



May 2011 Newsletter



Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded

A Total of \$102,100 was awarded to 23 Area Arts Organizations.



Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees Row 1 (L to R): Sara Krassin, Children’s Museum of Southern MN, Mankato; April Rao, Creative Play Place, St. Peter; Diana Lee Schaefer and Sharon Glotzbach, Wanda Gag House, New Ulm; Kathi Peterson, Fairmont Opera House; Laura Velishek, Curtain Call Theatre, Montgomery. Row 2 (L to R) Darold Rupp, Minnesota Over 60 Band; Terry Kroehler, Green Isle Community School; Linda Buller, City of St. James; Vickie Apel, MRCI WorkSource, Mankato; Kimberly Gossen, Sakatah Arts Experience, Waterville; Carolyn Borgen, The Grand Center for the Arts & Culture, New Ulm; Marty and Debra Aldinger, Arts ’n More Festival, Amboy and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.



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Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund grants of \$102,100 were awarded to twenty three arts organizations and community groups 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.

Grant programs and services will address these areas: Arts and Arts Access, Arts Education and Arts and

Cultural Heritage. A proposal receiving funding from the arts and cultural heritage fund must include measurable outcomes, and a plan for measuring and evaluating the results. The projected outcomes and evaluation methodologies should be established as part of the planning process.

New applications will be available July 1, 2011. The deadlines for an Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant are August 1, 2011 and February 1, 2012.



Blue Earth County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees Row 1 (L to R): Sara Krassin, Children's Museum of Southern MN, Mankato; Vickie Apel, MRCI WorkSource, Mankato; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. Row 2: Darold Rupp, Minnesota Over 60 Band; Debra and Marty Aldinger, Arts 'n More Festival, Amboy and Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake, PLRAC Board Member representing Blue Earth County.



LeSueur County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees (L to R): Bette Traxler, LeCenter, PLRAC Board Member; Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Kimberly Gossen, Sakatah Arts Experience, Waterville; Darold Rupp, Minnesota Over 60 Band; and Laura Velishek, Curtain Call Theatre, Montgomery.

Martin County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees (L to R): Judy Berkeland, PLRAC Board Member representing the city of Fairmont; Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Bonnie Taplin, Interlaken Heritage Days and PLRAC Board Member representing Martin County; and Kathi Peterson, Fairmont Opera House.



Arts & Cultural Heritage Grantees and their Projects

A variety of activities including arts festivals, instrumental and vocal music concerts, literary readings, theater performances, and visual art exhibitions were funded. Grants may be awarded to non-profit arts organizations, community groups, and public schools for arts activities in all artistic disciplines.

Blue Earth County

Arts 'n More Festival, Amboy, \$4,000, will present their two day arts festival September 10-11, 2011. **Carnegie Art Center**, \$7,000, will sponsor the 19th Annual PLRAC Juried Art Exhibition, April 28-June 9, 2011. **Children's Museum of Southern MN**, \$4,000, will continue art programming, complete a mural project, offer workshops, and support the Art Bin. **Dance Conservatory of Southern MN**, \$7,000, will maintain on-going programs and establish a permanent staff position of Dance Program Coordinator. **Good Thunder Reading Series, MSU**, \$7,000, will produce their 30th annual season of readings and workshops, Sept. 2011-April 2012. **Mankato Area Community Band**, \$4,100, will present free outdoor concerts in Sibley Park, Mankato, May-July 2011. **MRCI WorkSource, Mankato**, \$4,250, will provide classes and art shows for artists with disabilities and purchase professional frames, glass, and a portable display system for the artwork.

Brown County

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, \$6,000, will rent space for teaching and performance venues, pay accompanist and director's fees, and pay volunteer stipends. **The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, New Ulm**, \$5,740, will continue their performing arts series and add music and spoken word performances. **Wanda Gag House Association**, \$2,420, will offer summer arts classes for area youth during the Gag Summer Art Camp, June 13-July 28, 2011.

Faribault County

Blue Earth Town & County Players, \$2,000, will present two shows in their 2011 season; "Guys & Dolls," July 8-10 and a Christmas Dinner Theater, Dec. 2-4. **Faribault County Fair**, \$4,000, will sponsor visual and performing artists, including theatre, folk, and traditional

music, July 19-23, 2011. **Winnebago Area Musical Players**, \$7,000, will purchase new curtains for the Winnebago Elementary School Auditorium.

LeSueur County

Curtain Call Theatre, \$3,500, will present their summer theater production July 29, 30, Aug. 5-7, 2011 at Hilltop Hall in Montgomery. **Minnesota Over 60 Band**, \$4,200, will perform in parades and concerts in 20 rural Minnesota cities. **Sakatah Arts**

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Sibley County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees (L to R):

Marie Kreft, Arlington, PLRAC Board Member; Terry Kroehler, Green Isle Community School; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.



Brown County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees Row 1

(L to R): Diana Lee Schaefer and Sharon Glotzbach, Wanda Gag House. Row 2: Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director, Denice Evers, Springfield, PLRAC Board Member and Carolyn Borgen, The Grand Center for the Arts & Culture.

Arts & Cultural Heritage Grantees and Their Projects

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Experience, Waterville, \$2,340, will sponsor their 2nd annual festival featuring dance, folk, music, visual art and crafts on July 10, 2011.

Martin County

Fairmont Opera House, \$7,000, will sponsor their annual Subscription Series featuring seven concerts, Sept. 2011-April 2012. **Interlaken Heritage Days, Fairmont**, \$2,550, will include cultural arts and music during their 2-day festival, June 10-11, 2011.

Nicollet County

Creative Play Place, \$3,000, will expand their arts programming and provide guest artist stipends. **Rock Bend Folk Festival**, \$4,000, will sponsor a 2-day regional festival Sept. 10-11, 2011; featuring local artists and folk music on two stages.

Sibley County

Green Isle Community School, \$4,000, will sponsor an Artist in Residency Elder's Celebration program; students will interview the elders and will work with local artists to create plays based on the elder's lives. **MN New County School**, \$4,000, will provide 8-10 arts and cultural field trips, to students for the current and upcoming school year.

Watonwan County

City of St. James, \$3,000, will present a series of six concerts in the park, June-Sept., 2011.



Nicollet County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantee

(L to R): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; April Rao, Creative Play Place, St. Peter; and Pat Potzler, North Mankato, PLRAC Board Member.



Watonwan County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantee

(L to R): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Joe McCabe, St. James, PLRAC Board Member representing Watonwan County; and Linda Buller, City of St. James.

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.

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

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>



Faribault County Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantee

(L to R): Lill Robinson, Blue Earth Town and Country Players and PLRAC Board Member representing Faribault County; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

2011 Emerging Artist Grantees

made possible through the McKnight Foundation



PLRAC/McKnight 2011 Emerging Artist Grantees

(L to R): Row 1: Lorna Rafness, April Rao, and Geraldine Tostenson. Row 2: Kay Helms, Leo Derkowski, James Ihrke, and Pay Branstad.

The purpose of the PLRAC/McKnight Emerging Artist Grant Program is to provide financial support to developing artists committed to advancing their work and careers. **Emerging artists in their formative stages of development are eligible.** Emerging is defined as showing potential or advancing in skill, technique and/or moving in a new direction. Applications are encouraged from artists in all art disciplines; i.e. dance, literature, music, theater and visual art.

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

Nineteen applications were reviewed and ranked and those ranking 1-9 were awarded grants of \$1,000 each, for a total of \$9,000. The nine grantees are:

Sheila Becker, LeCenter. Sheila will attend a drawing and painting workshop with Professor David Feinberg at Split Rock Arts in 2011. She will have an exhibit at The Chameleon Coffee Shop in New Prague and at the Arts Center of Saint Peter.

Pat Branstad, St. James. Pat will attend a 4-day photography workshop led by David Cobb and Jonathan Ley in Oregon in May, 2011. She will have an exhibit of her new work this summer at The Stray Cat Coffee House in St. James and display at other local venues throughout the year.

Leo Derkowski, Sleepy Eye. Leo will continue exploration of representations of the Minnesota landscape by acrylic paintings, drawings and photography. Funds

will be used to purchase art supplies, professional matting and framing and art print quality gyclee prints of photographs as well as to create a website.

Kay Helms, Mankato. Kay will continue her Hands Portraits and Histories series to include farmers. She will prepare and present a solo exhibition at Farmamerica, Waseca in 2011, purchase a higher speed camera lens, and work with a professional mentor.

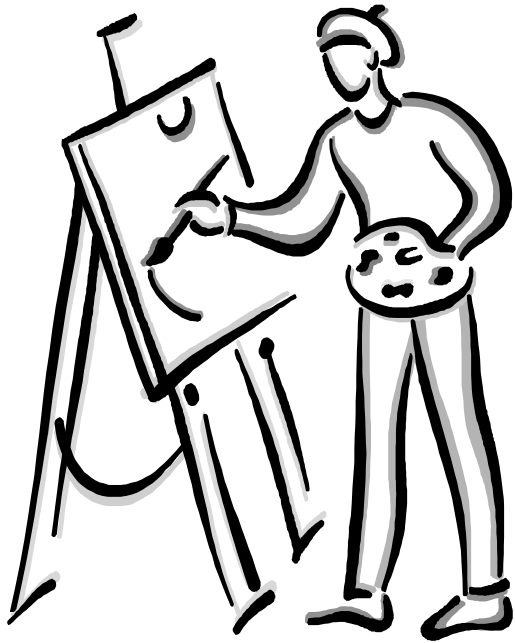
James Ihrke, Madison Lake. James will purchase a Golden Trinity Double Big Twin System and a case for his upright bass to assist with acoustic performances, and perform at local venues in 2011.

Lorna Rafness, Mankato. Lorna will attend a three week residency at a writers' retreat in 2011 to complete a final manuscript of her memoir and work with mentor John Gaterud. She will present the completed manuscript at public readings at the Blue Earth County Historical Society and other venues.

April Rao, St. Peter. April will purchase supplies and equipment necessary to set up a glass flame-working studio to create glass sculptures. She plans to exhibit her artwork in local galleries.

Geraldine Tostenson, Mankato. Geraldine will attend a three day landscape/plein air workshop with Brian Stewart in Grand Marais in August 2011. She plans to form a local outdoor painting group and prepare a presentation for other artists, and present an exhibition at the Blue Earth County Historical Society's Heritage Center Gallery, January-March 2012.

Jacob Zeiher, Mankato. Jacob will attend a two week woodfire ceramic workshop with Mike Weber in 2011. He will present an exhibit at a local venue in the fall of 2011.



**19TH ANNUAL
PRAIRIE LAKES REGIONAL
JURIED ART EXHIBITION
AT THE
CARNEGIE ART CENTER
MANKATO**

April 28 - June 9, 2011

GALLERY HOURS: THUR. 1-7 P.M.,
FRI. 1-4 P.M. & SAT. 11 A.M.-5 P.M.

**Opening Reception:
Sunday, May 15, 1-3 p.m.**

Juried Art Exhibition winners announced

The 19th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition was coordinated by the staff of the Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato. **Cash Awards totaling \$1,200 will be presented at the Opening Reception on May 15th.**

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

The top five Award winners and their art work are featured on page 7. In addition, ten artists received Merit Awards and are listed alphabetically.

MERIT AWARDS (\$50 each)

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

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

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

Rochelle Koberoski, Mankato, "Bolted", Digital Photography

Dale Looft, Montgomery, "Ice Globes", Photography

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

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

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

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

Abra Wooldridge, Mankato, "The Loft", Acrylic

Award Winners of the 19th Annual PLRAC Regional Art Exhibition



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



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



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



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



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

ARTS-IN-EDUCATION and SMALL ARTS PROJECT GRANTS

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

Below is a recent list of grantees from the spring. Total grants were \$45,000.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY

Mankato Community Education (SA) \$1,410
Project G.E.M., American Indian Project (SA) \$1,000

BROWN COUNTY

New Ulm Actors Community Theater (SA) \$1,500
Sleepy Eye Community Education (SA) \$1,500

FARIBAULT COUNTY

Gopher-Hawkeye Power Assn. (SA) \$400
Wells Area Chamber of Commerce (SA) \$1,500

LE SUEUR COUNTY

LeSueur-Henderson Youth Opportunities (SA) \$625
New Prague Czech Singers (SA) \$700

MARTIN COUNTY

Granada-Huntley-East Chain School (AIE) \$500

NICOLLET COUNTY

Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps (SA) \$1,500
RiverCrossings Art Fair in Motion (SA) \$1,500

SIBLEY COUNTY

Arlington Chamber of Commerce (SA) \$500
Henderson Area Arts (SA) \$800
Henderson Sauerkraut Days (SA) \$500

WASECA COUNTY

Waseca Chamber of Commerce, Lakefest (SA) \$1,500
Waseca Community Education (SA) \$700
Waseca Marching Classic (SA) \$1,000

WATONWAN COUNTY

St. James Community Theater (SA) \$1,475

In FY 2012 matching grants up to \$1,000 will be available for both of these programs. The deadline is July 1, 2011 to May 1, 2012 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

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

2011-2012 GRANT DEADLINES

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

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

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

August 1, 2011 Deadline
August 25, 2011 Review
February 1, 2012 Deadline

Youth Scholarship/Mentorship Grant-\$300 each

October 3, 2011 Deadline
October 27, 2011 Review

PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship Grant - \$3,000

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

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

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

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

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



May 2011 Arts Calendar



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

May 1 The Gustavus Percussion Ensemble Spring Concert, 1:30 p.m. Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

May 1 Gustavus Woodwind Chamber Concert, 3:30 p.m. Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

May 1 Gustavus Chamber Singers and St. Ansgar's Chorus Concert, 7 p.m. Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

***May 1** The Opera "Dido and Aeneas", MSU Performance Series Event, 3 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

May 2-4 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/>

May 2 & 9 Monday Night Recitals, featuring applied music students in the Department of Music, 7:30 p.m. Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

***May 2-11** "Plusminus", exhibit featuring paintings by Craig Groe, 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

May 2-27 Stained Glass Artwork Exhibit by Bob Vogel, at the Eide Bailly Community Art Gallery, 1911 Excel Drive, Mankato. Open during business hours. (507) 386-6268.

***May 2-31** Exhibition featuring professional portrait artist, Noah Berkeland in the main gallery, and patriotic artwork from students of William Budd Elementary in the lower level, at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tues. until 6 p.m.; Sat. May 14 & 28, 8 am-noon. (507) 235-9262, redrockcenter@frontiernet.net or www.martincountypreservation.org/

***May 3-21** Annual Elementary Art Show, 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, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & June 7 A series of six music documentary films shown in conjunction with the traveling Smithsonian exhibit of American Roots Music at the Arts Center of St. Peter. May 3, "It Might Get Loud"; May 10, "Townes Van Zandt: Be Here to Love Me"; May 17, "Chops"; May 24: "Heavy Metal in Baghdad"; May 31, "Buena Vista Social Club"; June 7, "Anvil: The Story of Anvil Club". 7 p.m., films shown at Treaty Site History Center, 1851 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, free. (507) 931-3630 or info@artscentersp.org.

***May 3-31** "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. redrockcenter@frontiernet.net, (507) 235-9262 or www.martincountypreservation.org/.

***May 3-June 11** New Harmonies: Celebrating American Roots Music, a Museum on Main Street Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit. Moline and Lower Level galleries, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m., (507) 931-3630, www.artscentersp.org.

May 3-June 30 "The Lens tells the Story" exhibit by the Bend of the River Photography Club. \$5/adults, \$2/ students 5-17, children 4 and under free, BECHS members free. Blue Earth County Historical Society Heritage Center, 415 E. Cherry St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566 or www.bechshistory.com.

May 4 "India Ink," staged readings of journals kept by Gustavus Adolphus College students during their travels throughout India. 7 p.m., free, music and refreshments provided. Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org

May 4 Duck Story Time with guest reader April Rao from Creative Play Place, 10 a.m. at St. Peter Library, 601 S. Washington Ave., St. Peter. (507) 934-7420.

May 4, 5, 7 & 14 Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota's Awesome Arts Library Tour, May 4, 3:30-5 p.m., Truman Public Library, 101 E. Ciro St.; May 5, 3:30-5 p.m., Sherburn Public Library, 27 N. Main St.; May 7, 10-11:30 a.m., Martin County Library, 110 N. Park, Fairmont; May 14, 10 a.m.-12 noon, North Mankato Taylor Library, 1001 Belgrade Ave. 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>



Arts Calendar



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

***May 4-8** Same, Same, But Agnate... Works on Paper, a group printmaking exhibition, at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@yahoo.com

***May 4-14** 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. May 7: Z Puppets perform shows at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. \$3 per visitor over the age of one, at the old Pier One building in front of River Hills Mall, Mankato. 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

***May 4-June 9 19th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition**, featuring over 90 pieces of art work from artists in the 9-county region, at the Carnegie Arts Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. (**Reception: Sunday, May 15, 1-3 p.m.**) Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730.

***May 5** Intimate Evening Series: Lorie Line & her Fab Five in concert, 7:30 p.m., \$38 or \$33 with groups of 10 or more, all reserved seats; ages 4 and up can attend, no infants, toddlers or lap children. The Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, 507-238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com

May 5 New Ulm Public Library welcomes mystery author, William Kent Krueger, author of the Cork O'Connor books, "The Devil's Bed," and "Vermilion Drift." Book signing from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at Sven and Ole's Books, 2 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Presentation and book signing, 7:30 p.m., Martin Luther College, Wittenberg Auditorium, 1995 Luther Ct., New Ulm. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

May 5-8, 12-14 William Shakespeare's Hamlet, performed by the Gustavus Dept. of Theatre & Dance. May 5, 6, 7, 12, & 13 at 8 p.m.; May 8 & 14 at 2 p.m. Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

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

May 6 The Choir of Christ Chapel Home Concert, 7:30 p.m. Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

May 6 Big Nine Music Festival, orchestras, bands and choirs will perform all day, 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Orchestras and bands at Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffman Road; choirs at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau St., Mankato. Big Nine Festival Concert, a select band, orchestra and choir from the Music Festival will perform, 7:30 p.m., Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffman Road. (507) 387-5671.

***May 6** The Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts presents the Science Museum of Minnesota's "Suitcase Science" performance, 7 p.m. Play Lab exhibits and entertainment by Z Puppets Rosenschnoz from 5-6:45 p.m. \$3 ages 1 and up, free to CMSM members. Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota Play Lab, old Pier One building in front of River Hills Mall, Mankato. 507-995-2242, peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org or <http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/>

***May 6** Dan Chouinard Sing-along and local cameo appearances for The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm. 6-11 p.m., \$50 per person, must be purchased in advance, includes wine, appetizers, building tours and entertainment. Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, www.thegrandnewulm.com or <http://gcac.ticketleap.com/sing-along>.

***May 6** Prairie Fire Children's Theatre performances of "The Wizard of Oz" by 3rd-6th graders, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Granada-Huntley-East Chain School gym, 300 Reynolds St., Granada. (507) 447-2211 or linda.bakken@ghcc.k12.mn.us.

May 6 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.

***May 6-8 & 13-15** Merely Players Community Theater presents "The Fantasticks", May 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and May 8 and 15, at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. \$16/ Adults, \$10/Youth 12 and under, plus \$1 TRCA handling fee, (507) 387-1008 or online at www.twinriversarts.org. www.merelyplayers.com

***May 7** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Eastside, East Coast jazz of the 50's and 60's, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com



Arts Calendar



May 7 Mankato Riverblenders presents "A Night at the Auditions" at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m, Featuring the Riverblenders Chorus and Valley De Croix, Sweet Adelines Chorus from Stillwater. \$13 Adults & Seniors in advance, \$15 at the door; Students \$5; available at Cubs & HyVee Stores in Mankato, Nutter's Clothing in St. Peter, or chorus members. At Crossview Covenant Church, 2000 Howard Dr. W., North Mankato. (507) 947-3183. www.singmankato.com

May 7 The Gustavus Choir in Concert, 3:30 p.m. Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

***May 7** Bothy Folk Club presents Dean Magraw on guitar, 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



***May 7** Subscription Series: The Sound of Simon, A Tribute to Simon & Garfunkel, 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

***May 7** Montgomery Arts & Heritage Center presents Piano Man Mark Mraz in Concert, 7 p.m., at Hilltop Hall, 206 1st St. N., Montgomery. (507) 364-8107.

May 7 Jim McGuire Jazz Trio performs 6-9 p.m., at Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. www.morgancreekvineyards.com or (507) 947-3547.

May 7-8 "Antigone," outdoor theater performance at German Park, New Ulm; if inclement weather the production will be at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Chapel Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, May 7, 6 p.m. & May 8, 2 p.m. (507) 354-8221 or www.mlc-wels.edu



May 7-29 Senior Show 2011 (Opening Reception, May 7, 4-6 p.m.) at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. 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>



May 8 The Lucia Singers Annual Mother's Day Concert, 1:30 p.m. Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

***May 10** "Lunch with the Arts", musical performance by Taylor Schultze and Randy Yackle. 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/

May 10 Presentation and book signing by Jim Jensen, author of "Threads of Evidence," 7 p.m., New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm; (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org



May 12 U.S.-Dakota War Series: Local historian, John LaBatte, will present the battles of Fort Ridgely. 7 p.m., New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, New Ulm. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org

May 12 Fairmont Concert Assoc. sponsors, The Marlins in concert, Fairmont High School Auditorium, 900 Johnson St., Fairmont, 7:00 p.m. Tickets by series membership only, \$35 adult. (507) 893-4554.

***May 12-25** Exhibit of mixed media by MRCI Worksource and Community Ed. participants (Opening Reception, May 19, 5-8 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

***May 13** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Robert Bell & Gary Schulte, jazz music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

May 13 Mike & Debbie perform easy listening, folk and rock music, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. (507) 234-6222 or www.indianislandwinery.com.

***May 13** "Galaxy" playing 50's and 60's music, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.martincountypreservation.org

***May 13, 20 & 27** Henderson's Music on Main Street. May 13, Troy Koester Band; May 20, Depot Creek; May 27, Eli Hoehn and the Moon Dogs; 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Toody's Sweet Treats, 417 Main Street, Henderson, Sponsored by the Henderson Chamber of Commerce. (507) 248-3845 or dkolter@frontiernet.net.



Arts Calendar



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

***May 13-June 5** Exhibition of paintings and drawings by Joe Doherty, at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m., Sun. 1-4 p.m. the410project@yahoo.com

May 14 The Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestras in Concert, 3:30 p.m. Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

***May 14** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents The Ben Marti Jazztet, jazz and swing, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, www.thegrandnewulm.com

May 14 Spring Celebration in St. Peter, 1-5 p.m. Special family activities at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., (507) 931-3630 or info@artscentersp.org

May 14 Robert Coates performs country and bluegrass music, 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

May 14-15 "Dance Time 2011" performance by Dancin' Plus students, May 14 at 7 p.m., May 15 at 3 p.m., \$9, at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, 507-235-6114 or www.dancin-plus.com.

***May 15** Creative Play Place presents: An Afternoon in the Park, a family event with games, projects and entertainment by Betty & Ocho and Flash Bandango and magician Michael Callahan. \$1 per person., at the Mill Pond in St. Peter. (507) 351-4284, creativeplayplace@yahoo.com or www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com/

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

May 15 Waseca Chorale Concert, 4 p.m. at Central Intermediate School, 501 E. Elm Ave., Waseca.

May 15 The Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra in Concert, 1:30 p.m. Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

May 15 Creative Play Place sponsors the 4th Annual Rubber Duck Race, 4 p.m., \$5 per duck, at the Mill Pond in St. Peter. (507) 351-4284, creativeplayplace@yahoo.com or www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com/

May 19 Family concert by Peter Yarrow, folk music legend, Grammy winner, and member of Peter, Paul and Mary. 7 p.m., free admission, seats available on first-come, first-serve basis. Gustavus Adolphus College Lund Arena, 800 W. College Ave., St. Peter. (507) 625-6169.

***May 19** "Elder's Celebration" 7 p.m., by K-6 students of Green Isle Community School honoring Elders, Gene Herd and Richard Ames. Two short plays were written by Greg Abbot, North Mankato; music composed by Tara Jungclaus; and lyrics by t.d. barna, Eagle Lake. Green Isle Community School gymnasium, 190 Mcgrann St. (507) 326-7144.

May 19 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

May 19 Poetry reading by John Calvin Rezmerski and Ikars Sarma, 7 p.m. At the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Presented by the Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 243-4050 or jbouma@hickorytech.net.

***May 20** The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists presents "The Phantom of the Opera" (1929 cinema version starring Lon Chaney) with live, improvised soundtrack on the organ by 2001 Theatre Organist of the Year, R. Jelani Eddington. 8:00 p.m., \$7 general, \$5 students/seniors. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 222 Pfau Street, Mankato. (507) 931-0075 or www.agohq.org/chapters/siouxtrails

***May 20** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents acoustic trio, MapTones, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

May 20 Pianist, Matt Sieberg, performs 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. www.indianislandwinery.com or (507) 234-6222.

May 21 St. Peter Players presents a staged reading, "Oscar and the Lady in Pink," 7 p.m., \$7 general admission, \$5 Arts Center members. Lower Level Performance Space, Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org



Arts Calendar



May 21 Gordan Aase and the Flathead Cats perform 1-4 p.m., during Bacchus! at Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478th Ave., New Ulm. www.morgancreekvineyards.com or (507) 947-3547.

***May 21** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Kevin Anthony & The Twin City Playboys, Cajun, country and honky tonk music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

***May 21-22** "To Bind the Nation's Wounds," dramatic play of President Lincoln's last days, written by local historian Bryce Stenzel. May 21 at 7 p.m., May 22 at 2 p.m., \$7 adults, \$5 ages 5-16. At Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. (507) 245-3276 or bstenzel@hickorytech.net.

***May 21-22** Mankato Ballet's spring performances of "La Boutique Fantasque" (The Magic Toy Shop), May 21, 1 p.m. & 5 p.m.; May 22, 1 p.m. Adults \$12.00, Children/Students \$9.00, Children 12 and under free. Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. (507) 625-7716 or www.mankatoballet.com

***May 21-22** "Dance the Night Away!" Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota spring dance recitals in New Ulm and Madelia. May 21, 1 p.m., New Ulm Junior High School auditorium, 15 N. State St., New Ulm. May 22, 2 p.m., Madelia High School auditorium, 320 Buck Ave. SE, Madelia. \$8 adults and teens; \$7 seniors and children. dcdance@hickorytech.net, www.dcsmdance.com or (507) 625-2005.

***May 22** The Mankato Symphony presents Blue Earth Odowan, a mix of Northern Plains Powwow music with a symphonic sound. Guest artists: Brent Michael Davids, flute; Maza Kute drum group; Manny Laureano, trumpet. 3 p.m., \$22.50 or \$25/adults, \$10/students with ID, \$5/youth under 17, Mankato West High School Auditorium, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. www.mankatosymphony.com, www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008.



***May 23-June 11** Permanent Collection Exhibition at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N. Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org or www.wasecaartscouncil.org.

May 24 Annual pop's concert by the Franklin and Garfield Elem. Orchestra, East Jr. High School Orchestra, East Sr. High School Chamber Orchestra and East Senior High School Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Mankato East High School, 2600 Hoffman Road. (507) 387-5671.

May 26 Foreign and Independent Film Series showing of "How I Ended This Summer," in Russian with English subtitles, 6 p.m., at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmlibrary.org or (507) 359-8334.

***May 26** Spring Luncheon Lecture Series, "Early Black Baseball in Minnesota," presented by author Todd Peterson. 12 noon-1 p.m, lunch provided. Paid reservations due two days before the event, \$11 WCHS members, \$16 non-members. Waseca County Historical Society, 2nd Avenue NE, Waseca, (507) 835-7700 or www.historical.waseca.mn.us

May 26 Homecoming Concert by The Bethany Concert Choir, Chamber Choir and Handbells, 7 p.m.. Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu

***May 26-June 8** Lifeworks Exhibit at the Emy Frenzt 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

***May 27** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Ross Anderson and Pette Lothringer, jazz music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com

May 27 Mary Guentzel Quintet performs jazz from the 30's and 40's, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631st Ave., Janesville. (507) 234-6222 or www.indianislandwinery.com.

May 28 The 2011 Season Finale concert by the Gustavus Symphony Orchestra and the winners of the annual Gustavus Concerto/Aria Competition, 8 p.m. Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu

***May 28** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Robert Bell and the Sirens from Lili's Burlesque Review, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, info@thegrandnewulm.com, or www.thegrandnewulm.com



Arts Opportunities & Classes

May 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

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

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

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

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

***May** Registration for classes in the Wanda Gag Summer Art Camp in New Ulm, for students ages 8-16. Classes include ceramic sculpture, digital photography, acrylic painting, story writing, sewing, bobbin lace, and basket weaving. Scholarships are available. Call (507) 359-2632 for more information.

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

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

***May 2** Registration begins for Arts Center of Saint Peter Summer Classes. For details see www.artscentersp.org/education/classes/. For registration: <http://stpeter.registryinsight.com/>. 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org

***May 5** 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



***May 6, 13, 20 & 27** 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

***May 9** 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. Arts Talk! with abstract artist, Patti Ruskey. Twin Rivers Center for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd Ave., Mankato; www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008.

May 12 Mankato's Southern Minnesota Nonprofit Summit. 9 a.m. -4 p.m., at Country Inn and Suites, 1900 Premier Dr., Mankato. Keynote Topics: "Owning Your Place in the Community" and "Engaging Your Board/Getting Them to Set Their Own Agenda," presented by Carlo Cuesta, Creation in Common. Registration rate for MCN members and TRCA affiliates is \$65; non-members, \$95. Contact (507) 387-1008, www.minnesotanonprofits.org, or www.twinriversarts.org.

May 14 Poet, Doris Stengel, presents "Sending Your Child to School: How to Send Your Poems Out into the Cruel, Cruel World," 12:30 p.m. Catered lunch, reservations required. At the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Presented by the Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 243-4050 or jbouma@hickorytech.net.

***May 19** 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



May 20 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.



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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.

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts launches www.SouthernMnArts.org



After the successful launching of www.SouthernMnArts.org, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts has charged themselves with the long-term goal of accurately accounting for and profiling the artists and arts groups in Southern Minnesota. Recognizing the importance of promotional

networking and connection between community, business, arts individuals and groups, the implementation of this very user-friendly internet tool will assist artists in promoting their own work through images, youtube video, pdf files, and searchable text to the Southern Minnesota Region and beyond.

A forum section on the site is available to **anyone** who is seeking connection in the arts world. Whether it be questions, opportunity postings, commission requests, teaching needs, etc, all will have the opportunity to post through this interactive platform, accessible to Affiliate art groups and individuals alike. The only requirement for the forum contributor is a login username and password.

So how do YOU become an Affiliate and become part of SouthernMnArts.org?

Enter the site's home page, click on the red text box "I am an artist/organization", and establish a new directory profile page with a unique username and password. After filling in the form and marking the appropriate boxes, upload your own images, pdf files, or youtube links, creating your profile page on the SouthernMnArts.org directory site. The cost to become a TRCA affiliate in the year 2012 has been waived for individual artists and small arts groups due to generous grants from Mankato Area Foundation, and Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. After December 31, 2011, there will be an annual Affiliate fee for individuals and small groups of \$25/year for a Basic listing and \$50/year for a Portfolio listing, which adds a URL link, 5 images, 5 pdfs, and 4 youtube uploads, updatable along with your profile information, 24/7. If you are wanting to become an Affiliate organization, with additional benefits, contact TRCA at info@twinrivers.org or call 507-387-1008 for more information.



Arts Centers, Galleries and Classes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Hours: Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tues. until 6 p.m.; Sat. May 14 & 28, 8 am-noon. or call to set up an appointment. Each Tuesday is Lunch with the Arts: Noon -12:45 p.m. "Come & Go", enjoy various types of artistic performers, bring your lunch and relax in a beautiful setting. www.martincountypreservation.org or (507) 235-9262

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

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

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

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

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

Chamber of Commerce & City Websites by County

Blue Earth County

Greater Mankato Area: www.greatermankatoevents.com

Lake Crystal Chamber of Commerce:
www.lakecrystalchamber.com

Brown County

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

Sleepy Eye Chamber of Commerce:
www.sleepyeyechamber.com

Springfield Chamber of Commerce:
www.springfieldmnchamber.org

Faibault County

Blue Earth Chamber of Commerce:
www.blueearthchamber.com

Wells calendar: www.wells.govoffice.com

Winnebago calendar: www.winnebago.govoffice.com

LeSueur County

Elysian calendar: www.elysianmn.com

LeCenter calendar: www.cityoflecenter.com

LeSueur Chamber of Commerce:
www.lesueurchamber.org

New Prague Chamber of Commerce:
www.newprague.com

Waterville Chamber of Commerce:
www.watervillemn.com

Martin County

Fairmont Chamber of Commerce:
www.fairmontchamber.org

Nicollet County

Nicollet Chamber of Commerce: www.nicollet.org

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

Sibley County

Arlington Community Bulletin Board:
www.arlingtonmn.com

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

Waseca County

Janesville calendar: www.janesville.govoffice.com

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

Waseca Chamber of Commerce:
www.wasecachamber.com

Watonwan County

Madelia calendar: www.madeliamn.com

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



State-Wide Online Resources

COMPAS

www.compas.org

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

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

COMPAS and Young Audiences of Minnesota roster of Artists

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts

www.mncitizensforthearts.org

State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization to Increase funding

Minnesota State Arts Board

www.arts.state.mn.us

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

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

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

Perpich Center for Arts Education

and Minnesota Arts High School, Golden Valley

www.pcae.k12.mn.us

Springboard for the Arts

www.springboardforthearts.org

Workshops for artists & non-profit arts groups

Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations

www.mnartists.org

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

Traverse des Sioux Library System

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

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

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**Arts Organizations, Community Groups
and Schools are invited to attend our
2012-2013 Biennial Plan
PUBLIC HEARING**



**Thursday,
May 26**

7:00-7:30 p.m.

Room 104,
Ylvisaker
Fine Arts Center,
Bethany Lutheran College,
Mankato

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 26 to present and obtain comments on the 2012-2013 Biennial Plan; which is submitted to the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Topics include:

- 20% State Budget Cut
- Overview of PLRAC goals & objectives
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