each)

Kim Bovee, Henderson, "Partners", Graphite Pencil Drawing

Debra Evans-Paige, LeSueur, "Perpetual", Porcelain Jewelry

David Hyduke, Kasota, "Three Medium Sections", Steel Sculpture

Rochelle Koberoski, Mankato, "Bolted", Digital Photography

Dale Looft, Montgomery, "Ice Globes", Photography

Eric Ouren, Kasota, "Self Portrait w/Fish", Mixed Media

Janice Tanner, Janesville, "Dragon Fly", Mixed Media

Mark Traxler, Mankato, "Konya Rug circa 1800", Fibers

Brad Widness, North Mankato, "Sibley Place", Intaglio, Chiné Colle

Abra Wooldridge, Mankato, "The Loft", Acrylic

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (\$50)

Nicole Lecy, St. Peter, "Ava Jean", Charcoal Drawing



People's Choice Award - \$50
"Ava Jean", Charcoal Drawing
by Nicole Lecy, St. Peter

Award Winners of the 19th Annual PLRAC Regional Art Exhibition



1st Place - \$200
“Breathless”, Clay Sculpture
by Mika Negishi Laidlaw, Mankato



2nd Place - \$150
“Quo Vadis 06” , Mixed Media
by Arnoldous Grüter, Mankato



3rd Place - \$125
“Loss”
Mixed Media
by Jon Knecht, Mapleton



4th Place - \$100
“Three Figures
With Flowers”
Oil Painting
by Pam Bidelman,
St. Peter



5th Place - \$75
“Listen” , Mixed Media
by Ann Kronlokken Widness, North Mankato

FY 2012 GRANT DEADLINES

Arts-In-Education & Small Arts Project - \$1,000

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

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

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

Youth Scholarship/Mentorship Grant-\$300 each

October 3, 2011 Deadline
October 27, 2011 Review

PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship Grant - \$3,000

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

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

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

All new Grant Applications will be available after July 1, 2011 on our website www.plrac.org as both a Word document and a PDF file. If you prefer to receive a copy in the mail please contact our office at 1-800-298-1254.

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

Prairie Lakes Seeking Board Members Application Deadline June 30th

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has openings on the Board of Directors for representatives from **Blue Earth, LeSueur, Nicollet, Sibley and Waseca Counties and the City of New Ulm.** The deadline for submitting an application is June 30, 2011. Interested persons residing in these counties or the city of New Ulm should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at (800) 298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board and we will send you an application and a list of responsibilities. The new board members will be appointed on July 28th and have their first meeting on August 25, 2011.

The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: artists, arts consumers, art teachers and representatives of arts organizations. Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications, members are chosen for

their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, music, theater and visual arts.

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

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

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



June 2011 Arts Calendar



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

***June 1-5** Exhibition of paintings and drawings by Joe Doherty, at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@yahoo.com

***June 1-8** Lifeworks Exhibit at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

***June 1-12** New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music, a Museum on Main Street Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit. Moline and Lower Level galleries, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m., (507) 931-3630, www.artscentersp.org.

***June 1-11** Permanent Collection Exhibition at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, www.wasecaartscouncil.org, or patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org

***June 1-30** Exhibition featuring Fairmont watercolor artist, Orel Barker, at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (Opening Reception June 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m.) Hours: Tues. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thurs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., & Sat. June 4 & 18, 8 a.m.-noon. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/



June 1-30 "The Lens tells the Story" exhibit by the Bend of the River Photography Club. \$5/adults, \$2/students 5-17, children 4 and under free, BECHS members free. Blue Earth County Historical Society Heritage Center, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566 or www.bechshistory.com.



June 2 Civil War Historical Interpreter, Vickie Wendel of the Anoka County Historical Society interprets this free 60-minute presentation which is suitable for all ages. 7 p.m. New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

***June 2-4** American Legion Exhibit, in conjunction with the State Legion Meeting held in Montgomery, at the Montgomery Arts & Heritage Center, 206 B. First Street, Montgomery. Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 noon. (507) 364-8107.

***June 2-10** 19th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition, featuring over 90 pieces of art work from artists in the 9-county region, at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730.

***June 3** Kevin Soucie, playing French and Quebequois music 8 p.m., at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series, at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, info@thegrandnewulm.com, www.thegrandnewulm.com, or (507) 359-9222

***June 3, 10 & 17** Henderson's Music on Main Street. June 3, Lonesome Ron; June 10, Little City All Stars; June 17, Paul Christian; 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Toody's Sweet Treats, 417 Main Street, Henderson, Sponsored by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. (507) 248-3845 or dkolter@frontiernet.net.

***June 4** "Handel With Care: Handel Goes to Ireland." Follow Georg Fredrick Handel as he travels the world. A great introduction to a classical superstar for kids of all ages, starring Alex Barnett as Handel. Mankato YMCA exercise room, 1 p.m. Adults \$10, youth \$5. www.mankatosymphony.com Tickets available at the door, online, or Twin Rivers Box Office (507) 387-1008.

***June 4** "Dance the Night Away!" Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota spring dance recitals. Mankato/Waterville students - at 12 noon and 4:00 p.m. Mankato students perform, Mankato East High School Auditorium, 2600 Hoffman Road. \$8 adults and teens; \$7 seniors and children. (507) 625-2005, dcdance@hickorytech.net or www.dcsmdance.com.





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***June 4** Pengra and Arsenault, playing rootsy, Americana style music 8 p.m., the Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series, at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, info@thegrandnewulm.com, www.thegrandnewulm.com, or (507) 359-9222

June 7 “Anvil: The Story of Anvil Club,” the sixth music documentary film shown in conjunction with the traveling Smithsonian exhibit of American Roots Music at the Arts Center of St. Peter. 7 p.m., films shown at Treaty Site History Center, 1851 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, free. (507) 931-3630 or info@artscentersp.org.

***June 7, 14, 21 & 28** Mankato Area Community Band free concert, Leas Schwicket Arts Pavillion, Sibley Park, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. (507) 387-5990

June 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 28, & 30 Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota’s Awesome Arts Library Tour, June 7, 10 a.m.-12 noon, Winthrop Public Library, 305 N. Main St.; June 8, 4-6 p.m., Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave.; June 13, 2-4 p.m., Butterfield Public Library, 111 2nd St. North; June 14, 2-4 p.m., St. James Public Library, 125 5th Street South; June 15, time TBD, Mapleton Public Library, 104 1st Ave. NE; June 22, 4-6 p.m., Gaylord Public Library; June 28, 2-4 p.m., Hanska Public Library, 201 W. 2nd St.; June 29, 4-6 p.m., Gaylord Public Library; and June 30, 1-3 p.m., Waldorf Public Library, 119 S. Main St., 507-995-2242, <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>, or peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org

June 8-11 “Clue: The Musical” theater production at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Ted Paul Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$20 regular admission, \$18 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, MSU Box office (507) 389-6661, www.mnsu.edu/theatre/



June 9 Presentation by Bestselling Author, Jennifer Weiner. 7 p.m. Free admission, seats available on first-come, first-serve basis at Conference Center, South Central College, 1920 Lee Boulevard, N. Mankato. Sponsored by Traverse des Sioux Library System. (507) 625-6169.

June 9 Vaudeville in Minnesota with Michael Callahan of the Nicollet County Historical Society, 10 a.m., New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St., New Ulm. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

*** June 9-22** Iraqi American Reconciliation Project Exhibit featuring works by Nathan Fisher at the Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. (Opening Reception June 16, 5-8 p.m.) *The Unreturned* a documentary film will be shown June 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Centenary United Methodist Church across the street from Twin Rivers, followed by a discussion with Nathan Fisher. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

June 10 Doming Gomez and his Big Band; come and dance to swing music. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. 7-9 p.m. redrockcenter@frontiernet.net, www.martincountypreservation.org/or (507) 235-9262.

***June 10** Café Accordion Orchestra, playing Latin and swing music, 8 p.m., the Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

***June 10-11** Interlaken Heritage Days in Fairmont. June 10 activities feature the 8th Johnfest with a variety of music performances. Obroy art show and side stage activities provide for extra artistic talents to be displayed. June 11 there will be a variety of talent with Art in the Park at Sylvania Park, 209 Lake Ave. A variety of music performances will take place during this community event. (507) 238-9662

***June 10-July 3** Exhibition of sculpture by Kristin Harsma, at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@yahoo.com



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June 11 The AC Circuit Second Saturday, art and culture walk 1–5 p.m., a St. Peter Arts Association event. Special activities at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Avenue, contact (507) 931-3630 or info@artscentersp.org

***June 11** The Vinos, featuring Jimmy Fromm and Kyle Juntunen, 8 p.m., the Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

June 11-12 Arts by the River Annual Fine Arts Festival. June 11: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Artisan booths and live music on stage; 6 p.m. Performances by Trampled by Turtles; Moreland & Arbuckle; Galactic Cowboy Orchestra; Lehto and Wright; Pre-Apocalyptic Junkyard Orchestra; and Fish Frye. June 12: 12 noon-5 p.m. Artisan booths and live music on stage. <http://www.artsbytheriver.com>

***June 12-15** “Treasures of the Land” a celebration of the land, its rich legacy and our rural cultural heritage art show. Hours are: June 12 at 5-9 p.m.; June 13-14 at 2-9 p.m.; and June 15 Meet the Artists Reception, \$25, 5:30-8:30 p.m. with program at 6 p.m. (507) 835-2052, farmamer@hickorytech.net or <http://www.farmamerica.org>.



***June 13** Twin Rivers Center for the Arts Combo Nite. Join artists, arts groups, and TRCA Affiliates for “Arts After Hours”. Are you new to the area? Have you found your artistic passion and now you want to get involved? Are you looking for more people to join your group or are you looking to join a group? Here is your opportunity to connect. 6–7:30 p.m. Amy Roisum Foley will discuss “Creating with Pain” about repetitive stress injuries, body health and alignment and workstation set-up for Words of Wisdom. Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Ave., Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

June 13 Teen Tie Dye class, 2 p.m. New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St., New Ulm. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

***June 14** “Lunch with the Arts”, musical performance by Randy Yackle and his students. 12 noon, bring a bag lunch, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/

June 16 “A Transcendental Travelogue: When Henry Thoreau Steamed Up The Minnesota River,” slide presentation and talk by historian, Corinne H. Simth. 7 p.m., New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm; (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

***June 16-July 9** Postcard Art (Community Art Project) Exhibit, (Opening Reception, June 18, 1-3 p.m.) at Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730.

June 16 Third Thursday Gallery Walk in Mankato’s City Center. Local galleries open from 5-8 p.m. Participating galleries: Blue Earth County Historical Society, Fillin’ Station, Carnegie Art Center, The 410 Project, Landkamer Building, Raydiance Salon, The Coffee Hag, and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts. Sponsored by the City Center Partnership, www.citycentermankato.com/partnership.php

***June 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Brandon Sampson, playing indie rock music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

***June 17-18** Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre production of “Aladdin”, sponsored by Springfield Community Theatre. Performing Arts Center, Springfield High School, 12 South Burns Ave., \$4/ Adults and \$2/students. (507) 723-5117.



June 17 and 24 Kids Dance Lessons with New Ulm Narren, 1 p.m. New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org



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***June 17-19** Arlington Town & Country Days, all events held at Four Seasons Park. 1 p.m. Sunday parade, Wendinger Band performs after parade in the park. Sponsored by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, (507) 964-2378.

***June 17-July 17** The Arts Center's Own¹²: the 12th Annual Member-Artist's Show in the Moline Gallery, (Opening Reception, June 18, 1-3 p.m.), The Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. and Sun. 1-5 p.m., www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

***June 17-July 23** "From This Place" Exhibition featuring 16 Waseca County Natives who have successful art related careers at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N. (Opening Reception June 17, 7-9 p.m.) Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.



***June 18** Nita Gilbert, playing well-known and Dutch music, 8 p.m., the Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

June 18 Art Splash, a local art fair that helps raise money for the North Mankato Library and the Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held outdoors by the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Bellgrade Ave. On Facebook: ArtSplash-Art-Fair-in-North-Mankato, (507) 327-8350 or artsplashnmkto@gmail.com.

June 20 Doming Gomez and his Big Band; come and dance to swing music. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. 7-9 p.m. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/



June 21 Kids' Concert Series: Betty and Ocho, 6:30 p.m. German Park, New Ulm. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

June 21-25 "The Owl and the Pussycat" theater production at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Andreas Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$14.50 regular admission, \$13 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, MSU Box office, www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661

***June 22, 23, & 24** St. James Community Theater Production of "Disney's Beauty and the Beast", at the St. James High School Little Theater. \$8/adults and \$5/children. (507) 375-4517.

*** June 23-July 27** Liz Madsen Art Exhibition at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

***June 24-25** New Ulm Actor's Community Theatre's Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre, 5:30 p.m., Tickets \$45 and must be purchased in advance. At the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, www.thegrandnewulm.com or www.newulmact.com.

***June 24-25** Prairie Fire Children's Theatre production of "Beauty and The Beast.", sponsored by Sleepy Eye Community Education. St. Mary's School Auditorium, 104 St. Mary's St. NW. \$4/ Adults; \$2/students grades 7-12, and \$1/children grade 6 and younger. (507) 794-7873 or pat.stevermer@sleepyeye.mntm.org.

***June 24-26** Henderson Sauerkraut Days. A variety of free music performances will take place during the community event. (507) 248-3230 or www.kraut.hendersonmn.com

***June 28** "Lunch with the Arts", musical performance by Caitlin Parsley and Sarah Bankson. 12 noon, bring a bag lunch, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/



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* **June 28-Aug 24** Figuratively Speaking: Amanda Gullixson Exhibit at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

June 29 Thunder of Drums, Drum and Bugle Corp show and competition at Blakeslee Field, Minnesota State University, Mankato. 6:30 p.m. preshow, 7:00 p.m. full show. Reserved Seats - \$20 in advance and General Admission - \$12 in advance. Tickets are available at <http://twinriversarts.ticketforce.com/>

***June 30** Local musician, Gerry Busse, performs well know songs, 7 p.m. at Memorial Park, St. James; part of the concerts in the park series sponsored by the City of St. James. www.stjames.govoffice.com or (507) 375-4370

June 30 U.S.-Dakota War Series: Author Dean Urdahl, 7 p.m. New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

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Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

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

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



Arts Opportunities & Classes

Youth Opportunities

***June** Registration for summer dance classes held in July. Ages 18 months and up. Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota. (507) 625-2005, dcdance@hickorytech.net or www.dcsmdance.com.

***June 13-16** Wanda Gag Summer Art Camp Ceramic Sculpture Class 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Community Center, 600 N. German St., New Ulm for ages 13-17, \$20. Instructor is Jason Jaspersen. (507) 359-2632

Artist Opportunities

June 1-4 Call for Artists for the 7th annual ART SPLASH, North Mankato, June 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry fee: \$20 and an item to donate for the silent auction. Space is limited – please sign up early. Facebook: ArtSplash-Art-Fair-in-North-Mankato, (507) 327-8350 or artsplashnmkto@gmail.com

June 3 Arts by the River Annual Fine Arts Festival. June 11: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Artisan booths and live music on stage; 6 p.m. Trampled by Turtles performance. June 12: 12 noon-5 p.m. Artisan booths and live music on stage. www.artsbytheriver.com
Are you a Greater Mankato artist who missed the booth application deadline or are involved in an art organization that wants to have a presence at the fair? Then be a part of the Community Showcase! The Community Showcase is an opportunity for local artists, poets, writers, musicians, and arts-related organizations to participate in Arts by the River. The Community Showcase will be comprised of individuals, groups, and organizations who do not frequently display at arts fairs. This tent (60'x30') will showcase community engagement through the arts by displays, communication, and demonstrations. Download

the Community Showcase Application Form, fill it out and return it to Twin Rivers Council for the Arts at 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato, MN 56001.

***June 3, 10, 17, 24** Friday Muses invite artists to bring in-progress or completed artwork to the table and enjoy conversation with other artists, every Friday, 1-3 p.m. at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

***June 3 & 6** Submit artwork for “Treasures of the Land” Artists are invited to enter original works of art (watercolor, acrylic or oil), ready to hang, including framed/mounted photographs of any size. Works of art or photography will be juried for quality and intentional focus on the land and the precious treasures of the land that embrace the era (settlement -1850’s thru the present and immediate future). Interested Visual Artists should call and send description of the work and credentials to Farmamerica before June 2. Entry fee for selected pieces \$10 per entry or a maximum of three entries \$20. Works must be submitted Friday, June 3, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., or Monday, June 6, 12 noon-6:00 p.m. (507) 835-2052, farmamer@hickorytech.net, or <http://www.farmamerica.org>.

June 5 Mankato Mosaic Theatre Company will hold auditions 4-7 p.m. for its upcoming Coffee Shop Tales – “The Refill”. Auditions will be at the Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, Emy Frenz gallery at 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Because of the success of the first Coffee Shop Tales, Mosaic will be performing four new short plays at area coffee shops: July 21 at Daily Grind in Waseca, July 22 at Dunn Brothers in North Mankato, and July 23 at River

Rock in St. Peter. Open audition spots include: three female characters for “After Words” by Jan Hughes of Mankato; one male and one female character for “Horns” by Brendon Etter of Northfield; two male and two female characters for “Do They Serve Coffee in Hell?” by t.d. barna of Eagle Lake; and two male, one female and a role for either a male or female for “International Intelligence” by John Rezmerski of St. Peter. Actors can audition for any of the parts in any play. Directors for all of the plays will be available at the audition. For summaries of the plays, go to www.mankatomosaic.com. Actors unable to make the June 5 audition can arrange a separate audition or request an advance copy of a specific play by sending an e-mail to mankatomosaic@gmail.com.

June 8-11 Rural Arts and Culture Summit, A gathering of arts/culture makers, organizers, and supporters who are committed to further developing the richness of life in rural America. Learn from nationally renowned speakers, round table with peers from across the country, interact with panels and presenters representing the best in rural arts and culture practices, topics include: networking & building collaborations, audience development, marketing, fundraising, etc. Register fee is \$125. Summit held in Fergus Falls, MN. For more information visit: <http://ruralartsandculturesummit.com>

***June 14 & 16** Contour Art Workshop for age 10-adults, 1-3 p.m. \$15, register through CER (507) 235-4131. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont.

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***June 16** 4Playwrights Project Monthly Meeting. All area playwrights are invited. 7 p.m. at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. (507) 420-1881 or www.4playwrights.com

***June 16** Clay Center Open Studio (Community Night), 5-9 p.m. All ages, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required / \$5 recommended donation accepted. Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. info@artscentersp.org www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.



June 17 Mankato Area Non-Profit Networking Lunch: free, informal discussion and information-sharing group; noon - 1 p.m. at Blue Earth County Historical Society, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. (Held the third Friday of each month.) Participants are encouraged to bring questions, samples, and insights related to the topic of the day. Contact Amy Jo Lennartson at (507) 469-2217 or alennartson@mncn.org.

June 18 The Minnesota Valley Plein Aire Painters will host a paint out between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm. at the Emy Frenz Art Guild, 523 S. 2nd Street, Mankato. There is plenty of parking around the building - both street and parking lots. We have many beautiful historic buildings and small parks in the area providing a nice variety of painting subjects. Restaurants are nearby for lunch or bring your own. Restrooms and a kitchen with refrigerator and microwave can be used at the Guild building. Coffee and sweet breads will be provided in the morning. For more information contact Gerry Tostenson at gerrytos@hickorytech.net

***June 18** Bob Ross Around the Bend Landscape Painting Workshop, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. \$66, register through CER (507) 235-4131. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont.

***June 20, 21, 24** Comic Book Fine Art! 9:30-11:30 a.m. With the surging popularity of the graphic novel, the art of cartooning has returned to the scene in force. In this fine art offering by Henderson artist, Kim Bovee, students will learn basic technique in pen & ink drawing, watercolor, and story-boarding. In a step by step process, participants will develop a story-line, then write and illustrate its theme. Construction of the finished 'book' is the final step. \$15. LeSueur Community Center, 821 E. Ferry St. (507) 665-6264

***June 21-30 and July 5-14** ACCESS Program, The Nature of Art Class, with instructors Linda Bosworth & Denise Friesen. 5-7 p.m. Join us to create your own original artwork! We'll paint on paper and canvas, do printmaking and make paper sculptures. We will provide individual instruction and you will choose what you want to create. Be inspired by nature and the use of many art tools and materials. Everything will be provided, just bring your ideas and a sense of fun. Trips to the Bell Museum and MN Landscape Arboretum on July 19th and 21. Fee is \$25, \$45 w/ transportation. LCC Room 200. (507) 345-5222

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● **June** Gallery space open to local artists at the Blue Earth County Historical Society. Art must be two-dimensional, ready to hang, and all ages appropriate. Exhibits will change quarterly. 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato, (507) 345-5566 or bechsam@hickorytech.net

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

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

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

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

● **June** Love to work side by side with arts people? Here is your opportunity to rub elbows and get in on the action. On June 11 and 12th we will be needing volunteers to help assist the artists who will be exhibiting at the Riverfront Park event. To sign up (507) 387-1008 or info@twinriversarts.org.

● **June** Artist needed for Henderson Sauerkraut Days festival on the morning of June 25th. St. Paul's church is offering \$200 to an artist who can reproduce DaVinci's The Last Supper complete with cans of Frank's Sauerkraut and sauerkraut dishes on the table in chalks in one of the heavily visited areas of the festival. Creating the work for onlookers would be part of the spectacle. More details are available on Minneapolis Craigslist by searching "sauerkraut" in the Gigs section or by emailing Joe at museumused@gmail.com.



Arts Centers, Galleries and Classes

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St., Montgomery. Various events and monthly exhibits on display. Contact for hours (507) 364-8107

Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at www.artscentersp.org/classes. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. Clay Center Open Studio Night (third Thursday of every month 6:30-8:30 p.m.) no registration required/\$5 donation accepted; for all ages. Contact claycenter@artscentersp.org, info@artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630. Registration for all Arts Center and Clay Center classes is through St. Peter Community Education, 500 South Fifth Street, (507) 934-3048 or www.stpetercommunityedonline.com.

Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.carnegieartcenter.org.

Conkling Art Gallery, 139 Nelson Hall, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits are on display. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus, College, St. Peter. Events are free and open to the public. Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or <http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html>

Lifeworks Visual Arts Studio, 1806 Commerce Drive, North Mankato. Art Opportunities for people with developmental and physical disabilities. Contact Kristi or Carrie at (507) 625-7522.

Mankato Community Education will offer a variety of ARTS Classes in 2011 You can view the Program Guide at www.mankatocer.com and look under "Adult Enrichment", or call (507) 387-5501. Classes are held at Lincoln Community Center, Mankato East H.S., or the Emy Frenz Arts Guild.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tues. until 6 p.m.; Sat. May 14 & 28, 8 am-noon. or call to set up an appointment. Each Tuesday is 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. www.martincountypreservation.org or (507) 235-9262

Stones Throw Gallery, 420 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, (507) 934-5655. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by appointment. Features the work of many local artists. To browse individual artists' work and learn more about the artists and the Gallery, go to www.stonestrowgallery.org/

Student Union Gallery, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, Minnesota State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to midnight, Sun. 10 a.m. to midnight.

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

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts in the Emy Frenz Guild Building, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios, gallery space, and new Ticket Box Office for arts events in Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. 12- 4 p.m. and Thur. 4-8 p.m. Contact (507) 387-1008, info@twinriversarts.org or www.twinriversarts.org Link to www.greatermankatoevents.com

Waseca Art Center, 401 N. State St., Waseca. Monthly exhibits, Wednesday Group Meetings: 9:00-10:30 a.m. Drawing & Painting; and 11-11:45 a.m. Art Appreciation Discussion. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.

Chamber of Commerce & City Websites by County

Blue Earth County

Greater Mankato Area: www.greatermankatoevents.com

Lake Crystal Chamber of Commerce:
www.lakecrystalchamber.com

Brown County

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

Sleepy Eye Chamber of Commerce:
www.sleepyeyechamber.com

Springfield Chamber of Commerce:
www.springfieldmnchamber.org

Faibault County

Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce:
www.blueearthchamber.com

Wells calendar: www.wells.govoffice.com

Winnebago calendar: www.winnebago.govoffice.com

LeSueur County

Elysian calendar: www.elysianmn.com

LeCenter calendar: www.cityoflecenter.com

LeSueur Chamber of Commerce:
www.lesueurchamber.org

New Prague Chamber of Commerce:
www.newprague.com

Waterville Chamber of Commerce:
www.watervillemn.com

Martin County

Fairmont Chamber of Commerce:
www.fairmontchamber.org

Nicollet County

Nicollet Chamber of Commerce: www.nicollet.org

St. Peter Chamber of Commerce:
www.tourism.st-peter.mn.us

Sibley County

Arlington Community Bulletin Board:
www.arlingtonmn.com

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

Waseca County

Janesville calendar: www.janesville.govoffice.com

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

Waseca Chamber of Commerce:
www.wasecachamber.com

Watonwan County

Madelia calendar: www.madeliamn.com

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



State-Wide Online Resources

COMPAS

www.compas.org

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

www.compas.org/arts-education/young-audiences/programs/about

COMPAS and Young Audiences of Minnesota roster of Artists

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts

www.mncitizensforthearts.org

State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization to Increase funding

Minnesota State Arts Board

www.arts.state.mn.us

Artist Grant Info. & Publications: Basic Guide to Grants for MN Artists, Performance and Rehearsal Spaces, and Gallery and Exhibition Spaces in Minnesota.

www.arts.state.mn.us/aie/index.htm

Minnesota State Arts Board Roster of qualified Artists to conduct residencies in schools and other educational settings

Perpich Center for Arts Education

and Minnesota Arts High School, Golden Valley

www.pcae.k12.mn.us

Springboard for the Arts

www.springboardforthearts.org

Workshops for artists & non-profit arts groups

Statewide Website for Artists

& Organizations

www.mnartists.org

The website showcases the work of over 4,500 Minnesota Artists in all disciplines. Many are from our local region.

Traverse des Sioux Library System

<http://tdslib.org/achf/>

Application and information about Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants through the Library System.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

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