Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded
A total of $163,500 was awarded to 25 Area Organizations

Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees
Row 1 (L to R): Susan Hayes, Montgomery Area Community Club; Stacy Lienemann, Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library; Madeline Cacciato, La Grande Bande, Gaylord; Leah Ries, Mankato Children’s Chorus; Alice De Yonge, Project G.E.M.; Mary Hillmann, South Central Service Cooperative; Susan Olson, Merely Players Community Theatre; Mark Wamma, Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra; and Leah Prah, Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Row 2: Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Richard Tostensen, State Street Theater Company; Annette Meeks, Saint Peter Choral Society; Bethel Balge, Summit Avenue Music Series; Jake Zeiher, Minnesota New Country School; Fred Slocum, Musicorum; Sara Traylor, Minnesota Valley Chorale; Lori Deihl, DalekoArts, New Prague; Gail Ottesen, Blue Earth Valley Concert Association; and Teresa Saum, Arts Center of Saint Peter.

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The next ACH Grant deadline is February 1, 2020.
These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
Free Artist Workshops
October 9 and November 13, 2019

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is offering FREE workshops for Artists and we encourage you to attend! The dates and times are listed below. Please register by emailing the Prairie Lakes office at plrac@hickorytech.net or calling Brenda Byron at 1-800-298-1254 or 507-833-8721.

Both Workshops held on Wednesday
at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato

October 9, 6-8 p.m. – Tax Planning for Artists

Open to all artists! The presenter is Ann Etter, licensed CPA and performing artist from Northfield. She will provide advice and tips for artists on business finance and taxation, that will enable them to make better business decisions, and to decrease the anxiety that accompanies tax issues. Questions covered: should I use a home office, what is deductible and how do I track things? After the hour-long group presentation/discussion, Ann will be available to meet individually with up to ten artists for 5-minute Mini-Sessions. These free Mini-Sessions are available to the first ten artists to RSVP.

November 13, 6-8 p.m. – Social Media for Artists and Grant Funding

Develop your Social Media Strategy by using Facebook, Twitter and others. The presenter is Dana Sikkila. In addition, Brenda Byron will present information about the Prairie Lakes’ Artist Career Development Grant of $1,000 due January 15, 2020. Topics include: Eligibility Requirements, What Activities can be Funded, How to Complete the Online Application, etc.

Dana Sikkila, received her MA in Printmaking as well as her Non Profit Leadership Certificate from Minnesota State University, Mankato. Based in Mankato, she concentrates on making her art work as well as being Executive Director of the 410 Project, Community Art Space, along with holding an arts adjunct professor position at MNSU, Mankato. Sikkila serves as a board member for the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Minnesota Citizen's for the Arts, as well as a Grant Review Panelist, and Artistic Evaluator for the Minnesota State Arts Board.

We will use the WORK OF ART, Artist Workbook, which is FREE to participants online: https://springboardforthearts.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/WoA-Toolkit-Workbook-2015.pdf

These Artist Workshops & PLRAC Artist Grants are funded by the McKnight Foundation.
Deadlines: October 1 & November 1, 2019

Youth Scholarships Available for Students taking Art, Music and Dance Classes who live in the 9-county area

"The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is offering $300 Arts Scholarships for Youth in grades 7–12, and $200 for students in grades 3-6, who live in the 9-county area," noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director. These scholarships provide select students the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. Artistic areas include: dance, literature, media arts, music, theater and visual arts. **The application for grades 7-12 is due October 1, 2019 and grades 3-6 is due November 1, 2019.** There is only one deadline per year. Students must live in the nine-county region that Prairie Lakes serves including: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties.

Students in grades 7-12 must be participating with an instructor, an organization or arts discipline for at least 2 years to be eligible and must submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher as part of their application. Students in grades 3-6 must be participating for at least one year to be eligible. **These scholarships are competitive; and are not based on financial need but rather for students that are active and excelling in their art form.** To review the Youth Scholarship guidelines go to the Grant Programs page of the PLRAC website, www.plrac.org, and scroll to the Youth Scholarship section.

The scholarship can be used to take lessons and pay a private Instructor or pay fees to a non-profit arts organization serving youth such as: Area Art Centers, Dance Conservatory of Southern MN, Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra, Mankato Ballet Company, Mankato Children’s Chorus, Mankato or New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, other youth dance or music organizations, or art centers and groups which offer art classes to youth, etc. Students may not use this scholarship to participate in a school or organization band or choir trip, or other arts trips.

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has an online grant process. Go to our website www.plrac.org and click on the applicant Login button. Follow the instructions to register as an artist for the Youth Scholarship and complete the application. If you have questions contact: Brenda Byron, Executive Director, at the PLRAC, plrac@hickorytech.net or 1-800–298-1254.

In FY 2019 a total of 100 students were awarded Youth Scholarships, for a total of $27,000 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. This is part of the Legacy funding from the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment that Prairie Lakes receives from the State Legislature. We also provide grants to Non-profit Arts Organizations, Community Groups and Schools, and awarded over $400,000 last year.

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**Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

**Youth Scholarships For Students**

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 including dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, and visual arts.

**Youth Scholarship Deadlines:**

**October 1, 2019** for grades 7-12 - **$300**

**November 1, 2019** for grades 3-6 - **$200**

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has an online grant process. Go to our website www.plrac.org and click on the applicant Login button.
Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that Arts and Cultural Heritage grants of $163,500 were awarded to twenty-five 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 & music festivals, instrumental and vocal music concerts, public art, theater performances, art classes and exhibitions, and school projects were funded. The next Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant deadline is February 1, 2020. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

**Blue Earth County - $49,500**
Kearney International Center, MN State University, *Mankato-$4,500*. They will sponsor the Mankato Area International Festival, April 19, 2020. They will have several Minnesota based ethnic groups perform and have an educational space with high quality craft projects and performances specific for children. Funds will be used for artist fees and art supplies. *Mankato/North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer’s-$7,000*. They will sponsor the Singing Hills Chorus, a chorus designed for people with Alzheimer’s disease or other dementias and their care partners. Funds will be used to facilitate the two chorus sessions and concerts. Fall rehearsals are September 12-December 12, 2019 with a December 14 concert. Spring rehearsals are January 30-May 7, 2020, with a May 9 concert. *Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra-$7,000*. They will present multiple concerts in fall 2019 and spring and summer 2020. Funds will be used for clinician sectionals for the orchestras, membership scholarships, mileage scholarships to students, director salaries, and venue rentals. *Mankato Children’s Chorus-$7,000*. The five choirs will present two concerts in the fall and spring of 2019-20 and perform at other special events. Funds will be used for directors’ salaries and student scholarships. *Maple River Schools Instrumental Music-$4,000*. They will host Dr. Quincy Hilliard for their Guest Composer/Conductor Project. On March 17-19, 2020, Dr. Hilliard will work with students in grades 5-12 and perform at the Music in our Schools Concert March 19. Funds will be used for artist fees, ethnic percussion instruments, in-state mileage and lodging. *Merely Players Community Theatre-$7,000*. They will present their 2019-2020 season of plays, including: “Annie”, November 8-10 and 15-17, 2019; and “Rex’s Exs”, May 8-10 and 15-17, 2020; held at Lincoln Community Center, Mankato. “Jesus Christ Super Star”, March 12-14 and 19-21, 2020 will be held at the Kato Ballroom, Mankato. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and production expenses. *Minnesota Valley Chorale-$7,000*. They will perform four concerts in Mankato for the 2019-2020 season; two winter concerts, November 23-24, including Mass in D Major by Antonin Dvorak and two spring concerts, April 18-19. Funds will be used for artist fees, membership scholarships, salaries, and concert venue costs. *Musicorum-6,000*. They will present their season with two holiday concerts and one spring concert. Their first holiday concert will be on

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Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees

December 14, 2019 at Good Counsel Chapel, Mankato and the second concert will be on December 15 at First Lutheran Church, St. Peter. The spring concert will be on April 25, 2020 at Good Counsel Chapel in Mankato and will feature music and poetry of Charlie Leftridge, one of their singers. Funds will be used for the director’s salary, pay instrumentalists, publicity, venue rental, and to purchase music scores.

Brown County - $14,000
State Street Theater Company-$7,000. They will sponsor a series of theater performances including “Deer Camp,” “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” and “Over the River and through the Woods”; and continue their cable access show entitled “Something Artsy” during their 2019-20 season. Funds will be used for royalties, artist fees, set construction, costume rental, and staff salary.
Summit Avenue Music Series-$7,000. Martin Luther College will host the Summit Avenue Music Series, consisting of three high quality chamber music concerts. Tangos Et Cetera on September 15, 2019; The French Connection on January 19, 2020; and Cello Treasures on April 5, 2020. Funds will be used for concert fees.

Faribault County - $7,000
Blue Earth Valley Concert Association-$7,000. They will sponsor their 2019-20 subscription series of music concerts including The Everly Set on October 6, 2019; Violinist Timothy Chooi on November 3; Harps n’ Chords on February 3, 2020; Double Double Duo on March 14; and a cappella quintet Ball in the House on May 10. Funds will be used for artist fees.

LeSueur County - $14,000
DalekoArts, New Prague-$7,000. They will present their 2019-20 main stage season of four theater productions. Funds will be used for artist fees and set construction for two specific shows: Ghost Tour in September 1-October 12, 2019 and The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, April 17-May 10, 2020. Montgomery Area Community Club-$7,000. They will sponsor phase #2 of a historically themed mural to be painted on a building in downtown Montgomery, by artist Victor Garcia. Funds will be used for the artist’s stipend.

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Brown County
(L to R): Richard Tostensen, State Street Theater Company; Bethel Balge, Summit Avenue Music Series; and Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

Faribault County
(L to R): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director and Gail Ottesen, Blue Earth Valley Concert Association.

LeSueur County
(L to R): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Lori Deihl, DalekoArts, New Prague; Maureen Gunderson and Susan Hayes, Montgomery Area Community Club.
Arts and Cultural Heritage Grantees

**Martin County - $14,000**

**Fairmont Opera House-$7,000.** They will purchase and install a Compliance Hearing Assistance System (to maintain ADA compliance), two stage foggers, cabling, and a haze machine to enhance the patron experience at the Opera House. **Martin Co. Preservation, Assoc., Red Rock Center for the Arts-$7,000.** They will sponsor their 2019-20 season of arts programming; including the “Lunch with the Arts” series; art education classes for children and adults; and musical performances by banjo players The Lowest Pair, opera singers Paul and Kristen Johnson, and pianist Glenn Henriksen. Funds will be used for artist fees, salaries, and publicity.

**Nicollet County - $28,000**

**Arts Center of Saint Peter-$7,000.** They will provide monthly gallery exhibitions, music performances, workshops and classes at the Arts Center, and early release classes for youth at the St. Peter Community Center; September 2019 through May 2020. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, salaries, and supplies. **Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines-$7,000.** They will present their annual Barbershop show November 2, 2019, “Dis-Chord Under the Bigtop”, featuring the local Adeline Idol Competition and special guests from Dance Express in Mankato. Funds will be used for coaches to improve their chorus and directors, publicity, salaries, production supplies, and rental fees. **Saint Peter Choral Society-$7,000.** They will present two performances of choral music including the John Rutter Requiem and Bach Easter Cantata with organ and orchestra accompaniment. The March 8, 2020 concert will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Peter. The concert will be repeated March 15 at First Lutheran Church in LeSueur. Funds will be used for artist fees and publicity. **South Central Service Cooperative-$7,000.** They will host the Young Writers and Artists Conference March 10-11, 2020 for students in grades 3-8, at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato. Students can participate in a variety of subjects related to writing and creative arts. Funds are used for artist stipends and scholarships.

**Sibley County - $16,000**

**Arlington Chamber of Commerce, ArliDazzle-$5,000.** They will sponsor the annual ArliDazzle celebration, including music and entertainment from the Sakatah Carvers, Insphyre Performance, and the Shell’s Hobo Band Quartet on December 7, 2019. Funds will be used (continued on page 7)

**Sibley County**

(L to R): Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director; Leah Prahl, Arlington Chamber of Commerce; Jake Zeiher, Minnesota New Country School; and Madeline Cacciatore, La Grande Bande, Gaylord.

**Nicollet County**

(L to R): Mary Hillmann, South Central Service Cooperative; Annette Meeks and John Holte, Saint Peter Choral Society; and Teresa Saum, Arts Center of Saint Peter; Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.
for artists fees, publicity, and rental fees. La Grande Bande, Gaylord-$7,000. They will present their first full concert season of Baroque music with five concerts between September 20, 2019-June 12, 2020. They will also conduct multiple masterclass sessions with students at Sibley East High School and Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop High School and an outreach concert at Oak Terrace Assisted Living in Gaylord. Funds will be used for artist fees, publicity, and rental fees. Minnesota New Country School-$4,000. They will provide arts and cultural field trips for students during the 2019-20 school year. Activities are divided amongst several grade levels and include: Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minnesota Orchestra, Children's Theater, Park Square Theater, Guthrie Theater, Stages Theater, Walker Art Center, and the Southern Minnesota Art Galleries. Funds will be used for ticket costs and bus expense.

Waseca County - $21,000
Project GEM-$7,000. The Growth, Experience and Motivation Project will provide arts education program activities to at risk youth and young adults, ages 7-24, in Blue Earth and Nicollet Counties in 2019-20. This includes instruction in art, music and creative writing for these students in a variety of locations, taught by college students going in the education field. Funds will be used for artist fees, travel expenses, salaries, and supplies.

Waseca Arts Council-$7,000. They will sponsor exhibitions January-June 2020 that include the 10th Annual Prairie Lakes Artist Grantee Exhibit, 39th Annual Regional High School Art Exhibit and Workshop, ICAN exhibit by people with disabilities, and individual artist exhibits. Funds will be used for artist fees, salaries, and publicity. Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library-$7,000. They will collaborate with Cow Tipping Press, a Minneapolis-based organization run by Waseca native Bryan Boyce. The library will host three semesters of literary classes for thirty adults with developmental disabilities in the Waseca area. Classes culminate in book publication and in-person community reading events. Funds will be used for artist fees and travel.

Artists are encouraged to participate in this Exhibit at the Carnegie.
The exhibition is open to all current and new Carnegie members. You may renew or join when you drop off your work. $10 per piece, all 2-D work should be ready to hang. Entry forms can be picked up at the Carnegie or online at www.thecarnegiemankato.com. Exhibit dates: Nov. 14-Dec. 21, 2019. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. 507-625-2730.

MEMBERS’ EXHIBITION DROP-OFF
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
5-7 P.M.
AN EHXIBITION INVITATION TO ALL MEMBERS
CARNIGIE ART CENTER
120 SOUTH BROAD STREET
MANKATO, MN
In FY 2020 All PLRAC Grant Applications are Online.

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

The “Applicant Login” button can be seen on the Home page and the Grant Programs page of the Prairie Lakes Website.
http://www.plrac.org/grants.html

Grant Guidelines & Applications are available
On the “Grants Program Page” of the website, each will be a downloadable link. Four program grants will be listed:

- Arts and Cultural Heritage
- Youth Scholarship, grades 7-12 and 3-6
- Small Arts Project Community or School Arts Project
- Artist Grant

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.

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

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FY 2020 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant

Deadlines are: Aug. 1 and Feb. 1

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

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

2. ACH Arts Education:
There are three categories of support.

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

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

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

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

Small Arts Project Community Grant

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. Matching grants up to $2,000 are available. Fundable activities include: arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. Cash match is 10%. Deadline: 1st of each month.

School Arts Project Grant

Grants are for schools K-12 public and private. Matching grants up to $2,000 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. Cash match is 10%. Deadline: 1st of each month.

Individual Artist Grant

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

September 15 - Professional Mid-Career Artist Grant, $3,000 each.

January 15 - Artist Career Development Grant, $1,000 each.
In FY 2019 Prairie Lakes awarded 219 Grants totaling $453,144

Here’s a summary of Grants awarded:

$44,000 - McKnight Artist Grants (24 grants)

$79,918 - State General funds (47 grants)
Small Arts Project & School Grants

$329,226 - Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) (148 grants); 48 organizational grants & 100 Youth Scholarships.

The three categories of ACH grants and the amounts awarded were:

1. Arts Programming/Arts Access $262,966, which includes grants to 38 nonprofit arts organizations and community groups, for their arts programs and activities.

2. Arts Education $50,685, which includes 6 school grants and 100 Youth Scholarships of $300 or $200 each.

3. Arts & Cultural Heritage Festivals $15,575; which was awarded to 4 community festivals.

Prairie Lakes will feature Twenty-Two McKnight Artist Grantees in an Art Exhibition & Reception

Jan. 7-Feb. 6, 2020

at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State Street North

We are pleased to announce the upcoming exhibit of PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grantees from 2018. We are excited to provide our artist grantees this opportunity to be featured in a group exhibition. This exhibition will highlight grantees funded by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. Funding for our artist grant programs and this exhibit is from the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis.

The Opening Reception will be Sunday, January 12, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. and visual artists will talk about their work, writers will read their work, and musicians will perform. “We are pleased to collaborate with Andrew Breck, Executive Director of the Waseca Art Center and have the exhibition held in this location,” noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

Brenda Byron, Executive Director

FY 2020 SMALL ARTS PROJECT COMMUNITY and SCHOOL GRANTS

*These grants were awarded July-September 2019.

The Small Arts Project Community Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. School Arts Project Grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, arts presentations, & arts related field trips. The deadline is the 1st of each month.

BLUE EARTH COUNTY
Deep Valley Book Festival, author talks - $2,000
GSR Fine Art Festival, musicians - $2,000
South Central Minnesota Pride, mural - $2,000

BROWN COUNTY
Adaptive Recreational Services, art classes - $2,000
Hermann Monument Society, festival musicians - $2,000
Musical Tales Concerto, New Ulm, festival - $2,000
Sleepy Eye High School, field trip - $1,820

LE SUEUR COUNTY
Tri-City United Community Education, dance - $2,000

MARTIN COUNTY
Fairmont Concert Association, concert series - $2,000

NICOLLET COUNTY
St. Peter High School Band, guest artist - $2,000

SIBLEY COUNTY
Sibley County, Arlington Book Project Festival - $2,000
Winthrop Chamber of Commerce, festival - $1,400

WASECA COUNTY
American Indian Service Learning Project - $1,500
Project GEM/African American Artist Workshop - $2,000
Sacred Hearth Church, Mexican Mariachi Band - $2,000
Waseca Marching Classic, clinicians - $1,975
$1,000 Artist Career Development Grants Available
Application Deadline: January 15, 2020

We encourage artists to apply for the Artist Career Development Grant of $1,000 for activities taking place from March 2020 to March 2021. The purpose of the grant is to provide financial support to developing artists committed to advancing their work and careers. Artists in their formative stages of development are eligible, as well as artists expanding their present work, advancing in skill, technique and/or moving in a new direction. This program provides artists with small but critical grants for specific projects that contribute directly to their growth and development as professionals. Funds may be used for: art supplies, matting & framing, equipment, literary editor, music recording, studying with a mentor, attending a workshop, etc. In addition to the online application, artists need to submit their resume and work samples. Visual artists (10 images), writers (10 pages), and performers (8 minutes) submitted as a YouTube link or a small uploadable file. Artists should be prepared to explain how the project will advance their career at this time. Please call or email the office if you have project ideas that you want to discuss. This program is made possible by funds provided by the McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis. Grants will be submitted online. Go to our website at www.plrac.org.

Artists are encouraged to participate in this Exhibit at the 410 Project.

Since opening in 2003, the 410 Project has hosted a fun and freaky

Halloween Exhibition

Drop off Dates:
October 23rd and 24th from 2-6 p.m.
$5 per entry/Up to 3 works per artist
Drop off at the 410 Project,
523 South Front Street, Mankato.

Opening Reception: Nov. 1, 7-9 pm
This is an open entry exhibition, ANYONE can enter work. Work must relate to the theme of Halloween, Fall, or Harvest. All Mediums Accepted.

Show runs October 29th – November 3rd
Please email questions to: the410project@hotmail.com

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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82% Believe Creative Expression is Important
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23 MILLION PEOPLE ATTEND THE ARTS IN MINNESOTA

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Prairie Lakes Needs Assessment Survey Results Spring 2019

Prairie Lakes continuously assesses and responds to the needs of the region through a variety of channels including day-to-day contact with constituents, feedback from applicants and grantees on their Final Reports, public workshops, and by conducting a formal Needs Assessment Survey every four years. This provides an accurate and comprehensive understanding of the characteristics of the nine county region, as they relate to the arts, and to identify needs and problems that may be addressed by our regional arts council. This survey was conducted online through Survey Monkey in February 2019 and three different surveys were created. We disseminated the surveys using our internal email database of constituents and through our Facebook page, Newsletter, and News Releases.

* We received 84 Organizational surveys in 2019 and 69 in 2016; which is a 22% increase.

* We received 111 Artist surveys in 2019 and 105 in 2016; which is a 5% increase, so overall we are pleased with the increase.

Organization Survey:
Identifying features of respondents:
46% Identified themselves as a Non-Profit Arts Organization
28% Non-profit Community Group (Chamber, Historical Society, Library, etc.)
23% School/Community Education/College
3% Unit of Government

How many years the organization has been in existence?
76% Have been in existence for over 20 years
11% Have been in existence for 11-20 years
13% Are under 10 years old

What activities is the organization involved in?
39% Do both Producing and Sponsoring
39% Produce their own events
17% Sponsor other artists and groups to perform
5% Not applicable

What is the Primary Discipline you serve?
37% Music
36% Multi-Discipline (2 or more art forms)
13% Theater 4% Literature
8% Visual Art 2% Dance

1. Priority of Current Grant Programs
Organization respondents were asked to prioritize the Councils current grant programs, rating them 1-6. The highest priority was the Arts and Cultural Heritage grant program at 52%, followed by Small Arts Project at 35%, Arts-In-Education Grants to Schools at 18%, Youth Scholarships at 13%, Artist Grants at 10%.

Interpretation: The Council is currently on track with their allocation of resources for State Art and Cultural Heritage, Small Arts, Arts-In-Education, and McKnight funds for Artist Grants.

2. Respondents were asked about their Satisfaction with the following Application Process Components. This is the first time we’ve asked specifically about the online application form, contract and final report. The satisfaction for the online processes was positive. Respondents answered Very Satisfied and Somewhat Satisfied to these questions and percentages are listed.

1. Ease of Online Application Form:
   52% very satisfied and 35% somewhat satisfied.

2. Staff Assistance Before Applying:
   82% very satisfied and 14% somewhat satisfied.

3. Communication About Grants Awarded:
   78% very satisfied and 20% somewhat satisfied.

4. Transparency of Application Process:
   70% very satisfied and 25% somewhat satisfied.


6. Ease of Filling Out Online Grant Contract:
   53% very satisfied and 38% somewhat satisfied.

7. Ease of Filling Out Online Final Report:
   49% very satisfied and 35% somewhat satisfied.

Artist Survey:
Identifying Features of Artists:
35% Identified themselves as an Emerging Artist
34% Established Professional Artist
19% Arts Educator
11% Hobbyist
1% Crafts person

How many years have you been an artist?
67% Have been an Artist for over 20 years
29% Have been an Artist for 6-19 years
4% Have been an Artist Under 5 years

What arts discipline do you primarily work in?
48% Visual Art 6% Theater
19% Instrumental Music 4% Dance
14% Literature 2% Media Arts
7% Vocal Music

New Broader questions were included like do you agree or disagree with the following questions: “I can trust PLRAC’s stewardship of public arts funding; PLRAC Programs and services and resources ensure that the arts are interwoven into every facet of community life; ensure that people of all ages, ethnicities, and abilities participate in the arts; PLRAC programs, services and resources play a significant role in the arts thriving in Minnesota.”

The survey respondents were asked about PLRAC’s Public Stewardship of funding. All respondents overwhelmingly said they could trust PLRAC’s stewardship of public arts funding.

We appreciate everyone who participated!
Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council
Welcomes New Board Members

PLRAC Board Members April Malphurs and Teresa Konechne with Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

We are pleased to announce that four individuals have been appointed to the board. Steve Davis of Madelia will represent Watonwan County; Teresa Konechne of Henderson will represent Sibley County; April Malphurs will represent the City of St. Peter; and Rita Rassbach of St. Peter will represent Nicollet County; noted Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director.

Teresa Konechne has a MFA in Interdisciplinary Art, (video, performance and installation) and a BS in Interior Design/Architecture. She was an Assistant Professor of Video at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. In 2017, she co-founded Henderson CAN (Community. Art. Nature) which explored creative economy and the relationship between art, economic development, local foods and climate change. She currently is lead artist for a community mosaics project in Henderson. She also founded the non-profit Wicked Questions - art and conversation on climate and change.

April Malphurs has a MA in Art Education and BS in Interior Architecture/Design. She is a practicing artist in sculpture, glass and jewelry. Currently she is teaching community art camps and classes for children in St. Peter and at the Minnetonka Center for the Arts. April was the founder of Creative Play Place in St. Peter, and served as board member and director for eight years. She is currently on a leave of absence from her position as a K-5 elementary art teacher at Hoover Elementary School, Mankato. April worked with South and North Elementary Schools in St. Peter as Art Adventure Coordinator for five years, and was a guest artist and volunteer with the Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota in Mankato for eight years.

Steve Davis, has been reappointed to a second term. Steve has a BA in Computer Science and is a Software Developer working from his home office in Madelia. He is a violist with the Mankato Symphony Orchestra and Minnesota State University Mankato/Community Orchestra; and volunteers with the Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra, the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, and the Mankato Ballet Company. Currently he is a member of the Madelia Lions Club. Previously he volunteered with the Madelia Community Theatre to run the lighting and sound boards for performances.

Rita Rassbach has a BA/BS in Psychology/Biology and MS in Occupational Therapy. She recently served as Interim Executive Director of the Mankato Ballet Company and served on their Board from 2012-2018. She previously served on the Boards of Merely Players and Creative Play Place. Rita was the co-director of the St. Peter Halloween Fun Run. She is Taiwanese, first generation in the US. Rita noted that “coming from a different background with parents who are immigrants, helps her understand struggles, challenges and obstacles”.

The PLRAC is comprised of fourteen members, one from each of the nine counties, and one from each city over 10,000 in population. Board members serve a three year term. “Our members represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: artists, art teachers and representatives of arts organizations”, noted Brenda Byron. The primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications; and members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, media arts, music, theater and visual arts.

The council still has an opening on the board for the City of Fairmont. Interested individuals may contact the Prairie Lakes office at plrac@hickorytech.net or 1-800-298-1254 to obtain an application, which is due September 30, 2019.
Prairie Lakes Board of Directors and Staff

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

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has One Board Position Open

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

The deadline for submitting an application is Oct. 31, 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.

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Executive Director .......... Brenda Byron
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Administrative Assistant . Pam Trumbull
Celebrating 10 Years of Arts Legacy Funding in the Prairie Lakes 9-County Area

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

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

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

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

| Ten Year Summary of Grants funded by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| FY 2009  | ACH -50- | 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 2020. Six meetings of the Regional Arts Council (RAC) Director’s were held in 2018-2019 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 2020 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 2018-2019 to continue the discussion on this topic. Here are a few definitions we’d like to share to inform you about this topic.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Learning Strategies Toward Intercultural Competence. Cultural self-awareness including around power and privilege. Recognize overemphasis on commonalities. Increase understanding of cultural differences and understanding of cultural-general frameworks. Interact across cultural difference in ways that expand cultural understanding. Continue to build on knowledge of cultural difference and further develop skills to adapt across differences.
**Arts Calendar**
(An asterisk* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)

**Oct. 1** MN State University Storytellers Series Concert by singer-songwriter Jeremy Messersmith, performing indie pop music, 7:30 p.m. General admission $15, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

**Oct. 1** Film screening and discussion of “They Shall Not Grow Old”, a moving real-to-life depiction of World War 1, as never seen before in restored, vivid colorizing & retiming of the film frames, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Optimist Club. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

**Oct. 1** Chicago in Concert, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Held at the Mankato Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets range from $55-$125, available at the Civic Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mankatociviccenter.com or (507) 389-3000.

**Oct. 1-11** Robin Warburton’s Wood Carving Exhibit and Anna Segner’s Mixed Media Painting Exhibit, 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. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org. Robin received a PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grant in 2018 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**Oct. 1-11** Mary Johnson’s Sculpture Exhibition, held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

**Oct. 1-18** Bernd Hillmann’s “Land, Sea and Sky” Oil Paintings Exhibit, 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.

**Oct. 1-18** Advanced Painting Students’ Exhibit, held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

**Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29** 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.


**Oct. 1-Nov. 22** “Autumn Visions” Exhibit by local and regional artists. Held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 150 Stadium Road, Mankato. Hours: Tues.-Fri. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 387-6592.

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


**Oct. 2-12** “Ghost Tour”, an original walking tour theater performance. This 75-minute walking tour will take patrons through New Prague’s downtown, starting and finishing at the Prague Theater (DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague). You will encounter characters from local haunting ghost stories. Tours take place Wednesdays-Saturday, three tours per day. Tickets $18, available online. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

**Oct. 2-Dec. 18** 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.


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Look for upcoming events, grant deadlines, photos and other important information to be posted!
Oct. 3-6 “Newsies” theater production, Oct. 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 5 & 6 at 2 p.m. Adults $22, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen $19. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

Oct. 3-12 Le Sueur County Kindred Kwilters’ “Sew Many Quilts” Exhibit of large full-sized quilts. 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. www.artsandheritagecenter.org or (507) 364-8107.

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

Oct. 4 Unplugged Series Concert by The Alan Munde Trio, performing cowboy music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: In advance $10 from the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm HyVee, or online at www.statestreetnewulm.org, at the door $15. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.


Oct. 4-5 & 11-12 Oktoberfest in New Ulm. Go to www.newulm.com/oktoberfest to view a schedule of locations, events, and times. (507) 233-4300.

Oct. 4-13 Mankato Playhouse presents dinner theatre performances of “Jesus Christ Superstar”. Friday and Saturday dinner seating at 6 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday lunch seating at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m. Dinner theater tickets $45, available for purchase at www.mankatoplayhouse.com. Limited number of show only tickets available at the door $17. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

*Oct. 4-25 Nicole Soley’s “Roxanne, In Print” Prints and Installation Exhibit (Reception, Oct. 4, 5-7 p.m., with live music by Amanda Wirig) Held at the Emy Frentz Arts Guild Gallery, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (507) 387-1008 or www.twinriversarts.org.

*Oct. 4-26 Stephanie Bové, Caitlin Heyer, and Jan Waller’s “Holding Space: Talking About Death” Ceramics Exhibit. 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.artscentersp.org.

Oct. 4-31 Bill Bukowski’s “Finished Unfinished” Painting Exhibit featuring work from his 40 years of teaching at Bethany. (Lecture and Reception, Oct. 10, 7-8:30 p.m., including performances by the Bethany Chamber Orchestra and the Bethany Jazz Band.) 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. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

*Oct. 5 Deep Valley Book Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Meet authors, illustrators, and publishers; book sales and signings; speakers and programs; used book sale; Young Writer & Illustrator Contest Awards; children’s activities, and more. Key note speakers are illustrator Derek Anderson at 1 p.m. and author Jacqueline West at 2:30 p.m. Free admission. Held at Loose Moose Saloon & Conference Center, 119 S. Front St., Mankato. www.deepvalleybookfestival.com or julie@mnheritage.com.

*Oct. 5 Southern Minnesota Book and Art Festival, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., featuring local, regional, and emergent authors, storytellers, publishers, artists, illustrators and booksellers. Includes a crafts market, children’s pavilion, book readings, author signings, and workshops. Free admission. Held at the Henderson Event Center, 514 Main St. Sponsored by The Arlington Book Project. (612) 618-9092 or www.arlingtonbookproject.com.

Oct. 5 The Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s “Celebrate Mankato: Past and Present” Concert, 7:30 p.m., featuring guest conductor Dr. Ruth Lin & resident composer Benji Inninger. Including a preconcert talk by the Blue Earth County Historical Society and costumed characters from the Betsy-Tacy books to bring Mankato history to life. The concert will premiere a musical selection from the Betsy-Tacy songbook, composed by Benji Inninger. Adults gold seat $35, silver seat $23, or bronze seat $11; college students $5, under 18 free. www.mankatosymphony.org to purchase online. Held at the Mankato West High School Auditorium, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr. (507) 625-8880, www.mankatosymphony.org or (507) 625-8880.

*Oct. 5, 18, 19, 25 & 26 Looking for what goes bump in the night? Then come to the State Street Theater throughout the month of October to view favorite scary movies. Oct. 5: “Beetlejuice” (PG) at 7 p.m. Oct. 18: “Poltergeist” (PG) at 7 p.m. Oct. 19: “The Haunting” (G) at 7 p.m. Oct. 25-26: “The Rocky Horror Picture Show (R) at 8:30 p.m. Single movie tickets for Oct. 5, 18 & 19 are $5 and Oct. 25-26 are $10. A movie pass for all four movies can be purchased for $20. Tickets in advance from the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm HyVee, or online at www.statestreetnewulm.org. They will also be sold at the door. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 North State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.
Oct. 5 Popovich Comedy Pet Theatre performance with more than 30 pets rescued from animal shelters, sponsored by the Fairmont Concert Association. Held at the Fairmont High School Auditorium, 900 Johnson St. Tickets by series membership only, adults $50, students $10, or family $100. mdmiller2@beavcomm.net or (507) 893-4554.

*Oct. 6 Blue Earth Valley Concert Assoc. sponsors The Everly Set, performing 50’s rock ‘n roll music, 7 p.m. Series tickets will be sold at the door, adults $50, students $10, or family $100. Held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 866-4668 or www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com.

Oct. 6 Concert by pianist Bethel Balge and violinist Peter McGuire, performing duets by Mozart, Brahms, and Franck, 4 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Oct. 6 Family Weekend Showcase Concert featuring the Gustavus Wind Orchestra, Gustavus Choir, Gustavus Symphony Orchestra, and Gustavus Jazz Ensemble, 2 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7353 or www.gac.edu.

*Oct. 8 Lunch with the Arts, 12 Noon, featuring Brazilian music with Paulo Padilha and Bando, free. Bring a bag lunch. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Oct. 8 University Jazz Big Bands Concert, 7:30 p.m. General admission $9, K-12 students and children $7. Held at the Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

Oct. 8 Author Megan Cooley Peterson will discuss her thrilling young adult novel “The Liar’s Daughter”, 6 p.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.bclibrary.org.

Oct. 8 Film screening and discussion of “Chinatown”, part of the Film Noir 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.newulmplibrary.org.

Oct. 10 Sale of 6”x6” donated, original artwork, $20 each, 6-7:30 p.m. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Oct. 10 Cody Johnson in Concert with special guests Clare Dunn and Joe Fortbe, doors open at 6:30 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Held at the Mankato Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets range from $32-$102, available at the Civic Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. (507) 389-3000 or www.mankatociviccenter.com.

Oct. 10 University Contemporary Vocal Groups 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.

Oct. 10-13 & 16-20 “Arsenic and Old Lace” theater production, Oct. 10-12 & 16-19 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 13, 19 & 20 at 2 p.m. Adults $16, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen $14. Held at the Andreas Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

Oct. 10-26 Joel Hansen’s “Studio Marvels” Photography and Printmaking Exhibit in the Cook Gallery and Wes Taylor’s Photographic Light Paintings Exhibit in the Rotunda and Fireplace Galleries. (Reception, Oct. 19, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiemankato.com or (507) 625-2730.


*Oct. 11-13 “Deer Camp” comedy theater performances by State Street Theater Company. Oct. 11-12 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets: In advance $12.50 from the New Ulm Chamber of Commerce, New Ulm HyVee, or online at www.statestreetnewulm.org, at the door $15. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulm.org.

*Oct. 11-27 5th Annual Project Bike Exhibit. (Reception and Film Premiere, Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m.) 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.


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**Arts Event Happening in Your Area?**

Please submit the event information to us by the 15th of the prior month to be included in our newsletter!

Email the date, time, location, ticket price, and a brief description of the event to: plrac@hickorytech.net.
Oct. 12 Fairmont Opera House presents Paulo Padilha and Bando, performing rhythms of urban Brazil, 7:30 p.m. Adults $20; seniors $15; Veterans, active duty, or students $10; under 10 $5; tickets available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

Oct. 12 The Great Fall Get Together fundraiser for the Waseca Art Center, 6-9 p.m. Music by Miller Dunn, wine and beer tasting, food, silent and live auction, and more. $25 per person. Held at Lakeside Country Club, 37160 Clear Lake Drive, Waseca. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.


*Oct. 13 MN State University Performance Series Concert by John Gorka, performing folk music, 7:30 p.m. Advanced purchase $10, at the door $12, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Oct. 13 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. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Oct. 13 Chad Winterfeldt presents a concert of organ music celebrating music by women composers, 3:30 p.m. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7353 or www.gac.edu.

*Oct. 15-Nov. 15 Amy Toscani and Chel Mattson’s Exhibit. (Reception, Oct. 18, 5-7 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. 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.

*Oct. 17 MN State University Performance Series Concert by Dick Kimmel and Kelly Coyle, performing bluegrass music, 7:30 p.m. Advanced purchase $10, at the door $12, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/music/events or (507) 389-5549.

Oct. 17 “The Beautiful Snow” Lecture by author Cindy Wilson, about her historical research and books about the Laura Ingalls Wilder family. 12 Noon-1 p.m. Paid reservations due by Oct. 15, $15, includes a box lunch. Held at the Waseca County Historical Society, 315 Second Avenue NE, Waseca, www.historical.waseca.mn.us or (507) 835-7700.

Oct. 17-Nov. 2 Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Artesanias (Handicrafts) Exhibit of typical Mexican costumes, handicrafts and altars of the dead, to learn about the Day of the Dead Celebration. Oct. 26: Dia de los Muertos celebration beginning at 10 a.m. and including a performance by the Zamora Folkoric Dancers at 2 p.m. Held at the Arts and Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 B. First St. Hours: Thurs & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.


*Oct. 19 Showing of Colin Scharf’s original film “The Marmal Chronicles”. Door open at 7:30 p.m., film at 8 p.m. Held at Poor Farm Studios, 56749 192nd Lane, Mankato. (716) 807-6782. Colin received a PLRAC/ McKnight Artist Grant in 2018 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

Oct. 20 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 3rd Avenue. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Oct. 20 University Concert Wind Ensemble Concert, 3 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.

Oct. 21-Nov. 4 Student Sculpture Exhibition, held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

Oct. 22 MN State University Storytellers Series Concert by Bad Bad Hats, performing classic pop and pop-funk music, 7:30 p.m. General admission $15, held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Oct. 23-24 Good Thunder Reading Series featuring novelist and memoirist Hisham Matar. Oct. 23: “Narratives of Social Protest: Personal and Political” presentation, 7:30 p.m., held at IAM Wisdom House, 222 E. Walnut St., Mankato. Oct. 24: Workshop, 10-11 a.m., at Emy Frentz Arts Guild Gallery, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Craft talk, 3-4 p.m., at Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. Reading, 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Centennial Student Union Room 245, MN State University, Mankato. Poet & fiction writer Hanna Schultz will join the reading. Sponsored by MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-1354 or http://gt.mnsu.edu/.
Oct. 24 “Tell Me a Story” Storytelling, this month’s theme is “letting go”. Put your name in the hat if you would like to share a story about the last time you let something go. Refreshments at 7 p.m. and stories at 7:30 p.m., $10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artcentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Oct. 24 Author Brian Freeman will discuss his Minnesota based novels “Thief River Falls” and “Funeral for a Friend” and share stories of his career in the publishing business, 6-8 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.mankatociviccenter.com or.

Oct. 24 Bob Dylan in Concert, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Held at the Mankato Civic Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets range from $49.50-$89.50, available at the Civic Center Box Office, www.ticketsmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. (507) 389-3000 or www.mankatociviccenter.com.

Oct. 25 John McKay’s Retrospective Recital celebrating his long career as a performer and music educator. Refreshments at 7 p.m. and stories at 7:30 p.m., $10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Avenue. (507) 931-3630 or www.artcentersp.org.


*Oct. 25-Nov. 22 “Photographs: Reimagined Landscapes” Exhibit by MN State University, Mankato Photography students, held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 North 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.


Oct. 26 Fairmont Opera House presents “Slippery When Wet”, a Jon Bon Jovi Tribute Band, 7:30 p.m. Adults $20; seniors $15; Veterans, active duty, or students $10; under 10 $5; available at www.fairmontoperahouse.com or 1 hour prior to the show. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.com.

Oct. 27-28 University Fall Choral Concert, Oct. 27 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. General admission $9, K-12 students and children $7. Held at Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-5549 or www.mnsu.edu/music/events.

Oct. 28-Nov. 15 Installation Students’ Exhibit, held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. (507) 389-6767 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept/.

Oct. 29-Nov. 3 Annual Halloween Exhibition (Reception, Nov. 1, 7-9 p.m.) 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.

Oct. 31-Nov. 3 “Into the Woods” musical theater performance, Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. Held at Anderson Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7353 or www.gac.edu.

Oct. 31-Nov. 2 & Nov. 7-10 “Shakespeare in Love” theater production, Oct. 31-Nov. 2 and Nov. 7-9 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 9-10 at 2 p.m. Adults $22, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen $19. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. (507) 389-6661 or www.mnsu.edu/theatre/.

**Area Wineries** have musical entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please visit their websites for details.

Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. www.chankaskawines.com or (507) 931-0089.


Youth Arts Opportunities

Youth Classes

*Oct. 1 Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Grades 7-12, Youth Scholarship Grant Deadline. Scholarships of $300 provide select students in grades 7-12, the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. 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, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties. Go to www.plrac.org for a link to the online application. (507) 833-8721 or plc@bickorytech.net.

Oct. 1 Club Picasso, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades 4 and up, $7. Focusing on skill building, students will incorporate design elements using a variety of media. Classes reinforce skills and learning new techniques. This month is “Animals in Review” with emphasis on drawing and color. Bring a photo of your favorite pet. Registration required with Waseca Community Education online at www.waseca.ce.elyo.com. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Oct. 3 Make and Take Art Class, 4:30-5:45 p.m. Grades K-3, $7. 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 “Halloween Sunset”, using color bleeding. Registration required with Waseca Community Education, www.waseca.ce.elyo.com. Meets first Thursday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. North. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Oct. 8 Fall Fun Kids Painting Class led by Rhonda Johnson, ages 5 and up, 6-8 p.m. Learn painting basics in a fun, creative atmosphere, $35. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 152, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

Oct. 8-Nov. 5 Come Dance with Me: Music and Movement for the Young Child Class led by Lynn Rozen, ages 3 months-5 years, Tuesdays, choose 11-11:45 a.m. or 6-6:45 p.m. Includes playing rhythm instruments, creative movement, singing, and more. $49. Register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 152, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Oct. 9 Textural Clay Forms Class led by Katie Dick, 4:30-6 p.m. Students will add textures to clay vessels made on forms. No prior experience required. $25, includes materials. Register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton Street, Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Oct. 9, 16 & 23 Toothpaste Batik Class, 6-8 p.m. each day, ages 10-12, $12. This three session class will create a picture on fabric that mimics the look of batik without the hot wax. Registration is required online at www.waseca.ce.elyo.com with Waseca Community Education. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.


Oct. 12 Witch’s Boots Canvas Painting Class led by Laura Doyen, ages 8-12, 10-11:30 a.m. Learn to create a fun Halloween themed painting. $25. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at Design & Wine, 300 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Area Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Oct. 14 Nature Art Prints Class, ages 4-7, 4 p.m. Students will explore a variety of printmaking techniques while celebrating the fall season. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

Oct. 16 Hand Lettering Workshop, ages 13-18, 1 p.m. Students will learn hand lettering tips and techniques from a professional. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com or (507) 835-2910.


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Youth & Adult Opportunities

*Nov. 1 Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Grades 3-6, Youth Scholarship Grant Deadline.* Scholarships of $200 provide select students in grades 3-6, the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. 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. Go to www.plrac.org for a link to the online application. (507) 833-8721 or plrac@hickorytech.net.

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

Adult Artists

*Oct. Apply to participate in the Musical Tales Concerto Festival, held Nov. 1-3. The weekend festival is a unique, immersive opportunity for writers and musicians to learn to collaborate in new ways to bring stories to life through words and music, with the theme “Dare to Scare”. Teams will rehearse with a director to publicly present and perform their stories at the end of the weekend. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (612) 251-8492, www.musicaltalesconcerto.org.

Oct. 1 Ceramics: Intro to the Wheel Class, 7-9 p.m. Learn the basics of throwing on a ceramics wheel, $35. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Avenue. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Oct. 1-22 Introduction to Pottery Class led by Caitlin Heyer, Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. Learn basic throwing techniques and skills, $69. No prior experience required. Register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 153, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education. www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Jam Sessions, Tuesdays, 8-10 p.m. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

Oct. 1-March 1 Call for artists to participate in the “Farmers and Agriculture” project. Artists will create artwork that celebrates agriculture to be displayed in participating businesses in Montgomery from May 16-Oct. 13, 2020. Any medium is eligible, 2D or 3D. Prizes of up to $1,000 will be awarded. Contact Maureen Gunderson for more information and a registration form, (507) 317-1433 or artsandheritagecenter@gmail.com. Sponsored by the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery. (507) 364-8107, www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

Oct. 2 & 16 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, crochet, knitting, embroidery, etc. 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 North Broadway. www.newulmlibrary.org or (507) 359-8334.

Oct. 2, 9, 16 & 23 Art Group, self-directed time for adults to work on projects including visual art, literary art, and more. 2-5:30 p.m., meets on Wednesdays. Bring supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

Oct. 3 Basic Clear Glass Torchwork Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn to make your own creation, $60. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

Oct. 3 Acrylic Pouring Class led by Jessica Greve, 6:30-8 p.m. Choose an 8”x10” canvas, a record, or a set of four 4”x4” ceramic tiles. No prior experience required. $35, includes materials. Register with Mankato Community Education. Held at the Lincoln Community Center, Room 152, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Area Community Education, (507) 387-5501 or www.mankatocer.com.

Oct. 3 Wood Pallet Sign Class led by Laura Doyen, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Create and stain your own 12”x12” wood pallet and paint a Halloween themed stenciled design. No prior experience required. $35, includes materials. Register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at Design & Wine, 300 Belgrade Ave., North Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Area Community Education, www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

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Adult Arts Opportunities

Oct. 3, 10, 17 & 24 Introduction to Woodshop Class, 6-7 p.m. Learn how to safely use woodworking tools. Members $10, non-members $15. Class is required to use the in-house woodshop. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Avenue. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.


Oct. 3-24 Beginning Drawing Painting Class led by Kevin Kroeber, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Learn the art of drawing realistically through a step-by-step approach, $75. No experience required. A supply list will be emailed to students. Register with Mankato Area Community Education. Held at Lincoln Community Center, Room 204, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. Sponsored by Mankato Community Education. www.mankatocer.com or (507) 387-5501.

Oct. 11 Attention Music Teachers: The Minnesota Valley Music Teachers Association business meeting and refreshments at 9 a.m. Program 9:30-11 a.m., “Telling a Story with Music: Composition for Everyone” presentation by Dr. Sarah Miller. Annual membership is $30, guests can attend a meeting free of charge. Held at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild Gallery, 523 South 2nd Street, Mankato. www.mvmta.com or (507) 514-3970.

Oct. 12 Southern Minnesota Poet’s Society Monthly Meeting, 12:30-3 p.m., come have lunch and bring 10 copies of a one page poem you want critiqued. SMPS members will work in groups to help you with your poem. Free, visitors welcome. Held at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild Gallery, 523 S. 2nd St., Mankato. Sponsored by the Southern Minnesota Poets Society. www.southernmnapoets.org or (507) 345-1174.

Oct. 13 Drop-In 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 experience necessary. $5, no registration is required. Held second Sunday of the month, at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artcentersp.org.

Oct. 14 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.

Oct. 16 Welding Basics for Everyone Classes, 6-9 p.m. Learn MIG and Arc welding, with welding safety, equipment use, preparation, hands on practice of various types of welding joint techniques. Members $40, non-members $45, each session. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Avenue. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Oct. 18 Basic Color Glass Torchwork Class, 6-9 p.m. Learn to make your own glass pendants, $60. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Oct. 20 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.

Oct. 23 Metal Sculpture Class, 6-9 p.m. Use basic welding and shaping to make a sculpture of your choosing. Pick one of our pre-cut projects that get welded together or go free style and make your own. Member $45, non-member $50. Held at Mankato Makerspace, 1700 Third Avenue. www.mankatomakerspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

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**Oct. 23-24**

**Entry Days for the Annual 410 Project Halloween Exhibition**

2-6 p.m. both days.
$5 per piece, enter up to 3 pieces. Any Halloween themed artwork accepted. Exhibit Dates: Oct. 29-Nov. 3. Held at The 410 Project, 523 South Front Street, Mankato. www.410project.com.

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**Oct. 26**

Watercolor 101 Class with Carol Edwards. 10 a.m.-1 p.m., $50, includes all supplies. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

**Oct. 27**


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**Oct. 28**

Entry Day for the Carnegie Members’ Exhibition

5-7 p.m.
Exhibition is open to all current and new Carnegie members. You may renew or join when you drop off your work. $10 per piece, all 2-D work should be ready to hang. Entry forms can be picked up at the Carnegie or are online at www.thecarnegie-mankato.com. Exhibit dates: Nov. 14-Dec. 21. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 625-2730.

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**Oct. 29**

“Welcoming All” Training Workshop, 4:30-7 p.m. The training will provide an overview of disability awareness and highlight many successful frameworks of accessibility and inclusion for festivals and related events. Presenter Diane Nutting is a consultant at the intersections of disability, arts, and education. Free, but registration is required at https://festivalaccessibilitystpeter.eventbrite.com/. Held at Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 South Minnesota Avenue. Sponsored by Minnesota Festivals and Events Association, Minnesota Access Alliance, and the Minnesota State Arts Board. (651) 539-2689 or www.mnaccess.org.

**Oct. 22**

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 Wooden Spoon (Formerly Friesen’s Bakery), 515 N. Riverfront Drive, Mankato. Sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. www.mnnesotanonprofits.org or (507) 469-2217.

**Oct. 22-Nov. 5**

Learn to Knit Class, 3 session class on Tuesdays. Each participant will complete a basic knitting project. 3 p.m. or 6 p.m. each night. Supplies provided; registration required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmlibrary.org or (507) 359-8334.

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**Grant Opportunity**

**Oct. 16**

Forecast Public Art Artist Grants Deadline. Forecast Public Art has multiple grant programs available for artists to create public art in their communities. $2,500-$10,000. Go online to www.forecastpublicart.submitable.com/submit to learn more about specific projects that can be funded. (651) 641-1128 or info@forecastpublicart.org.
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](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org) or (507) 364-8107.

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

**Carnegie Art Center**, 120 S. Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. [www.thecarnegieinemankato.com](http://www.thecarnegieinemankato.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](http://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](http://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](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

**Twin Rivers Council for the Arts and the Emly 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](http://www.twinriversarts.org). Also find other arts events at: [www.greatermankatoevents.com](http://www.greatermankatoevents.com). Gallery Application link: [www.twinriversarts.org/exhibition-schedule](http://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](http://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](http://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](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: weekdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends 1-5 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or [www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom/](http://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.
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State-Wide Online Resources

COMPAS
www.compas.org
A Minnesota resource for artist residencies in the arts.

Minnesota Citizens for the Arts
www.artsmn.org
State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization.

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
www.minnesotanonprofits.org
Information and links about board governance, marketing, fundraising, etc.

Minnesota State Arts Board
www.arts.state.mn.us
Artist and Organization Grant Information.

Springboard for the Arts
www.springboardforthearts.org
Artists & non-profit arts groups workshops.

Statewide Website for Artists & Organizations
www.mnartists.org
The website showcases the work of over 4,500 MN Artists in all disciplines.