



October 2011 Newsletter



## Prairie Lakes will feature ten McKnight Fellowship Grantees in an upcoming Art Exhibition

January 13-February 12, 2012  
at the Arts Center of Saint Peter

Planning is taking shape for the upcoming exhibit of Fellowship Grantees. As our new McKnight Foundation funded programs began in 2011 we are excited to provide our artist grantees this opportunity to be featured in a group exhibition. This exhibit will highlight our ten Fellowship Grantees from 2010 funded by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. The exhibit will take place at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 Minnesota Avenue, January 13 to February 12, 2011. Funding for our artist grant programs and this exhibit is from the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis.

The anticipated Opening Reception will be Saturday, January 14, 2:00-4:00 p.m. "We are pleased to use the Arts Center of Saint Peter," noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. "The arts center has two levels and can accommodate over 40 pieces of art work."

Fellowship grantees from 2010 that will be featured in the exhibit are: Pamela Bidelman, St. Peter-oil painting; Cheryl Casteen, St. Peter-photography; Denise Friesen, North Mankato-drawing and monotype works; Michael Jorgensen, St. Peter-vocalist; Mika Laidlaw, Mankato-ceramics; Lois Peterson, St. Peter-mixed media; Patti Ruskey, Mankato-mixed media; Todd Shanafelt, Mankato-mixed media sculptural works; Janice Tanner, Janesville-mixed media; Brad Widness, North Mankato-printmaking.

### **Prairie Lakes Seeking Board Member from New Ulm**

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has openings on the Board of Directors for a representative that lives in **the City of New Ulm**. The deadline for submitting an application is Oct. 31, 2011. Interested persons residing in the city limits of New Ulm should contact Brenda Byron, Executive Director of PLRAC at (800) 298-1254 or [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) to find out more about our board and we will send you an application and a list of responsibilities.

The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: artists, arts consumers, art teachers and representatives of arts organizations. Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications, members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, music, theater and visual arts. Board Members are appointed through an open nomination process. The board is comprised of fourteen members, one from each of the nine counties, one from each city over 10,000 population, and one at-large. **Board members serve a three-year term with a maximum of two terms.**

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

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

# FY 2012 GRANT DEADLINES

## Arts-In-Education & Small Arts Project - \$1,200

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

## Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

**February 1, 2012 Deadline**  
March 22, 2012 Review

## Youth Scholarship/Mentorship Grant-\$300 each

**October 3, 2011 Deadline**  
October 27, 2011 Review

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

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

All new Grant Applications are available on our website [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org) as both a Word document and a PDF file. If you prefer to receive a copy in the mail please contact our office at 1-800-298-1254.

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



### Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff

(L to R) Row 1: Brenda Byron, Exec. Director; Pam Trumbull, Administrative Assistant and Cindy Lewer, Program Manager. Row 2: Bette Traxler, LeSueur County; Lill Robinson, Faribault County; Bonnie Taplin, Martin County; Pat Potzler, City of North Mankato; and Gina Wenger, Blue Earth County. Row 3: Denice Evers, Brown County; Mary Motter, City of Mankato; Greg Wilkins, At-Large; Joe McCabe, Watonwan County; Melanie Schmidt, Nicollet County; Paula Scheffler, Sibley County and Judy Berkeland, City of Fairmont. Not pictured: Sara Krassin.

# PLRAC Welcomes New Board Members



New PLRAC board members (L to R): Gina Wenger, Mankato; Greg Wilkins, At-Large; Melanie Schmidt, Nicollet County; and Paula Scheffler, Sibley County.

Four new board members and one incumbent member were recently appointed to the board. The board is comprised of fourteen members, one from each of the nine counties, one from each city over 10,000 population, and one at-large seat.

**Paula Scheffler**, Henderson, will represent Sibley County. Paula has a B.S. in Elementary Education and is presently a Substitute Teacher in area schools including LeSueur and New Prague. Paula has been active in the school serving six years as a School Management team member of ISD 2397, six years on LeSueur Henderson Community Education and four years as an Advisory Board Member of LeSueur Henderson Healthy Communities.

**Melanie Schmidt**, North Mankato, will represent Nicollet County. Melanie has a B.S. degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Melanie is the Program Supervisor for Mankato Community Educ. and Recreation Dept. Many of these activities focus on youth and include hosting Prairie Fire Children's Theater, the Guthrie, CLIMB Theater and independent directors producing and directing children's theater performances. She is an Assistant Speech Coach at Mankato East H.S. and has coached and judged Speech and One Act Play Contests since 1991. Melanie has been Assistant Director for Aktion Theatre Group, been a facilitator for the Mankato Diversity Council, and is also involved with the Mankato Area Healthy Youth Committee.

**Gina Wenger**, Mankato, will represent Blue Earth County. Gina has a B.A. in Art and Music, M.A. in Art Education and PhD in Art Education and Women's Studies. She is an Assistant Professor at Minnesota State

University, Mankato in Art and Art Education. Gina has been touring the United States recently giving lectures on Children's Artworks of the Japanese American Internment Camps and she has been volunteering to teach photography. She previously was a public school art teacher and sang with Musicorum in Mankato 2007-2009.

**Gregory Wilkins**, Mankato, will fill the At-Large seat. Greg has a B.A. in Intercultural Studies/History/Political Science and a minor in Visual Art; a MS in Educational Leadership; and A.B.D. in University Administration. He is Associate Director of Student Activities at Minnesota State University, Mankato. He has been active in the Arts as a painter, photographer, writer, actor, singer and musician. He is currently involved with the Southern Minnesota Poets Society as well as a facilitator on the Mankato Diversity Council but also is a playwright and screen writer. Last year for one month he was in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam working with Hmong people and their native art and craft.

**Elizabeth Traxler**, LeCenter, will represent LeSueur County for another term. Elizabeth has a B.S. in Elementary Education and M.A. in Curriculum and Instruction, and she is a teacher at LeCenter Elementary School. As an artist Bette is a writer and performer, she has written and directed plays and readers' theatre. She is involved in a local artist group, is a columnist for the LeCenter Leader newspaper writing human interest stories and is active in the Arts in Our School Committee in LeCenter. In the past Bette also served as a board member, author, actor and director of the LeCenter Community Theatre. Term began 9/1/09. Elizabeth serves as secretary.



# October 2011 Arts Calendar



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

**\*Oct. 1** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Naomi Uyama with Robert Bell, playing jazz music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**Oct. 1 & Oct. 6-9** "Rent" theater production at Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato, 7:30 p.m. all dates; 2 p.m. Oct. 8 & 9. \$22 adults, \$19 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$15 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/)

**\*Oct. 1-7** "New Works" art exhibit by Brian Frink, 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](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org).

**Oct. 1-14** "From Sturgis to Testy Festy" photography exhibit by Amanda Hankerson and Lacy Criswell. Schaefer Gallery, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, (507) 933-7019 or [www.gustavus.edu](http://www.gustavus.edu).

**\*Oct. 1-22** "Along The Same Lines" exhibit by Lu Mulder; and "On The Edge..In Between" exhibit by Denise Friesen, Brad Widness and Mary Coughlan in the Hope Cook Gallery. (Opening Receptions, Oct. 1, 7-9 p.m.) Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. [www.thecarnegiemandkato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemandkato.com) or (507) 625-2730.

**\*Oct. 1-23** Curated Exhibition of 2D and 3D visual art by Curt Germundson, 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](mailto:the410project@yahoo.com)

**Oct. 1-27** Mixed media exhibit by Rick Love, Heather Nameth Bren and Kjellgren Alkire, art faculty of Northwestern College, Roseville, MN. 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. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**Oct. 1-27** Exhibit by Shelley Holl, travel author and watercolor painter, at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; second Sat. of the month 8 a.m.- 3 p.m., (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.redrockcenter.org/](http://www.redrockcenter.org/)

**\*Oct. 1-29** Czech Music Exhibit at the Montgomery Arts & Heritage Center, 206 B. First Street, Montgomery. Hours: Thur. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 noon. (507) 364-8107.

**\*Oct. 1-30** "I Hope We Go Together" photography exhibit by Carrie Elizabeth Thompson, (Gallery Talk and Q&A Session, Oct. 15, 2-3 p.m.) at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Hours: Tues.-Fri.: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m., [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).



**Oct. 1-30** Exhibition by Becky Kelly at the Landkamer Building, 124 E. Walnut St., Mankato. Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-1 a.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-1 a.m. and Sun. 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

**Oct. 1-Nov. 6** "A Collector's Passion for Dürer's Secrets" the MAGJEKL Collection"; "Comfort Me, Said He," recent work by Kristen Lowe; and "FOCUS IN/ON Guy Pène du Bois, Connoisseurs" (Nobel Conference Reception, Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m., with a dance entitled "Excess" by Melissa Rolnick, Dept. of Theatre and Dance and Renee Guittar, senior dance major; choreographed in response to the exhibit.) 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 [www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom](http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom)

**Oct. 2** The River Bend Bells, Mankato's Community Handbell Ensemble, celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary with "Happy Birthday Memories" concert at 3 p.m. Tickets at the door \$5 adults and seniors, children under 5 free. Birthday cake and coffee served after the event. Belgrade United Methodist Church, 325 Sherman St., North Mankato. (507) 340-7678 or [www.riverbendbells.org](http://www.riverbendbells.org).



**Oct. 2** Bethany Jazz Band Concert, 7 p.m., free, Ronald Younge Gym of the Bethany Sports and Fitness Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**Oct. 2** Wind Symphony Concert, 2 p.m. Martin Luther College Auditorium, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, (507) 354-8221 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu)





# Arts Calendar



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**Oct. 3** The Orchid Ensemble performs world music. MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$12/general admission; \$11/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, 320 Maywood Ave., Mankato. (507) 389-5549, [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events), or [dale.haefner@mnsu.edu](mailto:dale.haefner@mnsu.edu).

**Oct. 3** Painting artist, David Ratcliff, will give a public lecture as part of the Andreas Endowment Residency, 7 p.m., Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6412 or [www.mnsu.edu/artdept/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/)

\***Oct. 3-5** “Reverie,” acrylic painting and mixed media exhibit by Susanne Crane, at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

**Oct. 3-14** Art Exhibition by Robert Finkler, Janice Tanner and James Tanner, on display 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/>

\***Oct. 4** The Nobel Conference Concert, “A State of Mind and Music: New Songs by Composers from Minnesota,” 8:15 p.m. You are invited to experience vocal solo music written in the last ten years that provides insight into the creative minds of a number of composers who call Minnesota home. Represented composers include Pulitzer Prize-winning Dominick Argento, Libby Larsen (the 2010 winner of the George Peabody Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Music in America), Stephen Paulus, and Gustavus alumnus Steve Heitzeg. World premieres of commissioned music by Timothy Berry and Todd Harper will be featured, as well as works by Jocelyn Hagen and Hiram Titus. **Professor Michael Jorgensen**, baritone, and Bonnie Jorgensen, piano, have coached the music with composers, and will be assisted in the recital by student musicians. Many of the composers are expected to be in attendance as we celebrate their musical genius. Michael Jorgensen received a PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship grant in 2010 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council for this recital. Concert tickets are free. Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, 800 W. College Ave., St. Peter. [www.gustavus.edu](http://www.gustavus.edu) or (507) 933-7590.

**Oct. 4, 7-9** “On Ego”, The Department of Theater & Dance presents this poetic snapshot of the science of the mind. Oct 4, 7, 8 & 9 at 8 p.m.; Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**Oct. 4-19** “Vulture Culture” exhibit by Dana Sikkila, Gina Hunt, Krista Heinitz, Curt Germundson, Ian Roberts, Tyler Anderson, Ty Abrahamson, Bill Lundblad, and Broc Toft (Opening Reception, Oct. 4, 7-9 p.m.) at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to midnight. 507-389-6767 or <http://csu.mnsu.edu/>

**Oct. 6** Nachito Herrera, Latin Jazz Quartet concert, MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$15/general admission; \$13/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, 320 Maywood Ave., Mankato. (507) 389-5549, [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events), or [dale.haefner@mnsu.edu](mailto:dale.haefner@mnsu.edu).

\***Oct. 6-Nov. 9** “Material Marks” fiber art exhibit by Allison Roberts, (Opening Reception, Oct. 20, 5-8 p.m.) at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tues., Wed. and Fri., Noon-4 p.m. and Thurs. 4-8 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

\***Oct. 7** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Amy & Adams, playing folk, blues and rock music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**Oct. 8** Jazz Nite! with Jim McGuire Jazz Trio and visiting guest artists, 6:30-9 p.m., at Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478<sup>th</sup> Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or [www.morgancreekvineyards.com](http://www.morgancreekvineyards.com).

\***Oct. 8** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Beg for Justice, playing folk, bluegrass, and country music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**Oct. 8** The Chestnut Brass Company concert, 7 p.m., \$15 general admission, \$12 seniors and students. Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**Oct. 9** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Heartland” concert, with guest Christopher Atzinger, Virtuoso pianist. 3 p.m. at Mankato West High School Auditorium, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Adult tickets are \$25, \$20, or \$15; children 18 and under \$5, discounted season tickets available, contact the Twin Rivers Box Office, 523 South Second Street, Mankato, (507) 387-1008, [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org), or [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com).



# Arts Calendar

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**\*Oct. 9** Reprised readings of “Oscar and the Lady in Pink” at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$7 general admission, \$5 Arts Center members and students, at lower level performance space, Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 931-3630, [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Oct. 9** The Melius Piano Trio in concert, 7:30 p.m., free. Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**Oct. 9** Classical pianist, John Walker, in concert, MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$12/general admission; \$11/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, 320 Maywood Ave., Mankato. [dale.haefner@mnsu.edu](mailto:dale.haefner@mnsu.edu), (507) 389-5549, or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).

**Oct. 7 & 28** Guitarist, Duke Zecco, performs 50’s, 60’s & 70’s music, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. (507) 234-6222 or [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com).

**Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28** Jazz and classical pianist, Ben Marti, performs 6:30-9 p.m., at Morgan Creek Vineyards, 23707 478<sup>th</sup> Ave., New Ulm. (507) 947-3547 or [www.morgancreekvineyards.com](http://www.morgancreekvineyards.com).

**Oct. 11** University Jazz Groups Concert, 7:30 p.m., \$9/ General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549.

**Oct. 11** “Lunch with the Arts”, music by Bill Busse and Joyce Schultz accompanied by Sandy Ettesvold, 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](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**\*Oct. 13** Good Thunder Reading Series presents poet, Elizabeth Alexander; at CSU Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. Talk on craft, 3 p.m.; and reading, 7:30 p.m. [www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt](http://www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt) or (507) 389-1354.



**Oct. 13** Scottie Miller concert, playing New Orleans R&B, MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$12/ general admission; \$11/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, 320 Maywood Ave., Mankato. (507) 389-5549, [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events), or [dale.haefner@mnsu.edu](mailto:dale.haefner@mnsu.edu).

**Oct. 13-16 & Oct. 19-23** “Wait Until Dark” theater production at Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato, Oct. 13-15 & 19-22 at 7:30 p.m.; Oct. 16, 22 & 23 at 2 p.m. \$16 adults, \$14 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$11 MSU students. (507) 389-6661 or [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/)

**\*Oct. 14** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Rhonda Laurie and Robert Bell, playing jazz music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**Oct. 14** Cedar Paddle Band performs folk music, 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**Oct. 14-15** Blue Earth County Historical Society presents a Ghosts from the Past theater program, “Draped in Black: Victorian Mourning Customs Unveiled”. Oct. 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 15 at 5 p.m.; Adults \$7.50; Children \$5; ages 5 and under free. At the R.D. Hubbard House, 606 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 345-5566, [bechs@Qhickorytech.net](mailto:bechs@Qhickorytech.net) or [www.bechshistory.com](http://www.bechshistory.com).

**\*Oct. 14-Nov. 12** “For the Love of Wine”, the President’s Show, (Opening Reception, Oct. 14, 7-9 p.m.), 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](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org).



**\*Oct. 15** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Alabaster Falls, playing folk and bluegrass music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**\*Oct. 15** “Bach’s Lunch”, Family Concert Series. Composer Johann Sebastian Bach has it all. The only problem is his student, Heinrich, won’t take things seriously! A great introduction to classical music for kids of all ages, starring David Fienen as Bach and Alex Barnett as Heinrich, and the Mankato Symphony Orchestra String Quartet. Mankato YMCA exercise room, 11 a.m. Adults \$10, youth \$5. [www.mankatosymphony.com](http://www.mankatosymphony.com) Tickets available at the door, online, or Twin Rivers Box Office (507) 387-1008.



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**\*Oct. 15** Monroe Crossing bluegrass concert, 7:30 p.m., 2011/12 subscription series. \$20 adult, \$10 student. All reserved seats; at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, 507-238-4900 or [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com).

**Oct. 16** Ala Carte Jazz Brunch featuring the Adolphus Jazz Ensemble and the Gustavus Jazz Lab Band, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Eveyln Young Dining Room, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**Oct. 16** Fall Music Festival, with performances by Bethany Concert Choir, Mary Martha Singers, and Bethany Concert Band, 2 p.m., free, Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**Oct. 16** College Choir Concert, 3 p.m. Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm, 2 p.m. (507) 354-8221 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu)

**Oct. 16** The Family Weekend Showcase Concert featuring the Gustavus Choir, Gustavus and Vasa Wind Orchestras, Gustavus Symphony and Lucia Singers, 2 p.m., free. Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

**Oct. 18** University Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m., \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549.

**Oct. 19** “Pearl Harbor: Day That Will Live in Infamy”, a multimedia presentation by historian, Dale Blanshan; at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, 6 p.m. [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org) or (507) 359-8334.

**Oct. 20** 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](http://www.citycentermankato.com/partnership.php)

**\*Oct. 20** 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](mailto:info@artscentersp.org) or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Oct. 20** Foreign and Independent Film Series showing of “The Middle of the World,” a drama from Brazil; the film is in Portuguese with English subtitles; at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, 6 p.m. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org)

**Oct. 20-Nov. 3** Art Students Annual exhibit at Conkling Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon. through Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or <http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/>

**Oct. 21** Mary Guentzel Quintet performs 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**\*Oct. 21** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Chambers Family Night, music and poetry by the Chambers family, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**\*Oct. 21-22 & 28-29** Curtain Call Theater will present “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs of the Black Forest”, 7:30 p.m., \$10 adults and \$5 children 12 & under. New Prague Middle School, 721 Central Ave N., New Prague. 952-758-3450, [www.curtaincalltheatre.net](http://www.curtaincalltheatre.net), or [pint@ix.netcom.com](mailto:pint@ix.netcom.com)

**\*Oct. 21-23 & 29-30** New Ulm Actors Community Theater presents “Once Upon A Mattress.” Oct. 21, 22, 29 & 30 at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23 at 2 p.m. \$12 adults and \$9 students and seniors over 65. New Ulm Community Center, 600 North German, New Ulm. [www.newulmact.com](http://www.newulmact.com) or 507-233-1303.

**\*Oct. 22** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Charmin Michelle and The Jim Whitman Trio, playing jazz music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**Oct. 23** University Concert Bands in concert, 3 p.m., \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events)

**\*Oct. 27** Good Thunder Reading Series presents Wright Award winner, Rhea Davison-Edwards, fiction and creative nonfiction writer; and John Reimringer, fiction writer; at MN State University, Mankato. Talk on craft, 3 p.m. at CSU Ostrander Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Reading in CSU Room 253. [www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt](http://www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt) or (507) 389-1354.



# Arts Calendar



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

**\*Oct. 28** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Jason Helder from the Organic Cowboys, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**\*Oct. 28-Nov. 6** Annual Halloween Show 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](mailto:the410project@yahoo.com)

**\*Oct. 29** Bee Kay's concert and dance, a family band playing country and rock music, 7 p.m. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/)

**\*Oct. 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents the Chris Silver Band, playing bluegrass, blues and folk music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, (507) 359-9222, [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com), or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com)

**Oct. 29** Masquerade Ball, dress modern or venetian, 7:30-11 p.m., music by Mary Guentzel Quintet. Reservations required, \$35 per person, call (507) 317-7915, at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**Oct. 30 & 31** Fall Choral Concert, Oct. 30 at 3 p.m.; Oct. 31 at 7:30 p.m. \$9/General Admission; \$7/MSU students; \$6/K-12 students and children. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events) or (507) 389-5549.



**Oct. 31-Nov. 23** Sculpture and mixed media exhibit by David Boelter, associate professor of art at Buena Vista University in Sioux City Iowa. (Lecture and Reception, Nov. 3, 7-8 p.m.) 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. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

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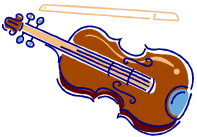
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# Arts Opportunities & Classes

## Arts Opportunities

**Oct. 1** Brian Wicklund Fiddle Workshops. Workshop 1: "How to Make One Hundred Thousand Variations to a Fiddle Tune", 1-2:30 p.m. Workshop 2: "The Mysterious Swedish Polska", 3-4:30 p.m. \$40 for an individual workshop or attend both for \$70. Suitable for ages 10 and up, both workshops are at intermediate and higher level. Must have your own instrument, registration required. Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. (507) 931-3630, [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).



**Oct. 8** Bob Ross style landscape oil painting workshop by Loren Terhark of Worthington, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For beginner or advanced painters, you will complete a landscape oil painting to take home. Register through CER (507) 235-3141. Class fee: \$66. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.redrockcenter.org/](http://www.redrockcenter.org/)

**Oct. 14** Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association will meet at 8:30 a.m. Discussion will be on music for competitions and exams. At School Sisters of Notre Dame, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. (507) 225-3375.

**Oct. 21** 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](mailto:alennartson@mncn.org).

**\*Oct.** Are you proud of your heritage or have you traveled abroad and would like to share your pictures and stories with others? Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont is seeking a variety of artwork to reflect cultures from around the world. They are also looking for individuals or groups to share stories, pictures, poetry, food demonstrations, musical performances and such. Tentatively scheduled for March 2012. [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or 507-235-9262.

**Oct.** Fall Arts Center class registration through St. Peter Community Education – [www.stpetercommunityedonline.com](http://www.stpetercommunityedonline.com) Questions on class content: [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org).

**\*Oct. 2011-March 2012** Merely Players Community Theatre has volunteer openings for costumes, set building, props, lighting, or sound. For more information or to sign up [player@merelyplayers.com](mailto:player@merelyplayers.com) or (507) 388-5483.

## Youth Opportunities

**Oct. 1, 8 & 15** Club Picasso art classes for grades 2 and above. Emphasis will be on drawing, using a variety of materials. Materials and equipment will be supplied. Call to enroll and get more information. Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N., Waseca, (507) 835-1701, [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org)



## State-Wide Online Resources

### COMPAS

[www.compas.org](http://www.compas.org)  
A Minnesota resource for artist residencies and community-building through the arts.

[www.compas.org/arts-education/young-audiences/programs/about](http://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](http://www.mncitizensforthearts.org)  
State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization to Increase funding.

### Minnesota State Arts Board

[www.arts.state.mn.us](http://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](http://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](http://www.pcae.k12.mn.us)

[Springboard for the Arts](#)  
[www.springboardforthearts.org](http://www.springboardforthearts.org)  
Workshops for artists & non-profit arts groups.

[Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations](#)  
[www.mnartists.org](http://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 Opportunities & Classes Continued

**\*Oct. 3 PLRAC Youth Scholarships and Mentorships Grant Deadline.** Scholarships of \$300 provide select students in grades 7-12, the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist, attend an arts workshop, series of classes or special training opportunity. The scholarship can also be used to take lessons or pay fees to a non-profit arts organization serving youth. Artistic areas include: dance, literature, media arts, music, theater and visual arts. Students must live in the 9-county region that Prairie Lakes serves including: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Applications can be downloaded from our website: [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org). (507) 833-8721, (800) 298-1254, or [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net).

**Nov. 1, 8, 15 & 22** Music Exploration Class for Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Age appropriate games, music, and movement in a fun, social setting. Play a variety of rhythm instruments, learn age music concepts, simple rhythmic counting, study beat, notes on the staff, and more. **Register by Oct. 24** through CER (507) 235-3141. Class fee: \$36. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.redrockcenter.org/](http://www.redrockcenter.org/)

## Artist Opportunities

**\*Oct. 3-4** Merely Players Community Theatre will be holding open auditions for the production of, "Golden Guys & Gals: Holiday Notes" from 7-9 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Center. Merely Players will be casting men and women 55 years of age and older. Come prepared to sing and dance. Singing and some light dancing is required. The production will be held: Nov. 25-27 and Dec. 2-4. 507-388-5483, [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com), or [player@merelyplayers.com](mailto:player@merelyplayers.com).

**\*Oct. 5-8** Entry dates for the President's Show, a juried exhibit, "For the Love of Wine". Oct. 5-7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Oct. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The juried works may include all forms of art from paintings, sculpture, fabric work, drawings and photographs. All works must have some connection to wine to be considered. For Waseca Arts Council members entry is free; other artists \$10 fee for each work submitted. Exhibit will run Oct. 14-Nov. 12. Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N., Waseca. (507) 835-1701, [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org) or [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org)

**\*Oct. 6** 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](http://www.4playwrights.com).

**\*Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28** Friday Muses invite artists to bring in-progress or completed artwork to the table and enjoy conversation with other artists, every Friday, 1-3 p.m. at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato; (507) 387-1008 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org).

**\*Oct.** CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour is accepting applications for the 2012 CityArt tour. Applications are due by Nov. 1 and the juried process will take place in December. For more information and to download an application go to [www.cityartmankato.com/apply.shannon@twinriversarts.org](http://www.cityartmankato.com/apply.shannon@twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008.

**Oct.** Blue Earth Reader Workshop needs volunteer actors to perform readings for local playwrights. If interested email name and email address to [berworkshop@yahoo.com](mailto:berworkshop@yahoo.com)

**Oct.** 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](mailto:bechsam@hickorytech.net).

**Oct.** The Landkamer building in Mankato has exhibit space available to artists. Email [antje@myclearwave.net](mailto:antje@myclearwave.net) for release forms and scheduling.

**Oct.** North Mankato Taylor Library is looking for artists to exhibit their work on library walls. Email [rjkober@hickorytech.net](mailto:rjkober@hickorytech.net) for more details.

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

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Search Facebook for 'Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council'

Look for upcoming events, grant deadlines, photos and other important information to be posted. Please feel free to "like" our page and comment on our wall!



## 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](http://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](mailto:claycenter@artscentersp.org), [info@artscentersp.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.carnegieartcenter.org).

**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/](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 [www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/](http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/).

**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](http://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: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; second Sat. of the month 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; evenings and weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. Tuesday is Lunch with the Arts held monthly: Noon-12:45 p.m. "Come & Go", enjoy various types of artistic performers, bring your lunch and relax in a beautiful setting. (507) 235-9262 or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Stones Throw Gallery**, 420 N. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter, (507) 934-5655. Gallery hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and by appointment. Features the work of many local artists. To browse individual artists' work and learn more about the artists and the Gallery, go to [www.stonestrowgallery.org/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@twinriversarts.org) or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org), then link to [www.greatermankatoevents.com](http://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](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org).

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**Documentary Film Series**

Area businesses have teamed up to bring this film series to the Treaty Site History Center in St. Peter. Films start at 7 p.m. and admission is free. Contact [jessica@nchsmn.org](mailto:jessica@nchsmn.org) or (507) 934-2160 for more information.

**October 6th: Truck Farm**

Filmmakers Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis transformed granddad’s ‘86 Dodge into a traveling 20-member CSA. They planted between the wheel wells with arugula and tomatoes, parked the truck on a Brooklyn street, and waited for sun and rain to work their charms. When the first sprouts came up, Truck Farm was born. Subscribers received deliveries of produce, arriving via the mobile farm itself. Cheney and Ellis are also the Peabody Award-winning co-creators of *King Corn*, *Big River* and *The Greening of Southie*. Truck Farm is the new 40-minute documentary about the urban farms taking root in America’s biggest city.

**November 3rd: Rain in a Dry Land**

How do you measure the distance from an African village to an American city? What does it mean to be a refugee in today’s “global village”? *Rain in a Dry Land* provides eye-opening answers as it chronicles the fortunes of two Somali Bantu families, transported by relief agencies from years of civil war and refugee life to Springfield, Massachusetts and Atlanta,

Georgia. As the newcomers confront racism, poverty and 21st-century culture shock, the film captures their efforts to survive in America and create a safe haven for their war-torn families. Their poetry, humor and amazing resilience show us our own world through new eyes.

**December 1st: Reel Injun**

Hollywood has made over 4,000 films about Native people; over 100 years of movies defining how Indians are seen by the world. *Reel Injun* takes an entertaining and insightful look at the Hollywood Indian, exploring the portrayal of North American Natives through the history of cinema. Traveling through the heartland of America, Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond looks at how the myth of “the Injun” has influenced the world’s understanding-and misunderstanding-of Natives. With candid interviews with directors, writers, actors and activists, including Clint Eastwood, Jim Jarmusch, Robbie Robertson, Sacheen Littlefeather, John Trudell and Russel Means, and clips from hundreds of classic and recent films, *Reel Injun* traces the evolution of cinema’s depiction of Native people from the silent film era to today.

**Upcoming Films:** January 5th, *Okie Noodling*; February 2nd, *Restrepo*; March 1st, *Exit Through the Gift Shop*; April 5th, *The Real Dirt on Farmer John*; and May 3rd, *Black Gold*.