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 plrac@hickorytech.net

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.

Prairie Lakes Grants for FY 2020 Will Begin on July 1, 2019

The Arts & Cultural Heritage Deadline is August 1, 2019, and the maximum grant is $7,000 with a 50% cash match. The ACH Festival grant maximum is $5,000 and ACH Education Grants to Schools are $4,000. These grants require goals, measurable outcomes & a survey of participants. Details about grant deadlines & amounts are on pages 2-3. A variety of activities including art and music festivals, community choirs, dance performances, literary readings, instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater productions, visual art classes and exhibitions, and public art are eligible.

There is a July 1st and August 1st deadline for State funded Small Arts Project Community grant and School Arts Project grant for a maximum of $2,000, with a 10% cash match.
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**

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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!

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**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.

| Small Arts Project Community & School Arts Project - $2,000 | Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant $7,000 | Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant - $3,000 |
| 1st of the Month Deadline | ACH Education- $4,000 | September 15 Deadline |
| July 1, 2019 to May 1, 2020 | Arts Festivals - $5,000 | **Artist Career Development Grant - $1,000** |
| | August 1 Deadline & February 1 Deadline | January 15 Deadline |

**Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - $300**
October 1 Deadline

**Youth Scholarship 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.

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.

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.

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 Elysian 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
St. Olaf Lake Association, music performance - $600
Waseca Community Education, theater - $2,000
Waseca Marching Classic, clinicians - $1,750

FY 2019 Funds are exhausted. The next deadline is July 1 for FY 2020 funds.
Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff

Front Row (L to R): Denice Evers; Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomereneke; Carol Soma; Dana Sikkila; Cindy Lower, Program Manager; and Brenda Byron, Executive Director. Back Row: Dennis Van Moorlehen; 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 Three Board Positions Open

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has three vacant positions on the Board for representatives from the City of Fairmont, City of St. Peter and Sibley County.

The deadline for submitting an application is June 15, 2019. Interested persons residing in these areas 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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City of New Ulm .......... Charles Luedtke  
City of North Mankato .... Dana Sikkila  
City of St. Peter .......... Open

Staff

Executive Director .......... Brenda Byron  
Program Manager .......... Cindy Lower  
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 Muehlenhardt, 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.
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.

(Article continues on page 8)
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**

**Govenaires 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, (Article continues on page 9)

**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, Govenaires 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.

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.
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 2019. Four meetings of the Regional Arts Council (RAC) Director’s were held in 2018 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 2019 is to strive for Equity and Inclusion in our policies, 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 August 2018 to continue the discussion on this topic. RAC Staff also met in October 2018. 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.
**Arts Calendar**

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

*June 1* The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Masa Ishikawa Jazz Trio performing jazz music, 7:30 p.m. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com. Masa received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2018 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**June 1** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Horn of Plenty” Concert, 7:30 p.m., featuring Michael Gast on the French horn from the Minnesota Orchestra and works by Mozart, Schumann, and Haydn. Farewell reception for Kenneth Freed, 6 p.m. Held at St. Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave. Adults gold seat $35, silver seat $23, bronze seat $11, children under 18 free; www.mankatosymphony.com to purchase online. (507) 625-8880.

**June 1** “Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery” theater production, 7:30 p.m. Adults $16, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 $14. Held at the Andraeas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

**June 1** Maddie Fox’s “Creep Factor” Exhibition of Conceptual Portraiture (Photography). Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. www.the410project.com.

**June 1-23** Gregory Euclide’s Exhibit. (Reception, June 1, 3-5 p.m.) Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Avenue. Summer gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. (507) 931-3630 or www.artcentersp.org.

*June 1-28* Frank Meuschke’s “The Vernacular Landscape of Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve” Painting & Photography Exhibit, Andrew Judkins’ “Nature” Painting Exhibit, and Brian Gegal’s “Family Reflections” Drawing Exhibit. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701. Andrew received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2018 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**June 1-28** “Student Expressions... An Exploration of Mediums” Exhibit by New Ulm High School Advanced Art Students. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., 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.

**June 1-July 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.

*June 1- Dec. 31* The 2019/20 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

**June 2-July 25** “New Life Through Transition” Exhibit by Mary Gitter-Zehnder, Kay Herbst Helms, Virginia LaFrance, Terri Michaels, Jim Muyres, Ann Obernolte, Doug Wood, and Randy Wood. (Reception, June 2, 3-5 p.m.) 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.

*June 3-Aug. 28* Open Pottery Lab, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Education 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 Street, Mankato. www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

**June 4** Summer Concert Series: Northern Darling performing bluesy pop music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4th Ave. NE and 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

**June 4, 11, 18 & 25** 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 Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

*June 5* Mary Guentzel Quintet performs jazz and swing 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. www.gaylordmnchamber.com or (507) 237-5535.

*June 5, 12, 19 & 26* Lake Crystal Area Community Band Concerts, 6:30 p.m. June 5 at Zion Lutheran Church, 211 E. Robinson St., Lake Crystal; June 12 at Our Saviour’s Lutheran, 20674 484th Ave., Lake Crystal (Butternut); June 19 at Cornerstone United Methodist Church, 980 S. Main St., Lake Crystal; and June 26 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 19216 Rapidan Ave., Mankato (Rapidan). (507) 726-2673.
**June 6** Fairmont Opera House presents Minnesota Blues Hall of Fame inductee Paul ‘Mayo’ Mayasich performing blues music, 7 p.m., free. Held at Sylvan Park, 401 Lake Ave., Fairmont. Sponsored by the Fairmont Opera House, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

**June 6** The Johnny Rogers Show, Buddy and Beyond, The History of Rock ‘n Roll, a tribute concert to such artists as Buddy Holly, Elvis, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis, Ricky Nelson, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash and many more. Dance the night away to these great songs or just sit back and enjoy, 6:30-10 p.m. In advance $15 and at the door $20. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. www.katoballroom.com or (507) 625-7553.

**June 6** Historical re-enactor Arr Kind will present “D-Day. 75th Anniversary Commemoration of Operation Overlord”, 6 p.m., free. Watch history come alive with a realistic and colorful portrayal of the people who participated in these events. Held at the Saint Peter High School Performing Arts Center, 2121 Broadway Ave. (507) 934-0667.

*June 6-22* Jane Horton’s “All Over the Place” Mixed Media Exhibit in the Cook Gallery and David Hyduke and Andrew Hellmund’s “Two Generations – Two Metals: Some Mettle Required” Sculpture Exhibit in the Rotunda and Fireplace Galleries. (Reception, June 8, 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. Jane and David each received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2018 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**June 6, 13, 20 & 27** “Songs on the Lawn”, every Thurs. in June, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free. **June 6:** Gentlemen’s Anti-Temperance League performing swing music; **June 13:** Holy Rocka Rollaz performing 1950’s rock music; **June 20:** The Federales performing blues music; and **June 27:** Fattenin Frogs performing classic rock music. At the Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Sponsored by Greater Mankato Growth. www.greatermankato.com or (507) 385-6640.

**June 7** Author Allen Eskens will discuss his novels “The Life We Bury” and “The Shadows We Hide”, 6-8 p.m. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

**June 7-8** Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre performances of “Sleeping Beauty” by students ages 7-17, June 7 at 7:30 p.m. and June 8 at 2 p.m. Adults $5 and children $2. Held at Springfield Public School Auditorium, 12 S. Burns Avenue. Sponsored by Springfield Community Theatre, (507) 822-0133.


**June 7-23** Anika Rossw Strasser’s Exhibition. (Reception, June 7, 6-8 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.

*June 7-28* Sophia Weisensel’s “From Myself” Oil Painting Exhibit (Reception, June 7, 5-7 p.m.) Held at the Emy Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. www.twiniversarts.org or (507) 387-1008.

**June 8** Gordon Lightfoot in Concert, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Held at the Mankato Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets range from $49-$99, available at the Civic Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. (507) 389-3000 or www.mankatociviccenter.com.

**June 9** 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.

**June 10-July 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. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.


**June 11** Summer Concert Series: The Common Ground Company performing bluegrass, Americana, and folk music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4th Ave. NE and 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 835-2910.

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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 an upcoming newsletter!

Email the date, time, location, ticket price, and a brief description of the event to: plrac@hickorytech.net.
June 11 Author David Engen and photographer John Cross will discuss their book “The Wagon Wheel Project”, 6 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

June 11 Film screening and discussion of “Taking Woodstock”, as part of the Coming of Age Films Series, 6 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 North Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

*June 11, 18 & 25 The Mankato Area Community Band will perform free, outdoor 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 Schwickett Memorial Bandshell. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Rain cancels. The June 25 Pie in the Park concert is shared with the Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band. (507) 387-6990 or www.mankatoareacommunityband.us.

June 11, 18 & 25 Free Summer Noontime Organ Recitals by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, 12:10 p.m. each day. June 11 by Austyn Menk; June 18 by Chad Winterfeldt; and June 25 by Garrett Steinberg. Held at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. www.agosiuextrails.org or (507) 933-7447.

*June 12 Church of Cash performs country 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.

June 12 CLIMB Theatre will present a mini-play “Molly the Mouse” with an activity session focused on teaching empathy skills, 4 p.m. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State Street. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 835-2910.

June 12 “Moonshine, Speakeasies and Temperance Ladies: Minnesota’s Prohibition” program, at 7 p.m. Explore the Prohibition Era through costumed characters. Adults $10, Blue Earth County Historical Society members $7, ages 5-17 $5, and children under 5 free. Held at the Hubbard House, 606 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566.

June 12-15 “A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each night. Adults $22, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 $19. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnmsu.edu/theatre/.

*June 13 Meet the 2019 Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band. Hog Roast Supper at 5:30 p.m. At 7 p.m. they will debut their 2019 parade show and then perform a free concert. Held at Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffman Rd. www.77lancers.com or (507) 381-0316. *June 13 Music in the Park series: Gravel Road performing a wide variety of 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. www.winthropminnesota.com or (507) 647-5306.

June 13 Songs at Sylvania Park, 5-7 p.m. Music, family activities, and food to purchase. Held at Sylvania Park, 401 Lake Ave., Fairmont. Sponsored by Martin County Library. www.martincountylibrary.org or (507) 238-4207.

June 14 Orchestra Pops Camp Final Performance Concert, 6 p.m., admission $2. Held at the New Ulm High School Auditorium, 1600 Oak St. (507) 766-2973 or www.newulmsuzyuki.org.

June 14 Concert by three bands: Older Brother, Seasaw, and Beige Interior, 7:30 p.m. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. www.the410project.com.

June 14 Concert by The Whitesidewalls, 7 p.m., featuring rock and roll and doo-wop music. Advanced tickets $20, available at Hy-Vee, New Ulm Chamber, and online at www.statetstreetnewulm.org; tickets at the door $25. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statetstreetnewulm.org.

June 14 “Battle of the Bands” high school marching band competition and parade, 6 p.m., including the Mankato Area 77 Lancers and the Lake Crystal Area Community Band. During Lake Crystal Lake Days. (507) 726-2747.

*June 14 Concert by the Minnesota “Over-60” Band, 1 p.m., at the Good Samaritan Society, 411 7th Ave. NW, Arlington. (507) 317-1974.


June 15 ArtSplash, a local art fair that helps raise money for the North Mankato Taylor Library. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Including local art, live music, children’s art activities, and food trucks. Held at South Central College Campus, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. On Facebook: ArtSplash Art Fair in North Mankato, (507) 345-5120.

June 15 Concert by the Minnesota “Over-60” Band during Lewisville Fun Daze, 12:30 p.m. The band will also perform in the parade at 5 p.m. (507) 317-1974.

June 16 Free Recital by Organist Emily Bruflat and Ben Bruflat on Trumpet, 2 p.m. Held at First Lutheran Church, 1114 Traverse Road, St. Peter. Sponsored by the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. 507-933-7447 or www.agosiuextrails.org.

**June 17** Concert in the Park by Louis and Dan (& the Invisible Band), 7 p.m., performing entertaining, educational, and funny music for children and adults. Held at German Park, 200 N. German St., New Ulm. Sponsored by the New Ulm Public Library. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.


**June 18** Summer Concert Series: Sawyer’s Dream performing Americana, folk rock, and soul music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4th Ave. NE and 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

**June 18** Tipi Life, learn about living in a tipi as members of the Lower Sioux Agency build a replica tipi and discuss the customs of the Dakota people, 6 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

*June 19* Amy Manette performs jazz 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.

**June 20** Fairmont Opera House presents the A Cappella group, Tonic Sol-Fa, 7 p.m., free. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.


**June 21** Fairmont Opera House presents Children’s Theatre Final Showcase Performance for grades K-2, 3:30 p.m., free. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, www.fairmontoperahouse.org or (507) 238-4900.

**June 21** Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Jazz Concert by EZ & Friends, refreshments at 7 p.m. and music at 7:30-9:30, $10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artcentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

**June 21-22** Solstice Outdoor Music Festival, family friendly event with live music all day. Gates open at 4 p.m. on June 21 and 11 a.m. on June 22. Friday single day ticket $20; Saturday single day ticket $40; weekend passes, including camping $50; ages 14 and younger free with paid adult. Food and craft vendors will be on site. Go to www.festivalsolstice.com for a full schedule of performers. Held at Land of Memories Park, 100 Amos Owen Ln., Mankato. (507) 340-6809.


**June 22** Poetry, Dance, Song, Artistic Open Stage Event, held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Contact the Art Center for more information. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

**June 25** Summer Concert Series: Lena Elizabeth performing folk and blues music, 7 p.m., held at Trowbridge Park, corner of 4th Ave. NE and 2nd St. NE, Waseca. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

*June 26* Hammer Tyme 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.

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Look for upcoming events, grant deadlines, photos and other important information to be posted!
June 26-29  “Shadowlands” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each night. Adults $16, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 $14. Held at the Andreas Theatre, MN State Univ., Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

*June 27  Music in the Park series: Dale Dahman and the Polka Beats performing polka music, 6:30-8 p.m. Light meal offered at 5:30 p.m. Held at the Winthrop City Park, Cottonwood Street. Sponsored by the City of Winthrop. www.winthropminnesota.com or (507) 647-5306.

June 27  Pop-Up Kiddo Drive-In, 7:30 p.m., children can ride their bikes, skateboards, etc. to the event and participate in free art activities and explorations of song and dance. A children’s movie will be shown on a big screen to end the event starting at 8:30 p.m. (507) 995-4392. Held at Bellissimo Paint & Coverings parking lot, 417 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato.

June 27  Closing Concert by Summer Honor Choir Camp participants in grades 9-12, 12 Noon. Held at Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. (507) 344-7365 or www.blc.edu/events.

June 28  “A Tribute to the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock” Concert, 7:30 p.m. Advanced tickets $12.50, available at Hy-Vee, New Ulm Chamber, and online at www.nwstatestreetnewulm.org; tickets at the door $15. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.nwstatestreetnewulm.org.

June 28  Springfield Riverside Days Parade, including Minnesota “Over-60” Band, 6:30 p.m. (507) 317-1974.

June 28-29  Waseca Community Education sponsors Children’s Summer Theater production of “Law & Order: Fairy Tale Unit”, June 28 at 7 p.m. and June 29 at 2 p.m., tickets $3 at the door. Held at the Waseca High School Performing Arts Center, 1717 2nd St. NW, Waseca. (507) 835-5626 or www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com.


*June 28-30  Henderson Sauerkraut Days. A variety of free music will take place including performances by the Bag Pipes of Macalester College, Rince na Chroi Irish Dancers, and Mankato Riverblenders barbershop quartet. (507) 248-3234 or www.kraut.hendersonmn.com.

June 28-29, July 5-7  Curtain Call Theatre will present the musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”, June 28-29 & 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. www.curtaincalltheatre.net or (507) 744-8947.

June 28-July 14  Olivia Sirek’s Painting and Mixed Media Exhibition. (Reception, June 28, 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.

June 29  Displays and demonstrations of quilts and needlework by the Quiltistry group, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Held at the Brown County Historical Society Annex Meeting Room, 2 N. Broadway St., New Ulm. (507) 233-2616 or www.browncountryhistorymn.org.

**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.


**M.A.C. (Mankato Arts and Culture) is a Public Access Program**

creating awareness and advocacy for Minnesota’s creative communities.

M.A.C. is produced by KTV, a public access station that plays community interest programming in the Mankato and North Mankato Area. M.A.C.’s goal is to engage the greater Mankato area with unique forms of art and culture, innovative creative leaders, and breaking down the stereotype of who and what makes an artist. Dana Sikkila, Director and Producer. Kurt Shrader, Bethany Lutheran College, Producer, Director of Photography, and Editor.

The first episode features Mankato illustrator and musician Jason Knudson as well as St. Peter painter and arts advocate Pam Bidelman. Each share their personal story of becoming a maker, as well as struggles and strengths they’ve encountered along the way.

The first episode of M.A.C. is live and can be viewed easily by going to the M.A.C. Facebook page or on YouTube at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CVJIS_qtxKY

**M.A.C. (Mankato Arts and Culture)**

*This activity received a Small Arts Grant from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council in 2018.*
Youth Arts Opportunities

Youth Classes

June 3-8 Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre auditions and performances of “Sleeping Beauty” for students ages 7-17 from Springfield and the surrounding area. Auditions are June 3 at 1 p.m. Performances are June 7 at 7:30 p.m. and June 8 at 2 p.m. Held at Springfield Public School Auditorium, 12 South Burns Avenue. Sponsored by Springfield Community Theatre, (507) 822-0133.


June 6-Aug. 29 Beginner Ballroom Dance Classes. Thursdays, 7-9 p.m., ages 10 and up. Come to one class, a few, or all. $15 per class per couple, $10 per individual. Sign up online at www.statetstreetnewulm.org or come to the class with payment. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statetstreetewulm.org.

June 10-14 or 17-21 Painting Techniques Class led by Logan Schock, 9 a.m.-12 Noon, ages 9 and up. Learn how to mix paints, color theory, and more, $85. Register with Mankato Area 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.

June 10-14 or 17-21 Drawing Techniques Class led by Logan Schock, 1-4 p.m., ages 9 and up. Learn fundamental skills such as shading and line weight, $85. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 152, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Area Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

June 10-14 or 17-21 Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre, 1-5:15 p.m. each day, ages 7-16, $50 per student. June 10-14 is Robin Hood. June 17-21 is Beauty and the Beast. Register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at Mankato East High School Auditorium, 2600 Hoffmann Road. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

*June 10-21 Art Camp, Mon.-Fri., 1-5 p.m., grades 3-8, includes classes on many different art mediums. Register with GFW Community Education. Held at the Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop Elementary School, 323 E. 11th St., Gibbon, (507) 834-6822. Sponsored by T-Bird Community Arts. (507) 647-5224.


June 11 Art Start for Tots – Colors with Franz Mark 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.

June 13 Canvas Art Class. Ages 6-10 at 10 a.m. and ages 11-17 at 2 p.m. Registration required. 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.


June 18 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. 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. (507) 235-9262 www.redrockcenter.org/.

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Youth & Adult Opportunities

June 18-21  Young Art Explorers Summer Art Camp, Grades K-3, 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day, $50. Enjoy different art mediums every day, including murals, 3-D art, pop art, and dream catchers. 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.

June 18-21  Club Picasso Summer Art Camp, Grades 4-6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day, $50. Enjoy different art mediums every day, including African masks, beading, papier-mâché & watercolors. Register with Waseca Community Education at www.waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

June 22-27  Honor Choir Camp for high school singers and musicians. For grades 9-12. $275, includes tuition, housing, meals, activities and instruction. Visit www.blc.edu/events/honor-choir-camp-2019 for additional information and to download an application form. Held at Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. susan.harstad@blc.edu or (507) 344-7365.

*June 24-25  Open Auditions for Springfield Community Theatre’s “The Little Mermaid” production. 6:30-7:30 p.m. each night for students in grades 5-8. 7:30-8:45 p.m. each night for grades 9 to adult. Performances will be Nov 22-24. Auditions held at the Springfield Public School Auditorium, 12 S. Burns Ave. (507) 723-6315.

June 27  Wood Sign Painting for Kids Class, ages 5-12, 1-3 p.m., $18. All supplies provided. Register with Fairmont Community Education, (507) 235-3141. After registration you will pick a design. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 www.redrockcenter.org/

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. 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.

Youth Summer Dance Class Opportunities:
Dance Express: (507) 625-3865 or https://sites.google.com/view/specialtycamps.
Mankato Ballet Company: http://mankatoballet.org/classes/summer/ or (507) 625-7716.
Riverfront Performing Arts: https://www.riverfrontartsmn.org/summer-classes or (507) 469-4351.

Adult Artists

June 1  What Am I Looking At? Art Appreciation Class. 1-3 p.m. Like looking at art, but don’t know how to describe why you like what you like (or don’t)? This fun one-session, discussion-based class will give you a bag of art terms to use any time. $10, registration required with St. Peter Community Education online at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or (507) 934-6210. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

June 4, 11, 18 & 25  Jam Sessions, Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

June 4-July 9  Beginning Watercolor Class, Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. Learn basic watercolor techniques. Topics will include which brushes to use for different strokes, types of watercolor paper, watercolor palette vs. paint from tubes, & the types of additives one can use to create different textures and patterns. $85, register with St. Peter Community Education, www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or (507) 934-6210. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

June 5  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.

June 5 & 19  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.

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**June 6-Aug. 29** Beginner Ballroom Dance Classes, Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. Come to one class, a few, or all. $15 per class per couple, or $10 per class per individual. Sign up online at www.statestreetnewulm.org or come to the class with payment. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

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

**June 8** Southern Minnesota Poet’s Society Monthly Meeting, 12:30-3 p.m., come have lunch and bring 10 copies of a one page poem you want critiqued. SMPS members will help you with your poem. Free, visitors welcome. Held at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 345-1174 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

**June 9** 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 are welcome, no previous participation or experience necessary. $5, no advanced registration required. Held 2nd Sunday of the month, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

**June 10** 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.

**June 12** 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.

**June 12 or 26** Welding Basics for Everyone Classes, 6-9 p.m. Learn MIG and Arc welding, including welding safety, proper preparation, equipment use, hands on practice of various welding joint techniques. Members $40, non-members $45, each session. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921, www.mankatomakerspace.org.

**June 13** Glass Torchwork with Basic Color Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn to make your own colored necklace pendants, $80. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921, www.mankatomakerspace.org.


**June 17 - July 15** Beginning Watercolor Painting Class led by Kevin Kroebner, Mondays, 6-8 p.m. Learn the basic fundamentals and techniques for watercolor painting. No prior experience required. $69. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

**June 18-July 9** Introduction to Pottery Class led by Caitlyn Heyer, Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. Learn basic throwing techniques and skills. No prior clay wheel experience required. $69. Register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton Street, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

**June 20** 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.

*June 21* The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, hosted by Dave “Ocho” O’Connell, 7:30 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.


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*June 24-25  Open Auditions for Springfield Community Theatre’s “The Little Mermaid” production, 7:30-8:45 p.m. each night. (Special audition time for students in grades 5-8, 6:30-7:30 p.m.) Performances will be Nov. 22-24. Auditions held at Springfield Public School Auditorium, 12 S. Burns Ave. (507) 723-6315.


June 29  Southern Minnesota Movie Musicals Club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. View “Million Dollar Legs”, free. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

June 29-30  Artwork Entry Day for the 2019 Membership Show at the Arts Center of Saint Peter. June 29 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. and June 30 from 1-4 p.m. Up to two pieces can be accepted. Exhibit will by July 5-27. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Contact the Arts Center for more information and to download an entry form. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

June  The 410 Project is in the process of selecting our upcoming artists for the 2019 and early 2020 exhibitions. Interested artists should email 5-7 images of current work, an artists statement, and biography to the410project@hotmail.com. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. www.the410project.com.

June  Red Rock Center will feature a Community Art Show during the months of July/August. Open to all individuals within a 40 mile radius of Fairmont. Up to 2 items may be submitted, $5 entry per piece. Cash prize will be awarded for People’s Choice award. To reserve a spot email info@redrockcenter.org. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

June-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 6"x6” 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 training 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.

Minnesota State Arts Board Grant Opportunities

For more information call (800) 866-2787. For a link to the online applications, go to the Minnesota State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us. Deadlines are at 4:30 p.m. of each grant due date.

June 21  Arts Access Deadline. This program is designed to encourage long-term engagement between arts organizations and traditionally underserved communities. $5,000-$100,000. Email contact natalie.kennedy@arts.state.mn.us.

June 28  Artist Initiative: Visual Arts Deadline. This program is designed to support and assist professional Minnesota artists at various stages in their careers by encouraging artistic development, nurturing artistic creativity, and recognizing the contributions of individual artists to the creative environment of the state of Minnesota. Grants will be awarded for career building and for the creative development of artists. $2,000-$10,000. Email contact: sherrie.fernandez-williams@arts.state.mn.us.

July 12  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. Email contact: rina.rossi@arts.state.mn.us.

July 19  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. Email contact: richard.hitchler@arts.state.mn.us.
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.thecarnegieemankato.com, (507) 625-2730, or artectr@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., Thur., 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 Emery Frentz Arts 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@twininriversarts.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.gustaven.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.
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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