



March 2011 Newsletter



A Total of \$17,400 was awarded to 58 Area Youth for Scholarships from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund



The \$300 Youth Scholarship Recipients live in nineteen different communities representing eight counties.

Pictured with the Scholarship Recipients is Brenda Byron, Prairie Lakes Executive Director in the back row, far left. Not all students are represented in the photo, so an alphabetical list by county and city is provided. **Blue Earth County:** Jessica Jones of Amboy; Lyra Boulester of Eagle Lake; Karin Davey of Lake Crystal; Rachel Levine and Amanda Rensch of Madison Lake; and Stephanie Adams, Lindsey Chambers, Andrea Erdman, Andie Evans, Daniel Halvorson, Pratcha Jagdish, Emily Karkoska, Savannah Keithley, Holly McKissick, Taylor Owen, Claire Park, Jessica Radzak, Megan Redlin, Emily Reynolds, Alexandra Rivers, and Lena Scheidel, all from Mankato. **Brown County:** Anne Goedtke and Ellen Goedtke of Comfrey; Lydia Balge, Christina Biedenbender, Philip Biedenbender, Jacob Martens, Kyrie Sellnow, and Silas Sellnow, all from New Ulm; Bethany Berkner, and Luke Draper of Sleepy Eye; and Erin Hauth and Ellen Meyers of Springfield. **Faribault County:** Lauren Allis of Easton. **LeSueur County:** Austyn Menk of LeCenter; Jasmine Houska, Joshua Weinberg, Connor Wiederich, and Selena Wiederich, all from LeSueur; and Marissa Manteufel of rural St. Peter. **Martin County:** Caleb Prigge and Rachel Prigge of Fairmont; Alan Fisher of Granada; and Darian Wohlraabe of Trimont. **Nicollet County:** Emily Anderson, Marie Jackson, Emily Pipes, Josh Portner, Victoria Snyder, Maria Soroka, and Ann Stevens, all from North Mankato; and Hannah Barnlund, Jacob Schettler, Michaela Zachman, and Bailey Zallek, all from St. Peter. **Waseca County:** Kirsten Brenden and Jordan Paulson of Waseca. **Watonwan County:** Megan Lahti of St. James.

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Youth Art Scholarships of \$300

are made possible through the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that grants of \$17,400 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, which is funded by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, have been awarded to students in grades 7-12 throughout the region. The Youth Scholarships and Mentorships of \$300 will provide these students the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist, attend an arts workshop, series of classes or special training opportunity over a period of months.

The students will be working with many area arts groups including: Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota, Jill Hoggard Academy of Dance, Mankato Ballet Company, Mankato Children's Chorus, Mankato Figure Skating Club, Mankato 77 Lancers Marching Band, Mankato Suzuki School of Music, New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, and Spotlight Dance Studio. Many independent music instructors throughout the area will also be utilized for their teaching ability.

The next deadline for Youth Scholarships is October 3, 2011.



Brown County Youth Scholarship Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees: (L to R): Brown County Youth Scholarship Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees: (L to R): Denice Evers, Springfield, PLRAC Board Member representing Brown County; Bethany Berkner, Sleepy Eye; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.



LeSueur County Youth Scholarship Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees: Row 1 (L to R): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Marissa Manteufel; and Selena Wiederich. Row 2: Connor Wiederich and Austyn Menk.



Blue Earth County Youth Scholarship Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees: Row 1 (L to R): Jessica Radzak, Amanda Rensch, Claire Park, Praticha Jagdish, Lindsey Chambers, and Andrea Erdman. Row 2 (L to R): Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake, PLRAC Board Member representing Blue Earth County; Emily Reynolds; Alex Rivers; Karin Davey; Lena Scheidel; Holly McKissick; Emily Karkoska; and Mary Motter, PLRAC Board Member representing the City of Mankato.

Youth Art Scholarships listed by counties and communities

Blue Earth County – \$6,300

Amboy: Jessica Jones

Eagle Lake: Lyra Boulester

Lake Crystal: Karin Davey

Madison Lake: Rachel Levine and Amanda Rensch

Mankato (16): Stephanie Adams, Lindsey Chambers, Andrea Erdman, Andie Evans, Daniel Halvorson, Pratcha Jagdish, Emily Karkoska, Savannah Keithley, Holly McKissick, Taylor Owen, Claire Park, Jessica Radzak, Megan Redlin Emily Reynolds, Alex Rivers, and Lena Scheidel.

Brown County – \$3,600

Comfrey: Anne Goedtke and Ellen Goedtke

New Ulm: Lydia Balge, Christina Biedenbender, Philip Biedenbender, Jacob Martens, Kyrie Sellnow, and Silas Sellnow.

Sleepy Eye: Bethany Berkner and Luke Draper

Springfield: Erin Hauth and Ellen Meyers

Faribault County – \$300

Easton: Lauren Allis

LeSueur County – \$1,800

LeCenter: Austyn Menk,

LeSueur: Jasmine Houska, Joshua Weinberg, Connor Wiederich, and Selena Wiederich.

Rural St. Peter: Marissa Manteufel

Martin County - \$1,200

Fairmont: Caleb Prigge, Rachel Prigge

Granada: Alan Fisher

Trimont: Darian Wohlrabe

Nicollet County - \$3,300 (Photo on page 4.)

North Mankato: Emily Anderson, Marie Jackson, Emily Pipes, Josh Portner, Victoria Snyder, Maria Soroka, and Ann Stevens.

St. Peter: Hannah Barnlund, Jacob Schettler, Michaela Zachman, and Bailey Zallek.

Waseca County - \$600

Waseca: Kirsten Brenden and Jordan Paulson

Watonwan County - \$300

St. James: Megan Lahti



Waseca County Youth Scholarship Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees: (L to R): Mary Jenatscheck, Waseca, PLRAC Board Member representing Waseca County;

Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; and Kirsten Brenden.



Martin County Youth Scholarship Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees: Row 1 (L to R): Darian Wohlrabe, Caleb Prigge, and Rachel Prigge. Row 2: Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Judy Berkeland, PLRAC Board Member representing the City of Fairmont; and Bonnie Taplin, Fairmont, PLRAC Board Member representing Martin County.



Watonwan County Youth Scholarship Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees: (L to R): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Megan Lahti; and Joe McCabe, St. James, PLRAC Board Member representing Watonwan County.

\$3000 Artist Fellowship Grants Awarded



PLRAC/McKnight 2011 Artist Fellowship Grantees: (L to R): Row 1: Mika Laidlaw, Denise Friesen, and Pamela Bidelman. Row 2: Lois Peterson, Todd Shanafelt, Patti Ruskey, Janice Tanner, and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. Not pictured: Cheryl Casteen, Michael Jorgensen and Brad Widness.

The PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship Grant provides professional mid-career artists with financial support that enables them to further their work and their contribution to their communities. Applicants are expected to demonstrate professional achievement in their disciplines.

Professional mid-career artist defined: professional achievement includes, but is not limited to: juried exhibitions, performances, and publications. Eligible artists are beyond the “emerging” or “beginning” stage in their careers. They have proved to be deeply engaged in their art form and may be ready to take a “leap” in their career. They are committed to being artists and to creating a body of work.

This program is made possible by funds provided by the McKnight Foundation under a program designed and administered by PLRAC. Applicants must reside in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County.

Eighteen Fellowship Applications were reviewed and ten Fellowships of \$3,000 each were awarded. Grantees are listed in alphabetical order with a brief description of their fellowship plan.

Pamela Bidelman, St. Peter. Pam is a visual artist and will have a one year mentorship with Cheryle Melander, Minneapolis. She will develop her skills in oil painting through this mentorship, create new paintings and will exhibit her work at a gallery in southern Minnesota at the conclusion of her mentorship.

Cheryl Casteen, St. Peter. Cheryl is a photographer and will create a new body of digital photographic portraits. Funds will be used for lighting equipment, supplies, matting and framing. She plans to exhibit her work at a gallery in St. Peter and at one other location.

Denise Friesen, North Mankato. Denise is a visual artist and will create new drawings and monotype works.

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Nicollet County Youth Scholarship Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees

Row 1 (L to R): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Maria Soroka; Emily Pipes; Michaela Zachman; and Hannah Barnlund. Row 2: Pat Potzler, PLRAC Board Member representing the City of North Mankato; Bailey Zallek; Ann Stevens; Josh Portner; and Jacob Schettler.

2011 PLRAC/McKnight Artist Fellowship Grantees

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Funds will be used for supplies, matting and framing. In 2011 she plans to exhibit her work at the Carnegie Art Center, Mankato; The Bell Museum, University of MN; and the Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI.

Michael Jorgensen, St. Peter. Michael is a vocalist and will prepare and present a song recital for baritone and piano featuring works by living composers from Minnesota. In addition to performing existing works, he will present world premieres of two songs written for this recital and a new realization of a movement from a symphony that he has previously premiered. Funds will be used to compensate the three composers involved in the premieres and the pianist. The recital will take place at Gustavus Adolphus College in October 2011.

Mika Laidlaw, Mankato. Mika is a ceramic artist and will create new work using a slip-casting technique with the high-fire porcelain slip; and a coil-building technique with various types of clay. Funds will be used for supplies, clay and glaze. An exhibit at the Conklin Gallery, MSU, Mankato is planned in fall 2011.

Lois Peterson, St. Peter. Lois is a visual artist and will produce and exhibit a series of large scale, mixed media drawings, primarily done in oil sticks. Funds will be used to upgrade her art studio, purchase supplies and framing, and transportation costs for the exhibit. An exhibition is scheduled for the fall of 2011 at the Pump House Art Center, LaCrosse, WI.

Patti Ruskey, Mankato. Patti is a visual artist and will document and create a portfolio of her previous work,

create a new body of mixed media pieces, and pursue exhibits in new spaces in order to reach a wider audience. Funds will be used for art supplies, framing, digital camera and computer supplies. An exhibit at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, Bloomington Art Center, or other gallery is planned.

Todd Shanafelt, Mankato. Todd is a visual artist and will create 15 new ceramic-based sculptural works. He will be exploring a new idea with this work and the association between the human component and the natural world. Funds will be used for tools, clay, glaze, and mixed media materials; and a laserjet printer and supplies. An exhibition at the Centennial Student Union Gallery, MSU, Mankato and/or the Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, is planned.

Janice Tanner, Janesville. Janice is a visual artist and will create three mixed-media pieces that represent a sculptural canvas using bird shapes as a way to compose and inform the paintings. Photographing birds, animals and nature has become an integral part of her art work and funds will be used to purchase a digital camera, lens and art supplies. An exhibit at the Carnegie Art Center or Waseca Art Center is planned at the end of 2011.

Brad Widness, North Mankato. Brad is a printmaker and draughtsman. He will create new work that goes beyond the traditional 2-D format and incorporates book-art forms and other related 3-D structures. Funds will be used for classes, supplies, equipment and tools to create this new work. He plans to exhibit the work locally and may incorporate poetic readings at the reception, which have uniquely inspired certain works.

ARTS-IN-EDUCATION and SMALL ARTS PROJECT GRANTS

FY 2011 (July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011)

BLUE EARTH COUNTY

The 410 Project Art Gallery, Mankato (SA) \$1,500

BROWN COUNTY

Community and Seniors Together (SA) \$1,400

LE SUEUR COUNTY

Cleveland Public School (AIE) \$890

WASECA COUNTY

Waseca High School Jazz Festival (SA) \$1,500
Waseca County Historical Society (SA) \$1,300

WATONWAN COUNTY

Madelia Community Theater (SA) \$1,480

In FY 2011 Matching grants up to \$1,500 are available for both of these programs. The deadline is April 1, and May 1, 2011 or until funds are exhausted.

The Small Arts (SA) project grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. Arts-In-Education (AIE) grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, live art performances or mini-workshops and arts related field trips.

All Grant Applications are available on our website www.plrac.org as both a Word document and a PDF file.

Arts Advocacy Day will be March 8, 2011

Arts Advocacy Day will be really important this year as we work to protect the arts in the face of Minnesota's huge deficit. BE A PART OF THE ACTION at MCA's Arts Advocacy Day on March 8, 2011. We start with a rally and then split into teams to talk to legislators about why they should support the arts. Arts people from every corner of the state come together in St. Paul. It's the best arts networking opportunity of the year, so sign up now at www.mncitizensforthearts.org. Join us!

In 2010 members of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) and local residents joined over 750 arts advocates from around the state, at the Capitol. Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes, noted that arts advocates formed 39 teams and met with over 90% of all legislators. The team led by Byron met with seven legislators from south-central Minnesota. "It was a great experience to be at the capitol in 2010 with so many arts supporters. However, we are very concerned about the state deficit and know that all agencies will need to be cut to balance the budget", noted Byron. "The 2011 budget deficit is \$6.25 billion and we are very concerned about how this will impact the state arts budget," added Byron. It's important for arts constituents to attend Advocacy Day in person.



Arts Advocacy Day 2010. Row 1: Joel and Carol Moline, Arts Center of Saint Peter; Rep. Kathy Brynaert; Mark Cipos, Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, Mankato; Brenda Byron, Waseca, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council & board member of MN Citizens for the Arts. Row 2: Ellen Draeger, Owatonna; David Goldstein, Arts Center of Saint Peter; Daniel Zielske, board member of MN Citizens for the Arts; and Mark Gehring, Owatonna, Vega Productions.

Legacy Logo is now available for arts groups

A **New Legacy Logo** is to be used to identify all projects funded by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. This logo illustrates the clean water, outdoor heritage, parks and trails, and arts and cultural heritage funds that were established following passage of the Legacy Amendment in November 2008. The logo will be displayed throughout the state at Legacy Amendment supported projects, in print, on signs and other materials reflecting the support of Minnesota residents via our vote in 2008.



Look for this logo on materials of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council and other regional arts councils when the Legacy Amendment is the source of funding for that project.

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Legacy Website:

<http://www.legacy.leg.mn/>

This website was created by the Minnesota Legislature to help citizens monitor how dollars from the Legacy Amendment and the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund are being invested in the state. On this site you can track the progress of hundreds of funded projects, see how funds are being invested in your community and learn how you can apply for funds.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Programs:

<http://www.legacy.leg.mn/funds/arts-cultural-heritage-fund>

Minnesota State Arts Board Grantees:

<http://www.arts.state.mn.us/grants/machf.htm>

The Logo is available in several formats for grantees to use. Please refer to this website.

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



March 2011 Arts Calendar



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

March 1 High School Band Concert, 7 p.m., Montgomery-Lonsdale High School Auditorium, 101 2nd St. NE, Montgomery. (507) 364-8157, brian.kotila@montlonsdale.k12.mn.us or www.montlonsdale.k12.mn.us



March 1 Novel Destinations: Travel Series!, meet Maud Hart Lovelace (1892-1980) author of the Betsy-Tacy series of children's books. 7 p.m., at Gaylord Public Library, 428 Main Ave., Gaylord. (507) 237-2280 or <http://gaylordlibrary.tdslib.org>.

March 1-4 Master of Arts Exhibit at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

***March 1-9** "Image and the Word", a collaboration of Mankato-area poets and photographers 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



March 1-16 AIGA Deign Show at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to midnight. 507-389-6767 or <http://csu.mnsu.edu/>

***March 1-25** "Items of Interest" exhibit by Robert Finkler, 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

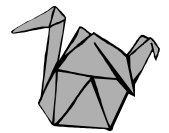
March 1-27 High School Art Invitational Exhibition, (Opening Reception, March 19, 1-3 p.m.) Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu

***March 1-29** March Artist of the Month, Darwin Anthony, with paintings and poetry, (Artist Reception, March 28, 5-7 p.m.) at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery hours: Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and by appointment. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/



***March 1-April 10** "Six McKnight Artists" McKnight Exhibition from Northern Clay Center featuring Ursula Hargens, Maren Kloppmann, Ilena Finocchi, Elizabeth Smith, Yoko Sekino-Bové, and Cary Esser. 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.

March 1-April 21 "Many-Fold Manifolds: Engineered Origami by Robert J. Lang" and "Look! Works from the Hillstrom Collection" at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (Opening Reception and Gallery Talk, March 7, 7 p.m.) Free & open to the public. Gallery 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>



***March 1-May 31** "Traditions and Holidays Around the World," Tuesdays and Saturdays. Events will include speakers, decorations, performers, food and artwork from various countries, cultures, heritages, and religions, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery hours: Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and by appointment. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/

March 2-May 14 Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota Play Lab, featuring play activities, creative studio, and exhibit prototypes. Wednesdays & Thursdays 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Extra days, March 28-31, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. \$3 per visitor over the age of one, at the old Pier One building in front of River Hills Mall, Mankato. Contact: 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

March 3 Lincoln Take the Stage, Dale Blanshan, storyteller and impressionist, brings Lincoln to life. New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, 6 p.m. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

***March 3-5** Mankato Mosaic Theatre Company presents "Coffee Shop Tales", three short plays performed in coffee shops. March 3-4, 8 p.m., at Dunn Brothers Coffee, 1854 E Madison Ave #B, Mankato; March 5, 7 p.m., at River Rock Coffee Shop, 301 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. \$6 adults, \$5 seniors and students, advanced purchase at the coffee shops or mankatomosaic@gmail.com.



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***March 3-12** Exhibit of wedding dresses sewn by Jackie Breen, 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.

***March 3-19** Exhibit by Eric Ouren, (Opening Reception, March 5, 7-9 p.m.) at Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730.

***March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31** Stories, songs and movement, 10:15 a.m., at Creative Play Place, St. Peter Community Center Room 127, St. Peter. (507) 351-4284, creativeplayplace@yahoo.com or www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com/

March 4 Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota's Awesome Arts Library Tour, 2-4 p.m., Henderson Public Library, 110 S. 6th St., Henderson. 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

***March 4** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents The Ken Griebel & Ken Kamolz Show at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

March 4 High School Choir Concert with all choirs performing, 7:30 p.m., at Waseca High School 1717 2nd St. NW, Waseca. (507) 835-5470 or www.waseca.k12.mn.us

March 4-6 Balance Off Center: Gustavus Dance Concert, with guest artist Stuart Pimsler, March 4 & 5 at 8 p.m.; March 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets available at www.gustavustickets.com or (507) 933-7590. Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

March 4 & 18 Guitarist, Duke Zecco, performs 50's, 60's and 70's music, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

***March 5** Creative Play Place-Imagination Station-Parent Child Art Classes from 2-3 p.m. at Creative Play Place, St. Peter Community Center Room 127, St. Peter. (507) 351-4284, creativeplayplace@yahoo.com or www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com/

***March 5** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Luther Cole in concert at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

***March 5** "Carl Franzen & r nt in concert, 7 p.m., at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 931-3630, www.artscentersp.org.

March 5 Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota's Awesome Arts Library Tour, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato. 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

March 5 Celebrate Fasching, a German Mardi Gras and day of music, including a costume contest, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Turner Hall, 102 S. State St., New Ulm. (507) 354-8660.

March 5-April 1 "Ink Drawings" exhibit by Craig Groe, at the North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato. (507) 345-5120.

March 7 & 14 Monday Night Recitals, featuring applied music students in the Department of Music, 7:30 p.m. at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

March 8 Rydell Lecture by Robert J. Lang, "From Flapping Birds to Space Telescopes: The Mathematics of Origami", 7 p.m., free and open to the public. Alumni Hall, O.J. Johnson Student Union, Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 W. College Ave., St. Peter. (507) 933-7200 or <http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html>

March 9 7th and 8th grade band concert, 1:15 p.m., Montgomery-Lonsdale High School Auditorium, 101 2nd St. NE, Montgomery. (507) 364-8157, brian.kotila@montlonsdale.k12.mn.us or www.montlonsdale.k12.mn.us

March 10-12 U.S.-Dakota War Series: Artist and historic interpreter, David Geister, will give costumed presentations on his artwork related to the U.S.-Dakota War. March 10, 4 p.m. New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm; March 11, 3:30 p.m., Comfrey Area Library, 120 Brown St. E., Comfrey; March 11, 7 p.m., Dyckman Free Library, 345 Main St. W., Sleepy Eye; March 12, 10 a.m., Springfield Public Library, 120 N. Cass Ave., Springfield. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

***March 10-April 13** "Eternal Summer-Sibley Park", exhibit of paintings by William Bukowski, (Opening Reception, March 17, 5-7 p.m.) 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



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March 11 Harpist, Nancy Eischen, performs 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

***March 11** Frank Vignola's Hot Club in concert, playing music from all genres, 7:30 p.m., \$20 adult, \$5 student, all reserved seats; at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, 507-238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com

***March 11** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Sidewalk Café with Gary Schulte on violin, playing swing and jazz music of the 1930's, at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

March 11 Pops Choir Concert, 7th & 8th grade, 7 p.m., Montgomery-Lonsdale High School Auditorium, 101 2nd St. NE, Montgomery. (507) 364-8157, scott.weeklund@montlonsdale.k12.mn.us or www.montlonsdale.k12.mn.us

March 11 The Gustavus Faculty Jazz Quartet with guest pianist Jim Whitman in concert, 7:30 p.m. at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

***March 11-13** Madelia Community Theater presents "The Sound of Music". \$8 adults, \$5 children 12 and under, at Madelia High School Theater, 320 Buck Ave. SE, Madelia. (507) 317-3325.

***March 12** 14th Annual Waseca High School Jazz Festival, an educational non-competitive festival for H.S. and Middle School jazz ensembles. Evening Showcase Concert featuring guest artist, Nachito Herrera, jazz pianist, 7:00 p.m. at Central Intermediate School, 501 E. Elm Ave., Waseca; tickets \$8. (507) 835-5560

March 12 Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota's Awesome Arts Library Tour, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm. 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

***March 12** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Beg for Justice playing folk, bluegrass and country music, at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com



March 12 Presentation by Shirley Ensrud, author of numerous books including "Small Town and Everyday Things", at Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Brown-bag luncheon at 12:30 p.m., program at 1 p.m. Sponsored by the Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 243-4050

March 12 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 Ave., (507) 931-3630 or info@artscentersp.org

***March 12-13** Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra and North Star Strings will present their spring Concerts. March 12, 2 p.m. at LeSueur Henderson High School, 901 Ferry St., LeSueur and March 13, 3 p.m. at Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffman Rd., Mankato. \$7 adults; \$5 students/seniors and \$20 family. (507) 217-7687 or www.mayso.net



March 13 The Gustavus Symphony and Philharmonic Orchestras in concert, 1:30 p.m. at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

March 14 Bethany Band Homecoming Concert, 7 p.m., free, Bethany Lutheran College Trinity Chapel, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu

***March 15** "Lunch with the Arts", Bille Busse, Sandy Ettesvold and Marcia Findley will perform. 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/



March 15-21 Master of Arts Exhibit, Polly Apfelbaum Installation Artist, (Public lecture and reception, March 14, 7 p.m.) at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

March 16 Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota's Awesome Arts Library Tour, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Janesville Public Library, 100 W. 2nd St., Janesville. 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

***March 16-April 23** High School Art Exhibit 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



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***March 17** Carolyn Wilkins, jazz pianist and singer, in concert, MSU Performance Series Event, 7:30 p.m., \$12/General Admission; \$11/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events

***March 17** Good Thunder Reading Series: fiction writer and 2010-2011 Andreas Graduate Assistant, Amanda Schumacher, and fiction and creative nonfiction writer, George Saunders, at MN State University, Mankato. Talk on craft, 3 p.m. at Centennial Student Union Ostrander Auditorium and Reading at 7:30 p.m. in CSU Room 253. (507) 389-1354 or www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt

March 17 Third Thursday Gallery Walk in Mankato's City Center. Local galleries open from 5-7 p.m. Participating galleries: Blue Earth County Historical Society, Fillin' Station, Carnegie Art Center, The 410 Project, Landkamer Building, Raydiance Salon, The Coffee Hag, and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts. Sponsored by the City Center Partnership, www.citycentermankato.com/partnership.php

***March 18** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Twin Cities Hot Club playing hot Parisian jazz music, at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

***March 18** Blues On Stage series presents The Rich Poor Men, featuring Bruce McCabe, 8 p.m. \$15, all reserved seats. Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, 507-238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com

March 18 The Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestras in concert, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

***March 18-19** "What's Her Story", a community education K-8 spring musical. Script and music written by local artists. 1 p.m., free will offering at the door. LeCenter High School Auditorium, 150 W. Tyrone St., LeCenter. (507) 357-6802.

March 18-19 REEL Cultural Festival, 2-day festival to celebrate Cultural Diversity through the arts, performances and dialogue at various downtown Mankato sites. \$15 students K-12 & valid college ID; \$25 individual; \$30 family. (507) 385-6654 or swoods@mankatodiversity.org.

March 19 College Choir Homecoming Concert, 7:30 p.m. Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, 2 p.m. (507) 354-8221 or www.mlc-wels.edu

***March 19** Bothy Folk Club presents Laura MacKenzie, Celtic music, 7:30 p.m. at Mankato Eagles Club, 708 N. Riverfront Dr. \$12/Bothy Club members, \$15/non-members, and \$10/students with ID, (507) 388-1316 or www.bothy.org

***March 19** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Curtis & Loretta playing Celtic/Irish music, at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, www.thegrandnewulm.com.

***March 19** St. Patrick's Day Celebration & Dance, including ballads, harp and step dancing, 7 p.m., at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/

***March 20** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Series. The Sextet Concert, 3rd concert in the 4 concert series, 2 p.m., Chapel at Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. www.mankatosymphony.com Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, (507) 625-8880 or www.msomusiconthehill.com.

***March 20** Craicmore, featuring contemporary Celtic music, in concert, MSU Performance Series Event, 7:30 p.m., \$15/General Admission; \$13/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events

March 20 Fairmont Concert Assoc. sponsors, Simon & Son, father and son piano team, Fairmont High School Auditorium, 900 Johnson St., Fairmont, 7:00 p.m. Tickets by series membership only, \$35 adult. (507) 893-4554.

March 21-April 6 Student Art League show at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to midnight. (507) 389-6767 or <http://csu.mnsu.edu/>

March 22 University Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., \$9/ General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events

***March 24** Fared Haque and the Flat Earth Ensemble, playing a blend of jazz and Indian classical music, in concert, MSU Performance Series Event, 7:30 p.m., \$15/ General Admission; \$13/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events



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March 24-31 Senior Show 1 at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

***March 24-April 9** Carnegie Artist-in-Residence Exhibit, (Opening Reception, March 26, 7-9 p.m.) at Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730.

***March 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Jerry Ostensoe & The Strollers playing folk and blues music, at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

March 25 All-Members Organ Recital featuring performers from the Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. 7:45 p.m., free admission. Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 105 N. 5th St., Mankato. www.agohq.org/chapters/siouxtrails or (507) 934-3060

March 25 Mary Guentzel Quintet performs jazz music, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

***March 26** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Rain Dogs playing bluegrass music, at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, 7:30 p.m. (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

March 26 Land O' Lakes District – Southwest Division Contest for choruses and quartets, the Mankato Riverblenders will be participating. Tickets: \$15 and are good for both the 11 a.m. chorus contest and 3 p.m. quartet contest. Fitzgerald Middle School, 110 N. 5th St., Mankato. (507) 327-0682 or jgrimmer@hickorytech.net.

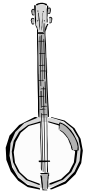
Prairie Lakes Newsletter

You can submit Arts Calendar Information for activities happening in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca & Watonwan Counties.

Mail to Prairie Lakes Arts Council, 207 N. State Street, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093-2930, or email information to plrac@hickorytech.net.

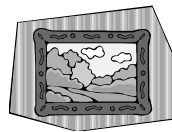
***March 26-27** Bernice Jones Piano Festival and competition of area musicians, grades 7-12. Individual piano performances are held throughout the morning on Saturday, and Sunday features an Honors Recital, 2:30 p.m., at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

***March 27** Bothy Folk Club in conjunction with the Minnesota Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association presents their annual show featuring Rockin' Acoustic Circus, 4 p.m., at Mankato Eagles Club, 708 N. Riverfront Dr. \$12/Bothy Club members, \$15/non-members, and \$10/students with ID, (507) 388-1316 or www.bothy.org



***March 28-April 15** Southern MN High School Exhibit, at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N., Waseca. 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.

March 29-April 18 Senior Art Shows, (Opening Receptions, April 7 & 18, 7 p.m.) Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu



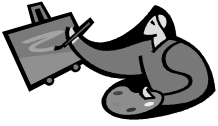
March 30-April 2 "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking" theater production at MN State University, Mankato, Andreas Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$9 adults, \$8 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$7 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/

March 31 Fairmont Concert Assoc. sponsors, The Brett Family in concert, Fairmont High School Auditorium, 900 Johnson St., Fairmont, 7:00 p.m. Tickets by series membership only, \$35 adult. (507) 893-4554.

March 31 Mystery author, Dave Gehrke, "Brogan's Island" and "A Shiver Runs Through It II" at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, 6 p.m. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org



***March 31** Spring Luncheon Lecture Series, author Todd Peterson presents "Early Black Baseball In Minnesota" at the Waseca County Historical Society, 2nd Avenue NE, Waseca, 12 noon-1 p.m, lunch provided. (507) 835-7700 or www.historical.waseca.mn.us



Arts Opportunities & Classes

March 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

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

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

***March 1-April 4** The Minnesota Shorts Play Festival will be accepting submissions of short plays (15 pages or less) for its Third Annual short play festival September 8-9, 2011, in Mankato. E-mail your submission in a pdf or Microsoft Word format to mnshorts@yahoo.com. Twelve winners will receive \$100 after the performance of the play, an additional four will receive \$50. Winning playwrights must find actors, rehearse and have their play ready to perform at the festival. (507) 420-1881 or www.mnshorts.com

***March 1-April 18** Open lab for pottery and ceramics at Lincoln Community Center's new and improved pottery studio, Monday's from 5-9 p.m. Make unique artwork using the pottery wheel, slab roller and extruder. This is not an instructional class, but the lab supervisor will be on hand to help with technical questions. \$5 per session or \$30 for a 7-session punch card plus materials. Material cost is \$25 coupon which includes 25 pounds of clay, studio glazes and firings. No outside clay or glazes allowed in the studio. At Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. For more information call Dianne at 507-387-5501.

***March 4, 11, 18 & 25** 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 Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Ave., Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

***March 7-8** Merely Players Community Theatre will be holding open auditions for the production of, "The Fantasticks", from 7-9 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Center. Merely Players will be casting 7 adult males, 1 young adult male (tenor voice) and 1 young adult female (soprano voice with dance experience). No prior theatre experience is necessary. You do not need to come prepared with anything memorized. The production will be held: May 6-8 & May 13-15. 507-388-5483 or www.merelyplayers.com

***March 10** 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

***March 14** 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. Mark Hall from Hallmark Glass will show his glass making techniques for Arts Talk! Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Ave., Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

Mankato Community Education ARTS Classes

March 3-31 Ballroom Dancing, 6-7 p.m.

March 3-31 Swing Dancing, 7-8 p.m.

March 3-31 Red Hot Salsa, 8-9 p.m.

March 7 & 21 Drawing with Scissors, 6:30-8 p.m.

March 12 or 19 Nature Photography –

Winter Season, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

March 21 Portrait Photography, Studio Lighting & Flash, 6-8 p.m.

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

St. Peter Community Education ARTS Classes

March 12 Red Carpet Fashion Party, 1-3 p.m.

March 12-26 Who am I Today?

Session I, pre-school-grade 3, 9-10 a.m.;

Session II, grades 4-6, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

March 19-April 7 Fashion Design and Draping, 3-5 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m.

March 19-April 9 Fashion Illustration, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

March 21-April 18 Basic Techniques for Children's Writers I, 7-9 p.m.

March 24-April 14 Wheel for Kids, 4-6 p.m.

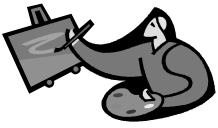
March 29-May 17 Advanced Wheel, 6:30-9 p.m.

April 16-23 Pinhole Camera, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

April 23 Princess & Prince Painting Party, 1:30-4 p.m.

Classes held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter cover a wide range of art and age groups.

To view a list and register go to www.stpetercommunityedonline.com.



Arts Opportunities & Classes

March 15-April 30 Twin Rivers Center for the Arts is accepting applications for art exhibitions to be presented at Emy Frenz Arts Guild for the following year. The space can accommodate a wide variety of work including paintings, photography, poetry, sculpture and more. Each exhibition is hosted for approximately a four to six week period. For more information contact Shannon Robinson, 507-387-1008 or shannon@twinriversarts.org

***March 17** 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. (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or www.artscentersp.org

March 18 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.

***March 19** The Blue Earth Reader Workshop is looking for amateur or professional actors to be included in the actor rotation. Actors serve as readers for new scripts produced by local playwrights. The playwright can then evaluate the script for content and serve as the director. Readers are provided scripts, limited guidance from the playwright and the spotlight! Sometimes the script is given a week in advance to prepare for the "reading." There are no fees paid to "readers" but a light lunch will be provided. If interested submit your request by email to: berWorkshop@Yahoo.com

March 28-April 1 Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota and Mankato Community Education present Monkey Mind Pirates: Z Puppets Rosenschnoz Workshop, a week-long workshop for students, ages 8-12, over spring break. Combines yoga, songwriting, and puppetry; ends with a performance by the students. Class from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., \$35 fee, sign up at www.mankatocer.com. 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

April 15 Artists Entry Date: 4:00-8:00 p.m. for the 19th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition, at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Bring original artwork to the Carnegie, \$10 per entry, with a maximum of 2 pieces per artist. Entry forms are available at local art centers and can also be downloaded from our website www.plrac.org. \$1,200 in cash prizes will be awarded to artists. For info. plrac@hickorytech.net or 1-800-298-1254.

April 28-29 Arts Leadership Conference: If you are a board member of an area arts organization and in a leadership role reserve these dates on your calendar to be part of an Arts Leadership conference in Walker MN. If interested please call Mara at 218-745-9111.

May 12 Mankato's Southern Minnesota Nonprofit Summit. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Country Inn and Suites, 1900 Premier Dr., Mankato. This is a collaborative effort of Minnesota Council of NonProfits and Twin Rivers to offer multiple workshops in just one day. There will be workshops done simultaneously so have more than one person attend. Twin Rivers Council for the Arts Affiliate organization discounts available. Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Ave., Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org

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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 (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org or claycenter@artscentersp.org. Registration for all Arts Center and Clay Center classes is through St. Peter Community Education, 500 S. Fifth St., (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

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, N. 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.

Passion for ART, 210 N. State St., Waseca. Exhibits of local artist and partners, variety of adult art classes offered, art and boutique items for sale. Gallery Hours: Thurs. 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 833-6061, passion4art@deskmedia.com or www.passion4artwaseca.com.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Hours: Mon & Thurs. 1-6 p.m.; Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. 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. (507) 235-9262 or www.martincountypreservation.org

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

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

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

Martin County

Fairmont Chamber of Commerce:
www.fairmontchamber.org

Nicollet County

Nicollet Chamber of Commerce: www.nicollet.org

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

Sibley County

Arlington Community Bulletin Board:
www.arlingtonmn.com

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

Waseca County

Janesville calendar: www.janesville.govoffice.com

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

Waseca Chamber of Commerce:
www.wasecachamber.com

Watonwan County

Madelia calendar: www.madeliamn.com

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



State-Wide Online Resources

COMPAS

www.compas.org

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

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

COMPAS and Young Audiences of Minnesota roster of Artists

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts

www.mncitizensforthearts.org

State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization to Increase funding

Minnesota State Arts Board

www.arts.state.mn.us

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

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

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

Perpich Center for Arts Education

and Minnesota Arts High School, Golden Valley

www.pcae.k12.mn.us

Springboard for the Arts

www.springboardforthearts.org

Workshops for artists & non-profit arts groups

Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations

www.mnartists.org

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

Traverse des Sioux Library System

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

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

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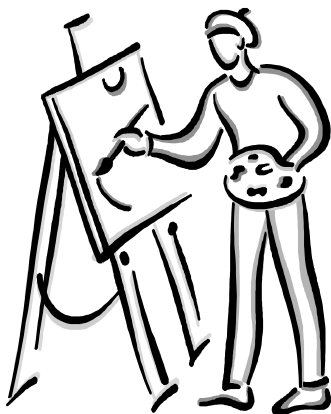
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