Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded
A total of $122,945 was awarded to 22 Area Organizations

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees
Row 1 (L to R): Heidi Bednarchuk, Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band; Kylie Rieke, New Ulm Suzuki School of Music and T-Bird Community Arts; Anne Broskoff, Mankato Ballet Company; Karla Angus, Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce; Joleen Koenigs, Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota; Alisa Boswell, Mankato Area Community Education; and Vickie Apel, Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises & Services-SMILES. Row 2: Kristie Schwartz, Green Isle Community School; Matthew Sanders, Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps; Amy Muehlenhardt, Mankato Public Schools; Noelle Lawton, City Center Partnership and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts; John Ganey, Rock Bend Folk Festival; Jeremy Freeman, Minnesota “Over-60” Band; Dale Haefner, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Music Performances Series; Anne Makepeace, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, New Ulm; Michael Asmus, La Grande Bande, Gaylord; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

The next ACH Grant deadline is August 1, 2019.
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Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that Arts and Cultural Heritage grants of $122,945 were awarded to twenty-two arts organizations, community groups, and schools in the region. This fund was created by the people of Minnesota to support the arts and preserve our heritage. The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by the voters in Nov. 2008, created new resources for land conservation, water conservation, parks and the Arts.

Grants were awarded for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities including arts and music festivals, instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater and dance performances, school projects, visual art exhibitions, art classes, and public art were funded.

The next Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant deadline is August 1, 2019. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

Blue Earth County - $63,755
City Center Partnership, Mankato-$7,000. They will sponsor the CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour consisting of at least 26 juried outdoor sculptures in downtown Mankato and North Mankato, May 11, 2019 to April 2020. The funds will be used to pay stipends to seven artists. Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota-$7,000. They will expand their summer dance programs to include pre-point ballet, boys hip hop, beach party, glee camp and technique classes and will offer a free summer camp for children to try dance in 2019. The funds will be used for studio rent during the summer months. Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band-$7,000. They will present their 41st season as the premier youth marching band for the greater Mankato area, performing in over 20 community events and parades. The funds will be used for scholarships, publicity, venue rental fee, and supplies and props. Mankato Area Community Band-$4,400. They will present free outdoor concerts in the summer of 2019. Concerts at Sibley Park, Mankato will be on June 11, 18, 25, July 9 & 16; and one concert at Lincoln Park, Mankato on July 2. The funds will be used for conductor and other staff fees, musician stipends, guest performance by Bass Brand Brass Band, publicity, and sheet music. Mankato Area Community Education-$4,000. They will purchase a new kiln for the ceramics and pottery lab located at Lincoln Community Center. They will also use funds to purchase clay, glazes, and staff time during open lab sessions. Mankato Ballet Company-$7,000. They will present “Snow”, a new large scale, original ballet production to be performed, May 18-19, 2019 in St. Peter. The funds will be used for sets, costumes, and backdrops. Mankato Public Schools-$4,000. They will host a regional Elementary Art Show at Bethany Lutheran College, May 13-24, 2019 with seven area elementary schools being invited to participate. There will be an opening reception and awards ceremony during the exhibit. The funds will be used for coordinator, judge, and teacher stipends; supplies; and publicity. Mankato Symphony Orchestra-$7,000. They will present one of four concerts in their Symphonic Series, May 11, 2019.

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Blue Earth County
Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees

Row 1: (L to R): Heidi Bednarchuk, Mankato Area 77 Lancers Marching Band; Anne Broskoff, Mankato Ballet Company; Joleen Koenigs, Dance Conservatory of Southern Minnesota; and Alisa Boswell, Mankato Area Community Education. Row 2: Noelle Lawton, City Center Partnership and Twin Rivers Council for the Arts; Amy Muehlenhardt, Mankato Public Schools; Dale Haefner, MN State University, Mankato, Music Performances Series; Vickie Apel, Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises and Services-SMILES; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.
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The “Handel’s Messiah” concert will feature four vocal soloists and the Minnesota Valley Chorale. The funds will be used for musician stipends, guest artists, publicity, and salaries. **Minnesota State University, Mankato, Music Performance Series-$7,000.** They will sponsor six music performances by Minnesota artists as part of their 2019 Performance Series. This will also include three outreach activities for area K-12 schools and community members. The funds will be used for performer’s artist fees and publicity. **Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises and Services - SMILES-$2,355.** They will sponsor “ChalkFest 2019” featuring several 3D and 2D professional chalk artists, face painting, music, and more in the Consolidated Communications parking lot in downtown Mankato, August 24, 2019. This event is conceived and led by people with disabilities. The funds will be used for artist fees. **Twin Rivers Council for the Arts-$7,000.** They will sponsor eight exhibitions in the Emy Frenz Gallery, April-December 2019; purchase equipment for the gallery; and hire a part-time Gallery Coordinator. The funds will be used for musicians to play at the exhibition receptions, LED gallery lighting, five wooden pedestals, and salaries.

**Brown County - $18,000**
New Ulm Suzuki School of Music-$7,000. They will sponsor their annual Summer Pops Camp and conduct their season of rehearsals and concerts in 2019. The funds will be used for the Pops Camp clinician, facility rent, and director’s fees. **Springfield Community Theatre-$4,000.** They will partner with Springfield Community Education and present Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” theater production; November 22-24, 2019. The funds will be used for a choreographer, costumes, and prop equipment. **The Grand Center for Arts and Culture** $7,000. They will continue their 2019 performing arts series which features many Minnesota artists presenting a variety of music genres each weekend and small theater productions. They will also display art exhibitions in their 4 Pillars Gallery. The funds will be used for performer’s artist fees, publicity, and staff salary.

**Nicollet County - $17,000**
Govenaires Drum & Bugle Corps-$7,000. They will perform in several Drum and Bugle Corps competitions throughout Minnesota and the Midwest, perform in several parades, and host the Drum Corps Expo, August 2019. The funds will be used for artist’s fees, publicity, (Article continues on page 4)

**Nicollet County**
**Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees**
(L to R): Matthew Sanders, Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps; John Ganey, Rock Bend Folk Festival; Jeremy Freeman, Minnesota “Over-60” Band; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.
and travel expenses. **Minnesota “Over-60” Band-$5,000.** They will perform in parades and concerts in Minnesota cities and the Minnesota State Fair during their 2019 season. The funds will be used for artist travel, salaries, music, and publicity. **Rock Bend Folk Festival-$5,000.** They will sponsor the 29th annual two-day festival featuring local and regional Minnesota folk musicians on two stages and local artists displaying their work at Minnesota Square Park in St. Peter; September 7-8, 2019. The funds will be used for performer’s artist fees, artist travel, and sound equipment rental fees.

**Sibley County - $19,190**  
Gaylord Area Chamber of Commerce-$5,000. They will sponsor “Music on Main” with twelve weekly concerts in downtown Gaylord, June through August 2019. The funds will be used for the performer’s artist fees and publicity. **Green Isle Community School-$3,190.** They will sponsor an Artist in Residency where students interview an elder from the community and work with local artists to create a play and music based on the elder’s life. A public performance of the work will be May 23, 2019. The funds will be used for artist fees and travel, publicity, and rental fees. **La Grande Band, Gaylord-$4,000.** They will sponsor an Artist in Residency with the Sibley East Middle and High School choir and band students; May 9-10, 2019. There will be open rehearsals, masterclass sessions for individual students, an educational session to learn about Baroque music and period instruments, and a finale concert that will be open to the public. The funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and rental fees. **T-Bird Community Arts, Gibbon-$7,000.** They will sponsor an Art Camp for grades 3-8, including painting, vocal performance, theater, computer art, dance, sculpture, and photography, June 10-21, 2019 and “The Little Mermaid” musical theater performance, August 1-4, 2019. The funds will be used for publicity, music and scripts, salaries, set and props, costumes, and art camp supplies.

**Watonwan County - $5,000**  
Madelia Area Chamber of Commerce-$5,000. They will sponsor the 7th annual Watona Park Blues Festival during Madelia Park Days; July 13, 2019. The funds will be used for the performer’s artist fees, publicity, and stage sound and lighting.

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Artist Grants of $14,000 Awarded

Front Row (L to R): Kay Herbst Helms, Mankato; Deborah Groebner North Mankato; Marjie Laizure, Mankato; Kirstin Cronn-Mills, North Mankato; Esther Marcella Hoffman, Mankato; Geraldine Leavens, New Ulm and Kristin Anderson, Lake Crystal.
Back Row: Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director, Neil Neidt, Springfield; Dave Sandersfeld, North Mankato; Patrick Ryan, Mankato; Andrew Breck, Waseca; Bradley Donner, Waseca; and Jason Schroeder, New Ulm.

Fourteen artists received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Career Development Grant of $1,000 each. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial support to artists committed to advancing their work and careers. An alphabetical list of the fourteen artist grantees and a brief description of their projects is listed below.

“We are excited that these fourteen artists will be creating new works in a variety of media” noted Byron. We hope that other artists will be inspired and plan to apply for a future grant from Prairie Lakes. The next deadline for a $3,000 Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant is September 15, 2019 and the deadline for a $1,000 Artist Career Development Grant is January 15, 2020. Grant program information and a link to the online applications are available at www.plrac.org.

Kristin Anderson, Lake Crystal. Kristin is a stained-glass artist and will use the artist grant to attend a 7-day class on glass kaleidoscope making at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina. Grant funds will be used for the class fee, supplies, and lodging to attend the class. She plans to exhibit her new work at The Depot Mercantile in Amboy, in 2019.

Bette Blaisdell, Mankato. Bette is a writer and will use the artist grant to complete her children’s book "The Adventures of the SuperheroGirls", about the strengths each person carries inside and how those strengths can be used to help others in need and protect the earth. Grant funds will be used to hire a professional illustrator for the cover design and other illustrations throughout the book, hire a professional editor, and purchase author copies to leave in classrooms and sell at art and book fairs. She plans to present readings at Jefferson, Kennedy, Monroe, and Washington Elementary schools in Mankato and participate in the GSR Fine Art Festival, November 2019.

Andrew Breck, Waseca. Andrew is a visual artist and will use the artist grant to create a multi-evening, outdoor, digital video installation that will take place at the Waseca County Courthouse Park. Images and videos will be projected onto geometric, semi-transparent, and opaque large format sculptures. Grant funds will be used to purchase two projectors, a digital camera, sculpture supplies, and for framing prints of the installation. He plans to exhibit the installation at Courthouse Park, and have an exhibit of 2D images of the installation at the Waseca Art Center in 2020.

Kirstin Cronn-Mills, North Mankato. Kirstin is a writer and will use the artist grant to promote her young adult novel WRECK, about a teenager dealing with her father’s ALS diagnosis, which will be published in April 2019. Grant funds will be used to hire Deb Shapiro & Company

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PLRAC/McKnight Artist Career Development Grants

to coordinate the publicity. She plans to present a public reading at the North Mankato Taylor Library in the spring of 2019 and a book launch at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, May 2019.

Bradley Donner, Waseca. Bradley is a visual artist and will use the artist grant to create a series of paintings and drawings depicting Native American lives in the 19th century, titled "A Cultural Heritage". Grant funds will be used to purchase oil paints, canvas, a large sized easel, and for matting and framing of the work. He plans to exhibit the new work at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture in New Ulm in July 2020.

Deborah Groebner, North Mankato. Deborah is a visual artist and will use the artist grant to create ten paintings created with encaustic wax and mixed media on cradled wood panels. The work will be visual interpretations of change observed on our landscape and the health of water resources in the Minnesota River Valley watershed. Grant funds will be used to purchase supplies including wax, paint blocks, pigment sticks, and wood panels. She plans to exhibit the new work at a local gallery in 2020.

Kay Herbst Helms, Mankato. Kay is a writer and a photographer. She will use the artist grant to work with a writing mentor, Patricia Weaver Francisco of Hamline University, and plans to submit at least twelve pieces for publication. Grant funds will be used for the mentoring fee and to purchase a laptop computer. She plans to have a solo reading or group reading at the Arts Center of Saint Peter towards the end of 2019 or early in 2020.

Esther Marcella Hoffmann, Mankato. Esther is a writer and performance artist. She will use the artist grant to create a short film while hiking twenty-five miles of the Lake Superior Hiking trail. Grant funds will be used to purchase a HP Chromebook, LG Stylo 4 camera phone, a GoPro, tripod, and publicity. She plans to have a public screening of the film at Vagabond Village or Twin Rivers Council for the Arts in September 2019.

Marjie Laizure, Mankato. Marjie is a visual artist and will use the artist grant to create new paintings using uncommon materials, including copper panels and lead based paint. She will use funds to attend the Figurative Art Convention in Williamsburg, Virginia, to purchase painting supplies, “The Artist’s Complete Guide to Figure Drawing: A Contemporary Perspective on the Classical Tradition” book, and for lodging at the convention. She plans to exhibit the new work at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, Waseca Art Center, or Arts Center of Saint Peter in 2020.

Geraldine Leavens, New Ulm. Geraldine is a visual artist and will use the artist grant to photograph animals at a local sanctuary and create fifteen pieces of art from the photos in watercolor, acrylic, or colored pencil. Grant funds will be used to purchase a new camera and for matting and framing. She plans to exhibit the new work at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture in New Ulm, June 2020.

Neil Neidt, Springfield. Neil is a visual artist and will use the artist grant to create eight to ten oil paintings, watercolor paintings, and digitally enhanced photos depicting land, sea, and sky based on images from both Southwest, Minnesota and Eastern South Carolina. Grant funds will be used to purchase brushes, paints, paper, canvas, stretchers and framing supplies. He plans to exhibit the new work at the Alternatt Gallery in Springfield or the Grand Center for Arts and Culture in New Ulm, in 2020.

Patrick Ryan, Mankato. Patrick is a writer and will use the artist grant to produce “Paddy’s Wake”, a multi-cultural night of music, dance, humor and Irish views on death and dying. Grant funds will be used for publicity, props, costumes, ten hours of creative time and performer stipends. Performances will be March 14-16 at the Loose Moose Entertainment Center in Mankato. A free performance will be March 17 at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts.

Dave Sandersfeld, North Mankato. Dave is a musician and will use the artist grant to record and release a five-song extended play album by March 2020. Grant funds will be used for recording studio costs.

Jason Schroeder, New Ulm. Jason is a musician and will use the artist grant to incorporate the mandolin into his written and recorded acoustic songs. Grant funds will be used to purchase a higher quality, hand crafted mandolin. Performances will be in New Ulm or Cambria in the summer and fall of 2019.

FY 2020 Artist Grant Deadlines
$3,000 Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant: September 15, 2019
$1,000 Artist Career Development Grant: January 15, 2020
Celebrating 10 Years of Arts Legacy Funding in Region 9

“We were pleased to see so many Arts supporters at our January 2019 celebration in Mankato,” noted Brenda Byron, Prairie Lakes Executive Director, “I discussed the 10 Year Impact of the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund of the Legacy Amendment in the 9-county region and details are listed below showing the amount of grants awarded from FY 2009 to FY 2018.” Sheila Smith, Director of Minnesota Citizens for the Arts, presented information about how the Arts Give Back to our communities and the statewide Creative Minnesota Study.

In the last 10 years PLRAC has awarded over $2.6 million dollars in grants from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund (Legacy dollars). In total, PLRAC has invested $3.8 million from all sources in the region, including $803,658 from state General Funds. These investments have increased attendance and the economic impact from arts activities in communities across the region, according to the Creative Minnesota study.

The Legacy Amendment was passed by a statewide vote of the people of Minnesota in 2008 to dedicate a portion of the state’s sales tax to create four new funds for 1. land conservation, 2. water conservation, 3. parks and trails, and 4. arts and culture. The legislature appropriates the dollars from the Legacy Arts and Culture Fund to the Minnesota State Arts Board, Regional Arts Councils, Minnesota Historical Society and other entities to provide access to the arts and culture for all Minnesotans.

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is a group of dedicated individuals committed to supporting, nurturing and expanding the arts; knowing that the arts improve the quality of life in our region. Our purpose is to provide promotion, technical assistance and grants to non-profit arts organizations, community groups, schools and individual artists. The nine counties served are Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan.

| Ten Year Summary of Grants funded by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| FY 2009 | ACH -$0- | State $103,901 | McKnight $24,000 | = $127,901 |
| FY 2010 | ACH $295,000 | State $76,930 | McKnight $13,500 | = $385,430 |
| FY 2011 | ACH $277,400 | State $65,110 | McKnight $39,000 | = $381,510 |
| FY 2012 | ACH $252,867 | State $31,680 | McKnight $39,000 | = $323,547 |
| FY 2013 | ACH $310,595 | State $89,153 | McKnight $42,000 | = $441,748 |
| FY 2014 | ACH $259,212 | State $98,635 | McKnight $44,000 | = $401,847 |
| FY 2015 | ACH $333,142 | State $88,497 | McKnight $43,000 | = $464,639 |
| FY 2016 | ACH $293,110 | State $82,015 | McKnight $46,000 | = $421,125 |
| FY 2017 | ACH $334,088 | State $85,032 | McKnight $45,000 | = $464,120 |
| FY 2018 | ACH $282,625 | State $82,705 | McKnight $44,000 | = $409,330 |
| Totals: | ACH $2,638,039 | State $803,658 | McKnight $379,500 | = $3,821,197 |

Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant; Lauren Shoemaker, Board President; Brenda Byron, Executive Director; and Cindy Lewer, Program Manager.
Learning about Diversity, Inclusion and Equity in the Arts

For the past year Brenda Byron, the Prairie Lakes Executive Director has been attending meetings and workshops on the topic of diversity, inclusion, and equity in the Arts. This effort is also in collaboration with the eleven Regional Arts Councils in Minnesota that will focus on Intercultural Competence in FY 2019. Four meetings of the Regional Arts Council (RAC) Director’s were held in 2018 with a consultant that led the RAC’s through this discussion. It included an individual assessment survey completed by all Directors focusing on their “intercultural competence” through survey questions and several learning sessions.

Byron noted that “It’s been very interesting to explore tactical ways boards and leadership can expand our understanding of diversity, inclusion and equity and build it into our organizational culture and decision making. It was important to learn some definitions in this area and to bring back the information to our Prairie Lakes board at several meetings.” This information may also be helpful to the arts organizations and community groups we serve in the nine-county area.”

“Although we may have a small percentage of racial diversity in our region, it still important to be aware of including all people in the Arts, noted Byron. In our nine county region the White population is about 90% or higher in 8 counties and our 9th county Watonwan has 77% White, 20% Hispanic, and 3% other. “The goal of PLRAC as an organization in FY 2019 is to strive for Equity and Inclusion in our policies, programs and the communities we serve.”

Therefore, a few new questions are being asked about Equity and Inclusion in our grant applications if an organization’s project is to provide Access to the event. These questions encourage applicants to think broadly and plan intentionally to reach more people through their arts programming and activities. Arts Access activities that plan to reach new audiences and engage the public in new ways, should also think about Equity and Inclusion. Within the context of your community, describe how your project identifies and proactively addresses barriers to engaging historically marginalized, targeted, and underserved people and identities that may otherwise have limited access to your proposed activity.

Examples might include:
* IPOC (Indigenous people and People of Color including Native American, Black/African/African American, Afro Latino, Caribbean, Chicano/Mexican, Central American, South American, Middle Eastern/North African, Southeast Asian/Asian/Pacific Islander, Immigrants, Refugees, and Muslim individuals.)
* Economically disadvantaged
* Youth and Seniors
* People with Disabilities
* LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, etc.)

The RAC Staff and Board Members from around the state met together in August 2018 to continue the discussion on this topic. RAC Staff also met in October 2018. Here are a few definitions we’d like to share to inform you about this topic.

**Diversity.** The presence of difference within a given setting. Include race, gender, ethnicity, religion, nationality, sexual orientation, language, socio-economic status, ability, geographical location and more …

**Culture.** A culture is a way of life of a group of people: the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them, and that are passed along by communication and imitation from one generation to the next. “The way we do things around here.”

**Cultural difference.** The fact of human difference that makes a difference in how we interact with one another.

**Inclusion.** Individuals with different identities feeling and/or being valued, leveraged, and welcomed to fully participate within a given setting.

**Equity.** Promote justice, impartiality and fairness within the procedures, processes and distribution of resources by institutions or systems. Eliminate root causes of outcome disparities within institutional and societal systems.

**Intercultural Competence.** The capability to shift cultural perspective and appropriately adapt behavior to cultural difference and commonalities.

**Learning Strategies Toward Intercultural Competence.** Cultural self-awareness including around power and privilege. Recognize overemphasis on commonalities. Increase understanding of cultural differences and understanding of cultural-general frameworks. Interact across cultural difference in ways that expand cultural understanding. Continue to build on knowledge of cultural difference and further develop skills to adapt across differences.
In FY 2020 All PLRAC Grant Applications are Online.

We will continue the online Grants Management from Foundant technologies for all our grant programs!

The “Applicant Login” button can be seen on the Home page and the Grant Programs page of the PLRAC Website.

http://www.plrac.org/grants.html

New Grant Guidelines & Applications are available.

On the “Grants Program Page” of the website, each is a downloadable link. Four program grants are listed:

• Arts and Cultural Heritage
• Youth Scholarship, grades 7-12 and 3-6
• Small Arts or Arts-In-Education for schools
• Artist Grant

Prairie Lakes has identified three primary goals for this change to online applications.

Goal 1: Increased accountability: Grantees will submit data collection information needed for our state funding, through the online application, which can be easily reported to the MN State Arts Board to document evaluation goals, outcomes, etc. that are needed for our Arts and Cultural Heritage funds.

Goal 2: Increase efficiency with the online application, contract, and final report for grantees.

Goal 3: Allow our Prairie Lakes board members to easily read, comment and score applications in a secure online format.

Have you visited www.plrac.org lately?

Prairie Lakes has great information to share that is just a click away!

Find the latest grant applications and guidelines, monthly newsletters and arts calendar, helpful links, & more!

FY 2020 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Organizational Grants - Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, schools, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. Fundable projects may include: community choirs & bands, dance activities, literary readings, music presentations, theatre productions, visual arts classes and exhibitions, etc. Maximums for the Arts & Cultural Heritage grants vary as well as matching fund requirements; check guidelines for details. Organizations can only receive one grant per year. Details are on page 10.

Artist Grants - Are for specific projects that will enhance your arts career. Applications are online at www.plrac.org.

| Arts-In-Education & Small Arts Project - $2,000 | Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant $8,000 | Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant - $3,000 |
| 1st of the Month Deadline | ACH Education- $4,000 | September 15 Deadline |
| July 1, 2019 to May 1, 2020 | Arts Festivals - $5,000 | Artist Career Development Grant - $1,000 |
| | August 1 Deadline & February 1 Deadline | January 15 Deadline |
| Youth Scholarship Grades 7-12 - $300 | | |
| October 1 Deadline | | |
| Youth Scholarship Grades 3-6 - $200 | | |
| November 1 Deadline | | |

All grant applications are online in FY 2020.

A tutorial that explains the online process is on our website.
FY 2020 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

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1. **Arts and Arts Access – Maximum $7,000.**
   Projects that focus on **arts programming** by an organization, maintaining on-going arts programs and services, and offering new and different activities. A variety of activities including art and music festivals, community choirs, dance performances, literary readings, instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater productions, visual art classes and exhibitions are eligible.

   Also **equipment** that enhances the artistic capabilities of the organization. This may include office equipment and software, instruments, risers, theater lighting, theater curtains, sound system, display cases, etc. This also includes **public art**, sculpture, murals, etc; and activities that plan to reach **new audiences** such as youth, ethnic groups, senior citizen groups, people with disabilities, etc. and engage the public in new ways. A **50% cash match is required**.

2. **ACH Arts Education:**
   **There are three categories of support.**
   
   A. Schools – Maximum $4,000. This is available to all public or private non-parochial elementary, middle or secondary schools (K-12) in the nine county area. Grants may fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. A 10% cash match is required for schools.

   B. Non-profit and Community Groups – $4,000

   C. Youth Scholarship for Students (7-12) – $300, and grades (3-6) - $200. Students have the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. This is for all Art disciplines. Deadline for grades 7-12 is October 1; and grades 3-6 is November 1.

3. **ACH Arts & Music Festivals - Maximum $5,000.** For arts and music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions. A 50% cash match is required.

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**Small Arts Project Grant**

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. The maximum grant is $2,000, with a 10% cash match. For arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **Deadline: 1st of each month.**

**Arts-In-Education Grant**

Grants are for **public and private schools K-12.** The maximum is $2,000 with a 10% cash match. Funds are available for Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: 1st of each month.**

**Individual Artist Grant**

These McKnight Artist Grants are for specific projects that contribute directly to an Artist's growth and professional development in dance, music, theater or visual art. Funds may be used for matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, or studying with a mentor, etc. **Deadlines are:**

- **September 15** - Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant, $3,000 each.
- **January 15** - Artist Career Development Grant, $1,000 each.
Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff

Front Row (L to R): Denice Evers; Kristie Gaalswyk-Pomerene; Carol Soma; Dana Sikkila; Cindy Lewer, Program Manager; and Brenda Byron, Executive Director. Back Row: Dennis Van Moorlehem; Liz Miller; Karen Krause; Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant; Lauren Shoemaker; Randy Mediger; and Charles Luedtke. Not pictured: Steve Davis, Margie Larson, and Rita Rassbach.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has One Board Position Open

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has one vacant position on the Board for a representative from the City of Fairmont.

The deadline for submitting an application is June 15, 2019. Interested persons residing in Fairmont should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at (800) 298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net to find out more about our board. We will email you a Board Application and a list of responsibilities.

This is a great opportunity to understand the workings of the granting process, to be more involved with the arts and artists of our region, and to enjoy camaraderie with others who appreciate the arts. The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: Artists, teachers, and representatives of arts organizations. Board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran College; no meetings in June or December. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required and board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings and arts events.

Prairie Lakes Board of Directors

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Administrative Assistant .. Pam Trumbull
In March 2019 Minnesota Citizens for the Arts and the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council released the new 2019 Creative Minnesota report. They found that the combined economic impact of nonprofit arts organizations, their audiences and artists and creative workers is over **$2.167 billion annually in Minnesota**. This includes $902 million spent by nonprofit arts organizations, $594 million spent by audiences, and the direct spending of artists in their communities, on things such as art supplies and studio rental, of $671 million. It includes statewide, regional and local looks at nonprofit arts and culture organizations, their audiences, artists and creative workers.

**It also indicated that the arts and culture sector in South Central MN is growing.** Although sixth in population size among the state’s eleven regions, South Central Minnesota and the Prairie Lakes 9-county region ranks 2nd in youth attendance, 3rd in economic impact from audiences, 3rd in average hourly wages for creative workers and 4th in overall audience attendance. The region also ranks 5th in economic impact per capita and in overall economic impact generated from the arts sector.

The study found that the combined economic impact of nonprofit arts organizations, their audiences and artists and creative workers in **South Central Minnesota is over $36.9 million annually.**

- This includes $8.6 million spent by nonprofit arts organizations, $17.3 million spent by 879,364 attendees, and the direct spending of artists in their communities, on things such as art supplies and studio rental, of $11 million.

- There are 139 nonprofit arts and culture organizations in South Central Minnesota that served 879,364 attendees at arts and cultural events in 2016.

- The report found that there are over 3,161 artists and creative workers in South Central Minnesota. Of that amount 1,032 are full-time artists. **Creative workers are defined as people who make their living wholly, or in part, by working for for-profits, non-profits, or self-employed, in 40 creative occupations.**

- The most common creative worker jobs in the region are photographers, graphic designers, and musicians and singers.

- The results for the 9-county region are summarized here, but much more information is on the website: [www.CreativeMN.org](http://www.CreativeMN.org). Further details for Region 9 are listed on page 12-13.
REGION 9: SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA

COUNTIES: BLUE EARTH, BROWN, FARIBAULT, LESUEUR, MARTIN, NICOLLET, SIBLEY, WASECA, WATONWAN

NONPROFIT ARTS & CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR AUDIENCES

TOTAL SPENT BY NONPROFIT ARTS AND CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS $8,624,330

TOTAL SPENT BY ARTS AND CULTURE ATTENDEES $17,332,264

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR NONPROFIT AUDIENCE $25,956,594

ARTISTS & CREATIVE WORKERS

SPENDING BY FULL-TIME ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS $4,944,183

SPENDING BY PART-TIME ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS $6,044,383

TOTAL ECONOMIC IMPACT FROM ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS $10,988,565

TOTAL ANNUAL IMPACT FROM
- NONPROFIT ARTS & CULTURE ORGANIZATIONS
- THEIR AUDIENCES
- ARTISTS & CREATIVE WORKERS

$36,945,160

Change in impact since 2017 report: +$3,701,899 | Economic impact per capita in this region: $180 | Area population in 2016: 231,336

PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS

BY DISCIPLINE

| 50 | Performing arts |
| 17 | Arts multipurpose |
| 6 | Visual arts and architecture |
| 3 | Media and communications |
| 1 | Literary arts |
| 1 | Humanities |
| 25 | History and historical preservation |
| 36 | Other |
| 139 | TOTAL |

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS 1,032

NUMBER OF PART-TIME ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS 2,129

TOTAL NUMBER OF ARTISTS AND CREATIVE WORKERS 3,161

Includes creative workers employed full or part-time by others, as well as self-employed. Does not include student, retired or hobbyist artists.

BY BUDGET SIZE

| 89 | Under $25K |
| 27 | $25K – $100K |
| 14 | $100K – $250K |

| 8 | $250K – $1M |
| 1 | $1M – $5M |

ATTENDEES

TOTAL ATTENDEES 879,364

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED 289,809

AVERAGE AMOUNT ATTENDEES IN THIS REGION SPEND PER PERSON ABOVE THE COST OF THEIR TICKET $19.71

CHANGE IN ATTENDEES SINCE 2017 REPORT +141,847

TOP 3 CREATIVE JOBS

PHOTOGRAPHERS | GRAPHIC DESIGNERS | MUSICIANS AND SINGERS

AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE FOR CREATIVE WORKERS $20.02

This is $1.46 above the average for all workers in this area.

STUDY HIGHLIGHTS

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Total economic impact from the arts and cultural sector in South Central Minnesota is $36.9 million per year.

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**REGION 9: SOUTH CENTRAL MINNESOTA**

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES**

| Government Revenue (Taxes & Fees) Generated by Arts and Culture Organizations and Their Audiences | Government Revenue Generated by Spending of Artists and Creative Workers |
| $2,579,725                                                   | $1,270,986                                                  |

**Total Government Revenue (Taxes & Fees) Generated by the Arts Sector**

| $3,850,711 |

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

**Creating a Public Access Program**

Creating awareness and advocacy for Minnesota’s creative communities.

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

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

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

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

*This activity received a Small Arts Grant from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council in 2018.*
**Arts Calendar**
(An asterisk* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)

**May 1** Play With Your Food Dinner Theatre presents music, dance, and four new hilarious plays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. **Free**; option to purchase food on your own. Held at the Coffee Hag, 329 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. For more information call or text (507) 995-4392, pwyf.openmic@gmail.com or send a Facebook message, www.facebook.com/PWYFmankato.

**May 1-6** Student Art Show. Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. www.blc.edu or (507) 344-7000.

**May 1-7** Senior Show #3. Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. www.mnsu.edu/artdept/ or (507) 389-6412.

**May 1-12** Emily Dzieweczynski and Betsy Ruth Byers’ “0°C, -3°C” Collaborative Work Exhibit. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. www.the410project.com.

**May 1-17** Mary Gulden Groebner’s “Interwoven” Textile Art Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

**May 1-24** WAC Member’s Show in the Beckmann Gallery and Kathy Notthingham’s Painting Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

**May 1-30** Randy Wood, Doug Wood, and Kay Herbst Helms’ “Barns – Passing of a Rural American Icon” Photography Exhibit. Held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 150 Stadium Road, Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9 a.m.-12 Noon & 1-3 p.m. (507) 387-6592 or bawood@charter.net.


**May 1-Aug. 28** Open Pottery Lab, Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9 p.m. Purchase a punch card & clay coupon at the Mankato Community Ed. Office. Punch cards are $39 for 8 sessions and a clay coupon is $25 including 25 pounds of clay, glaze and firing. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

**May 2** “Big World, Small World” Elementary Spring Music Program with special guest, singer, songwriter and author Dennis Warner, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Held at Madelia Elementary School, 121 E. Main St. (507) 642-3234 or www.madelia.k12.mn.us.

**May 2** University Jazz Band Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission $9, K-12 students and children $7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

**May 2** Graduating Media Arts Majors will present their capstone projects to a live audience, 7 p.m. Held at Honsey Hall 251 Studio, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

**May 2** Author, Susan Bartlett Foote, will discuss her book “The Crusade for Forgotten Souls”, telling the stirring story of the reform movement that laid the groundwork for a modern health system in Minnesota, 6-7:30 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary.

**May 2-11** Middle School Students Art Exhibit. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Gallery hours: Thurs & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. www.artsandheritagecenter.org or (507) 364-8107.

**May 2-25** Carnegie Art Center’s Juried Exhibition. At the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Wheelchair accessible. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or www.thecarnegie.mankato.com.

**May 3** Solo Concert by Friend Dog, Vincenzo Donatelle of The Last Revel, 7 p.m. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. www.the410project.com.

**May 3-4** Minnesota State University, Mankato Spring Dance Concert. May 3 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4 at 2 p.m. Adults $10, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen $9. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.
May 3-4 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents weekend music, 7:30 p.m. each night. May 3: Ace in the Whole performing bluegrass, blues, jazz, folk, and western music; members $8, non-members $12. May 4: Captain Gravitone and The String Theory Orchestra performing jazz, folk, rock, tango, and funk music, free. Held at the Grand Cabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

May 3-5, 9-12 & 16-19 “Peter and the Starcatcher” theater performances. May 3-4, 9-11 & 16-18 at 7:30 p.m. and May 5, 12 & 19 at 2 p.m. Post-show discussions held after the May 5, 12 & 19 shows. General admission tickets $12, $18 or $25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; $12 are sold first, then $18, then $25, shop early for best price. At DalekoArts, 110 E. Main Street, New Prague. www.dalekoarts.com or (952) 314-9077.

May 3-24 Twin Rivers Movers + Shakers Exhibit “palatable crEATions: A Food Inspired Juried Art Show” (Reception, May 3, 5-7 p.m.) Held at the Emly Frenz Gallery, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008.

May 3-26 Marjorie Moody’s “Inner & Outer Journeys” Oil, Cold Wax, and Mixed Media Exhibit. (Reception, May 4, 3-5 p.m.) Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 931-3630 or www.artcentersp.org.

May 4 “An Evening with the Menagerie” All Years Reunion Concert, 7 p.m. Ages 12 and up $10, ages 2-12 $5, and under 2 free. Tickets available at Bailey Creek Boutique, Hy-Vee, New Ulm Chamber, and online at www.statetstreetnewulm.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 North Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statetstreetnewulm.org.

May 4 Deep Valley Quilters Quiltfest 2019, featuring over 200 quilts on display, demonstrations and vendors, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission $6, held at Mankato National Guard Armory, 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Mankato. (507) 385-1742 or dvquilts@charter.net.

May 4 Senior Honors Recital by all music majors, 1:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

*May 4 Cellar Press Grand Opening with A to Z Letterpress and print makers Bradley Hall and Rachel James demonstrating letterpress and various forms of printmaking techniques, 10 a.m.-43 p.m., free. Held at The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

May 4 Gustavus Jazz Ensemble and Adolphus Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 4-5 Engelbert Humperdinck’s “Hansel & Gretel”, directed by Aaron Humble and Stephanie Thorpe. May 4 at 7:30 p.m. and May 5 at 3 p.m. General admission $12. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnssu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

May 4-June 1 Senior Studio Art Majors Exhibition. (Reception, May 4, 4-6 p.m.) Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finarts/hillstrom.

*May 5 “The Song Continues” 25th Anniversary Concert by the Mankato Children’s Chorus, 3 p.m., featuring favorite songs from the past 25 years and an alumni choir, Reception immediately following the concert. Adults $12, seniors and students $10, children under 5 $5. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.mankatocirclechildrenschorus.org or (507) 387-9007.

May 5 Vocal Jazz Showcase Concert, 1:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 7 Spring Author Series Presentation by Anika Fajardo, discussing her memoir “Magical Realism for Non-Believers” about a young woman from Minnesota who searches out the Colombian father she has never known, 6 p.m. Held at the LeCenter Public Library, 10 W. Tyrone St. (507) 357-6792.

May 7, 14, 21 & 28 Weekly Open Houses sponsored by the Minnesota Makers & Artist Guild, 3-6 p.m., Tuesdays. Tour the shops, check out the tools, and purchase memberships. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

May 8-31 M. Susan Anderson’s Photography Exhibit, held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and evenings & weekends by appointment. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.


May 9 Artist Talk by Danish author Dorthe Nors, 7 p.m. English translations of her books will be available. Held at the Interpretive Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.
*May 10* Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. $5, $7, or $10 available at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets or by mail at P.O. Box 243, Gaylord, MN 55334. Held at Sibley East High School, 208 W. Douglas St., Arlington. (507) 995-7086 or www.lagrandebande.org.

May 10 Concert by Galaxy, a 50’s & 60’s Dance Band, 7:30 p.m., dancing encouraged. At the door $12. Held at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org/ or (507) 235-9262.

May 10 Jazz Concert in the Courtyard, 4:30 p.m. Held at Courtyard Cafe, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 10 “Mythology” Raw Fusion Fashion Show, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. VIP ticket $110, reserved $72, and standing area $42. Proceeds benefit Jonathan Zierdt Cancer Fund. At the Mankato Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Civic Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mankatociviccenter.com or (507) 389-3000.


*May 11* Singing Hills Chorus presents their “What a Wonderful World” Concert with special guests Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines Just Kidding Quartet, 1:30 p.m. with reception to follow. Tickets $10; children 5 and under are free, however, a ticket is required. Limited tickets are available at Rhapsody Music, Scheitel’s Music and The Music Mart in Mankato. To find out if tickets are available at the door, call (507) 519-0626 or visit the Singing Hills Chorus Facebook page. Held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Chapel, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. www.singinghillschorus.org.

May 11 Gustavus Wind Symphony, Chamber Winds, and Woodwind Chamber Ensembles Concert, 1:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

*May 11* The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s Handel Messiah Concert, 7:30 p.m. featuring the Minnesota Valley Chorale and guest soloists. Held at Good Counsel Chapel, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. Adults gold seat $35, silver seat $23, bronze seat $11, children under 18 free; purchase online at www.mankatosymphony.com or (507) 625-8880.


*May 11-31* The 2019/20 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. May 11, 8-10:30 a.m., meet the 2019 CityArt artists at an all you can eat breakfast buffet and build your own pancake bar. Includes music by Nate Boots and kids activities. Adults $9, ages 6-12 $4, 5 and under free. Held at The Loose Moose Saloon and Conference Center, 119 South Front St., Mankato. FREE guided tours of the new sculptures at 9:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

May 12 Open Clay Studio, 3-5 p.m. For all ages and ability levels, under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. An instructor will be available. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersrp.org.

May 12 Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra and Lucia Singers Spring Concert, 3:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 4 Handbell Ensemble Concert, 7:30 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 13 “Self-Sufficient Artist” Artist Talks by Liz Miller, Michael Cimino, and Shelley Caldwell. Listen as these artists discuss what has worked for them, what hasn’t, and their journey to where they are now; 6 p.m. Free, but pre-registration is required. Held at Profinium Place, 100 Warren St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Twin Rivers Movers + Shakers. www.twinriversarts.org or (507) 387-1008.

*May 13-24* “I Heart Art” Regional Student Art Show, artwork by K-6th grade students from Arlington, Cleveland, Gaylord, Green Isle, Le Center, Lonsdale, Mankato, Montgomery, New Ulm, Nicollet, St. Peter, and Sibley East Elementary Schools. (Reception, May 17, 6:30 p.m.) Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. Turn off Marsh St. onto Division St. Summer gallery hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fri. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

May 14 Spring Author Series: Beth Dooley & Mette Niels will discuss their book “A Cook’s Guide to Using Honey and Maple Syrup”, 7 p.m. Held at the LeSueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

May 14 Film screening and discussion of “Y Tu Mama Tambien”, as part of the Coming of Age Films Series, 6 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

May 16-19 “Title and Deed” theater performances, May 16-18 at 8 p.m. and May 19 at 2 p.m. Held at Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 16-July 13 Czech Heritage Exhibit. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Hours: Thurs & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagcenter.org.

May 17 Hot Jazz for Decent People Series: Jazz Piano Concert by Masa Ishikawa Trio, refreshments at 7 p.m. and music at 7:30-9:30, $10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org. Masa received a PLARC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2018 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

May 17 Southern Minnesota’s Real Big Band Concert, featuring 40’s big band dance music and contemporary jazz pieces. Doors open at 7 p.m., music at 7:30 p.m. In advance $10 and at the door $12. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 625-7553 or www.katoballroom.com.


May 17-June 2 Maddie Fox’s “Creep Factor” Exhibition of Conceptual Portraiture (Photography). (Reception, May 24, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri., Sat. 2-6 p.m. and Sun. 1-4 p.m. www.the410project.com.

May 18 Fairmont Opera House presents the imaginative A Cappella group, VoicePlay, 7:30 p.m. Adults $20; seniors $15; Veterans, active duty, or students $10; under 10 $5; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.org or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

May 18 Brahms Requiem performed by the Gustavus Choir, Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, and soloist Dr. Michael Jorgensen, 5 p.m. A banquet will follow the concert. Held at C. Charles Jackson Campus Center, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

May 19 “Requiem Seven”, fundraiser for DalekoArts, including games, entertainment and your basic Viking funeral pyre, 5:30-8 p.m. General Adult $50, includes entertainment, light appetizers and one free drink. VIP Adult $100, includes entertainment, light appetizers and free drinks all night. Held at Next Chapter Winery, 16945 320th St., New Prague. Sponsored by DalekoArts, (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

May 22 Bethany Choir Homecoming Concert, 7 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

May 23 “Elder’s Celebration” Spring Program of plays and songs by K-6 students of Green Isle Community School honoring a local Elder by telling their story, 7 p.m. Plays by Bridget Stewart with music and lyrics by Kay Wilson. At the Green Isle Community School gymnasium, 190 McGrann St., Green Isle. (507) 326-7144.

May 24 Jazz Piano Concert by Masa Ishikawa Trio, 7-9 p.m., free. Held at the Coffee Hag, 329 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. (507) 387-5533. Masa received a PLRC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2018 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

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May 26  Maker Market, sponsored by the Minnesota Makers & Artist Guild, 12 Noon-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 Third Avenue. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

*May 28-June 28  Frank Meuschke’s Painting & Photography Exhibit in the Beckmann Gallery and Andrew Judkins’ Painting Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701. Andrew received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2018 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

May 29-June 1  “Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets go on sale May 13. At the Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

May 31  Concert by Pop Wagner & Bob Bovee, 7:30 p.m., featuring authentic cowboy songs, square dancing tunes, country blues, and more. Advanced tickets $10, available at Hy-Vee, New Ulm Chamber, and online at www.statesstreetnewulm.org; tickets at the door $15. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statesstreetnewulm.org.

*May 31  The Grand Center for Arts & Culture presents Steven Klassen performing folk music, 7:30 p.m. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

May 31  2019 Finale Concert by the Gustavus Wind Orchestra, 7 p.m. Held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7013.

May 31-June 28  “Student Expressions…An Exploration of Mediums” Exhibit by New Ulm High School Advanced Art Students. (Reception, May 31, 6-8 p.m.) Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.


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**Youth Arts Opportunities**

**Youth Classes**

May 2  Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades K-3, $11. Students will be introduced to a variety of media; exploring and creating works of self-expression, while learning new art ideas and techniques to improve current skills. This month is “April Showers Bring May Flowers”, watercolors. Register with Waseca Community Education https://isd829.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/home/ or (507) 835-5626. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

May 7  Club Picasso, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades 4 and up, $11. With a focus on skill building, our students will incorporate design elements using a variety of media. Classes reinforce skills and learning new techniques. This month’s theme is “Colorful Chameleons” with emphasis on unity and the rule of odds. Registration required with Waseca Community Education (507) 835-5626 or https://isd829.cr3.rschooltoday.com/public/home/. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.


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Individual Art Classes and Mentoring at The 410 Project, for ages 4-18. Director, Dana Sikila, will give individual lessons based on the child’s artistic interest, classes can be scheduled around family schedules. $15 per hour with student bringing supplies, $20 per hour with The 410 Project’s supplies, $12 per hour for students 5 and under. Email for more information 410project@hotmail.com. At The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. www.the410project.com.

Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota offers unique and hands-on programs and events for youth of all ages. Hours: Tues.-Sun. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Thurs. until 7:30 p.m. $8 per person 1 year and older. Located at 224 Lamm St., Mankato. (507) 386-0279 or www.cmsouthernmn.org.

Adult Artists

May 1 & 15 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, crochet, knitting, embroidery, and more. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

May 1-24 Accepting Proposals for artists to exhibit in the two galleries during 2020. Submit an artist statement, short bio, and 6-10 digital images of your work by May 24. For more information contact director@wasecaartscouncil.org. At Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Art Group, self-directed time to work on projects including visual art, literary art, etc. 2-5:30 p.m., meets on Wednesdays. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Drop-In Critique Group for Writers, Artists, and Musicians, 3-5 p.m. Come give and receive feedback, motivation, and practical guidance guaranteed to help you move forward with your creative pursuits. Hosted by Ann Rosenquist Fee. All levels welcome, no previous experience necessary. No registration required. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

May 2 Glass Torchwork with Basic Color Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn to make your own colored necklace pendants, $80. Held at Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

May 2 & 9 Woodshop Introduction Classes, 6-7 p.m., $15. Required class to use the woodshop. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

May 2, 9 & 16 Wire and Wine Design Classes, 6-9 p.m. Learn wire wrapping and create your own jewelry. A different project each session. Members $40, non-members $45, each session. Held at Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921, www.mankatomakerspace.org.

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 Art Journaling for the Creative Entrepreneur: The Creative Mandala Workshops, Thursdays, 8 p.m., $15 per workshop. Learn how to start a creative business using The Creative Mandala technique, utilizing art journaling as business planning in a fun, artistic way. Each week will focus on a different piece of the process. www.amandawiring.com to register. Held at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. (507) 340-4993.

May 7, 14, 21, & 28 Jam Sessions, Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

May 7-Jun 11 “Releasing your Inner Diva” Harmonizing Class, Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Minnesota Valley Chorus of Sweet Adelines will help you develop your singing though vocal instruction, warm-up exercise, and singing in a vocal unit. Voluntary opportunity to sing with the Adelines on their summer Sunday morning church tour. $10. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at Grace Lutheran Church, 320 E. Main St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Area Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

May 8 Metal Cutting and Shaping Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn different techniques and the tools needed to work with metal. Member $45, non-member $50. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921, www.mankatomakerspace.org.

May 9 Glass Torchwork Basic Clear Creation Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn to make your own clear piece including a pendant, paperweight, or sculptural form, $60. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921, www.mankatomakerspace.org.
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May 10 Pottery Date Night Class led by Felicia DeWald, 6-7:45 p.m. Bring your significant other, learn to make basic forms on the potter’s wheel, choose 1-2 pieces to be glazed and fired. No prior clay wheel experience required. $45. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Mankato Area Community Education, (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

May 11 Southern Minnesota Poet’s Society Monthly Meeting, 12:30-3 p.m., come have soup and bring 10 copies of a one page poem you want critiqued. SMPS members will work in groups to help you with your poem. Free, visitors welcome. Held at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 South Second Street, Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. (507) 345-1174 or www.southernmnpoets.org.

May 12 Writers’ Critique Group, 3-4:30 p.m. Bring work in progress and a question or two for the group. Read for five minutes, get critiqued for ten. Leave with good vibes and new ideas for moving forward. Hosted by Ronda Redmond. All levels welcome, there is no previous participation or experience necessary. $5, no advanced registration required. Held 2nd Sunday of the month, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscenterstp.org.


May 13 Poetry Reading Group, each participant will read aloud at least two poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

May 16 Acrylic Pour Painting Class led by Jessica Schwantes-Greve, 6:30 p.m. Choose to paint on an 8”x10” canvas, a record, or a set of four 4”x4” ceramic tiles. No prior experience required. $30, includes materials. Registration required. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Rd. 152, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

May 16 & 19 Open Auditions for Curtain Call Theatre’s production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” 6-9 p.m. May 16 at New Prague High School, 221 12th St. NE and May 19 at Tri-City United Middle School, 101 2nd Street NE, Montgomery. Performances are June 28-29 and July 5-7. (507) 744-8497, www.curtaincalltheatre.net, or president@curtaincalltheatre.net.

*May 17 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents Open Mic Night for local musicians, 7:30 p.m., held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

*May 18 Linoleum Block Relief Printmaking Class with instructor Rachel James, 1-4 p.m., $40. Carve linoleum blocks and print your original designs on paper. Images will be 4”x6.” All materials provided. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

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May 21-June 11 Introduction to Ceramic Hand Building Class led by Caitlyn Heyer, 6-8 p.m. Learn basic pinch, coil, and slab work to create bowls, boxes and more. No prior clay wheel experience required. $69. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Area Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

May 25 Southern Minnesota Movie Musicals Club, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. View “Hello Dolly”, free. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.bclibrary.org.

May 26 Maker Market, 12 Noon-5 p.m. Members can exhibit for free, non-members pay $30 fee. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

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**May 26** Carving Club, 1-3 p.m. Participants receive hands-on lessons regarding the fundamentals of wood carving from instructor, Ollie Heitkamp. Bringing your own basic tools after your first session. Meets fourth Sunday of every month. Non-member $5, member $3. Register online at www.neyccenter.org. Held at Ney Nature Center, 28238 Nature Center Lane, Henderson. (507) 357-8581.

**May 28** Non-Profit Directors’ Lunch, 12 Noon-1 p.m. Nonprofit leaders can network while sharing resources, challenges, and successes; free. You are responsible for your own lunch. Held at the Massad’s Mediterranean Grill, 1633 Monks Ave., Mankato. Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. www.minnesotononprofits.org or (507) 469-2217.

**Individual or Small Group Art Lessons.** Artist, Kevin Kroeber, will give individual or small group lessons in drawing and watercolor painting at his studio. Kevin has MFA and MA degrees in art and has training in the French technique of realism at the Atelier Lack. Contact kkroeber@hickorytech.net or (507) 420-3760 to set up lessons. Held at 723 Warren St., Mankato.

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**Grant Opportunities**

**May 15 Deadline**

**Paint the Town Grant**

Free paint and coating products for a community mural, community welcome sign, or historic structure projects. Up to 10 projects will be awarded to small communities with a population under 10,000. Grant applications and guidelines are available online at www.smifoundation.org. Contact Jennifer at Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation for more information, jenniferh@smifoudation.org or (507) 214-7040.

**May 17** **Minnesota State Arts Board Folk and Traditional Arts Deadline.** This program is designed to enrich Minnesota communities through folk and traditional art forms being passed on, documented, practiced and shared. $5,000-$75,000. Application deadline: May 17 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact (800) 866-2787 or rina.rossi@arts.state.mn.us. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

**May 24** **Ceramic Artist Grant and Residencies Deadline.** The Northern Clay Center administers fellowships and residencies on behalf of the McKnight Foundation. Two $25,000 fellowships and three $6,000 three month residencies are awarded to ceramic artists. The goal is to find artists whose work is of exceptional artistic merit, and who are at a career stage beyond emerging. Go to https://pwcenter.org/programs/mcknight-theater-artist-fellowships. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at https://www.mcknight.org/grant-programs/arts/artist-fellowships.

**May 31** **Native American Artist-In-Residence Program Deadline.** The Minnesota Historical Society will administer residencies on behalf of the Minnesota State Arts Board. Two residencies will be awarded for Native artists engaged in traditional artmaking and provide them stipends to connect with museum collections, peer artists, and/or other knowledgeable community members. Artists must currently reside in Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, or South Dakota. For information contact benjamin.gessner@mnhs.org, (651) 259-3281, or www.mnhs.org/residencies/naair.

**June 21** **Minnesota State Arts Board Arts Access Deadline.** This program is designed to encourage long-term engagement between arts organizations and traditionally underserved communities. $5,000-$100,000 Application deadline: June 21 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact natalie.kennedy@arts.state.mn.us or (800) 866-2787. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.

**June 28** **Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative: Visual Arts Deadline.** This program is designed to support and assist professional Minnesota artists at various stages in their careers by encouraging artistic development, nurturing artistic creativity, and recognizing the contributions of individual artists to the creative environment of the state of Minnesota. Grants will be awarded for career building and for the creative development of artists. $2,000-$10,000. Application deadline: June 28 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact sherrie.fernandez-williams@arts.state.mn.us or (800) 866-2787. For a link to the online application go to the MN State Arts Board website: www.arts.state.mn.us.
Non-profit Art Centers

**Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery**, 206 B. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. www.artsandheritagecenter.org or (507) 364-8107.

**Arts Center of Saint Peter**, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at www.artscenterssp.org/classes. Register for classes at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. & Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Contact (507) 931-3630, info@artscenterssp.org or www.artscenterssp.org.

**Carnegie Art Center**, 120 S. Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiemankato.com, (507) 625-2730, or artectr@hickorytech.net.

**Red Rock Center for the Arts**, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and evenings & weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. www.redrockcenter.org, (507) 235-9262, or redrockcenter@frontiernet.net.

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

**The Grand Center for Arts & Culture**, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music every Fri. & Sat. and monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sat. during shows 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Artist studios available for rent on second and third floor of the Grand. Contact: grand@thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222, or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

**Twin Rivers Council for the Arts and the Eny Frenz Arts Guild Gallery**, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Artist studios, gallery space, and Ticket Box Office for arts events in Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. info@twinriversarts.org, (507) 387-1008, or www.twinriversarts.org. Also find other arts events at: www.greatermankatoevents.com. Gallery Application link: www.twinriversarts.org/exhibition-schedule

**Waseca Art Center**, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits, educational programs, weekly art appreciation discussions, and spring concert series. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. info@wasecaartcenter.org, www.wasecaartcenter.org, or (507) 835-1701.

College Galleries

**Bethany Lutheran College**, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Art exhibits are held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. www.blc.edu/art-exhibits.

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

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

**South Central College Lookout Gallery**, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu.

**Student Union Gallery**, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to Midnight.
Minnesota Citizens for the Arts has worked in collaboration with Twin Cities Public Television's Minnesota Original show, to create several Arts Advocacy Videos; showing the Ways the Arts Give Back to Minnesota.

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