

*September 2011 Newsletter*



## 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.

# FY 2012 GRANT DEADLINES

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

The deadlines are Sept. 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 Fellowship Grant - \$3,000

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

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

Total \$9,000 available.  
**Letter of Intent Deadline**  
**January 16, 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 Seeking Board Members Application Deadline Extended to September 30th

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has openings on the Board of Directors for representatives from **Waseca County and the City of New Ulm**. The deadline for submitting an application is September 30, 2011. Interested persons residing in these areas 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!**



# September 2011 Arts Calendar



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

**Sept. 1** Faculty Recital by Kathryn Wurster and Bethel Balge “Songs I Love: From Opera to Broadway”, 7 p.m. Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**Sept. 1-7** “A Journey to Our Japanese American Concentration Camps” exhibit by Gina Mumma Wenger, PhD., (Opening Reception, Aug. 26, 6-8 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/>

**\*Sept. 1-16** “Memory of Cells”, ceramics exhibit by Mika Negishi Laidlaw at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. (Opening Reception, Aug. 29, 7 p.m.) Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or [www.mnsu.edu/artdept/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/) Mika received a PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship grant in 2010 from Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

**Sept. 1-23** Exhibit by art faculty member, Eric Ouren, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, 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).

**Sept. 1-29** Photography exhibit by Michael and Mary Lynn Cervantes, featuring birds and nature throughout Fairmont and Martin County, (Opening Reception Sept. 11, 1:30-3 p.m.), at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; second and third Sat. of the month 8 a.m.-noon, (507) 235-9262, [www.redrockcenter.org/](http://www.redrockcenter.org/)

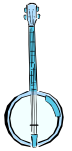
**\*Sept. 1-30** “Looking Back: 10 Years of Photography”, free photo exhibit by photographer Denice Woller, at Blue Earth County Historical Society, 415 Cherry St., Mankato. Hours: Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. (507) 345-5566 or [www.bechshistory.com](http://www.bechshistory.com).

**\*Sept. 1-Oct. 5** “Reverie,” acrylic painting and mixed media exhibit by Susanne Crane, (Opening Reception, Sept. 15, 5-7 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).

**\*Sept. 1-Oct. 30** Photography exhibit by Carrie Elizabeth Thompson in the Moline Gallery. (Opening Reception: Aug. 27, 1-3 p.m.) Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., St. Peter. Tues.-Fri.: 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 1-5 p.m., (507) 931-3630, [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Sept. 1-Oct. 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.

**Sept. 2** Robert Coates performs country and bluegrass 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.



**Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30** 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).

**\*Sept. 2-Oct. 7** “New Works” art exhibit by Brian Frink, at the Waseca Art Center, 410 State St. N. (Opening Reception, Sept. 9, 7-9 p.m.) Gallery hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Fri. and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sat. (507) 835-1701, [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org), or [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org).

**\*Sept. 2-Oct. 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., (507) 931-3630, [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org).

**Sept. 3** Tess Erickson performs country ballads, 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**Sept. 5** Doming Gomez and his Big Band; come and dance to swing music. Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. 7-9 p.m. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/)



**Sept. 6** Acoustic fingerstyle guitar masters, Bob Bingham and Gordon Thorne, in concert. MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$12/ Adults; \$11/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, 320 Maywood Ave., Mankato. (507) 389-5549, [dale.haefner@mnsu.edu](mailto:dale.haefner@mnsu.edu), or [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events).





# Arts Calendar

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**Sept. 7, 22 & 29** U.S.-Dakota War Series: Author, Gary Wiltscheck, will discuss his book "The Leavenworth Rescue Expedition Revisited". Sept. 7, 7 p.m., Springfield Public Library, 120 N. Cass Ave.; Sept. 22, 7 p.m., Dyckman Free Library, 345 W. Main St., Sleepy Eye; and Sept. 29, 3:30 p.m., Comfrey Area Library, 120 Brown St. E. (507) 359-8334 or [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org).

**\*Sept. 8-9** 2011 Minnesota Shorts Play Festival, 7:30 p.m. at the Mankato West High School Theater, 1351 S. Riverfront Dr. The festival features 20 short plays over 2 days that run 15 minutes or less. Tickets are on sale at Hy-Vee and online, \$9 in advance or \$14 for a two-day pass. [www.mnshorts.com/](http://www.mnshorts.com/).

**\*Sept. 8-24** Carnegie Members' Exhibit, (Opening Reception, Sept. 9, 7-9 p.m.) at Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad, Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (507) 625-2730 or [www.thecarnegiemankato.com](http://www.thecarnegiemankato.com).



**\*Sept. 8-Oct. 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.

**Sept. 9** Harpist, Nancy Eischen, 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.

**\*Sept. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Eastside, playing a range of music from jazz to pop to Motown, 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)

**Sept. 9-10** Prairie Star Quilters Show, "Quilts Tie Us Together," with featured quilter Kathy Luther. Over 150 quilts will be on display, gift boutique, quilt drawing, door prizes and refreshments. Sept. 9, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sept. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$5. Bethel Evangelical Free Church, 1125 S. State St., Fairmont. (507) 375-4192.

**Sept. 10** Country barn concert by Clear Blue Country, sponsored by the Waseca Arts Council, at the Bill & Eileen Harguth Farm, 3 miles south of Waseca, 32450 Hwy 13. 6 p.m., tickets include sandwich and drink, \$25, available at Waseca Music or call (507) 835-1701. Limited number of tickets will be sold.

**\*Sept. 9** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents acoustic duo, Fish Frye, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com), [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com) or (507) 359-9222.

**Sept. 10** Becky Borneke performs easy listening music, 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**\*Sept. 10-11** 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Rock Bend Folk Festival in St. Peter. The festival features Art by 35 local artisans and a variety of Music (blues, folk, jazz, rock, etc.) in a family friendly setting, with a variety of entertainment on two stages, with 5 National Headliners and 3 Regional Headliners, including Red Horse, Larkin Po, Brian Wicklund and the Barley Jacks, Eileen Jewell, Kelly Hunt, Japanese Taikko Drummers and the Lion Dance, and more, at Minnesota Square Park in St. Peter, on Hwy 169. The event is FREE; Sept 10, 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sept. 11, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Food vendors are on site, or bring your own food and beverages. Bring lawn chairs and blankets, stay awhile. The city will be enforcing the "No Pets" in the park ordinance. For a complete list of performers go to [www.rockbend.org](http://www.rockbend.org).



**\*Sept. 10-11** Amboy Arts 'N More Festival, featuring local artists, demonstrations and music groups. This year's featured artist is Carol Herden, livestock artist. Musicians: Dick Kimmel, Dick Miller, The Heartstrings, Jim Lawrence Orchestra and the Rambone Band. Events are on Amboy's Maine St., at Fire Hall, and at City Park. [artsnmore@hotmail.com](mailto:artsnmore@hotmail.com), [www.artsnmorefestival.org](http://www.artsnmorefestival.org) or (507) 351-7277.

**\*Sept. 10-11** Gopher-Hawkeye Power Assn. Farming of Yesteryear Threshing Festival. Entertainment includes Al Batt, storyteller; Deb Norlund, country music; Just Friends, Gospel music; Good Times Band, bluegrass music; and Rural Free Delivery, barbershop quartet. Sept. 10, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sept. 11, 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m. \$6 adults, children 12 and under free. 1736 600<sup>th</sup> Ave., 2 miles east and 2 miles south of Kiester. (507) 294-3150.



**Sept. 10-11** Farmamerica's Fall Fair with draft horses, antique tractor pull and live music, 7367 360<sup>th</sup> Ave., Waseca. (507) 835-2052, [farmamer@hickorytech.net](mailto:farmamer@hickorytech.net) or [www.farmamerica.org](http://www.farmamerica.org)



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**Sept. 11** Premier songwriters and folk singers, Eliza Gilkyson and John Gorka, in concert. MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$12/Adults; \$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).

**Sept. 12-28** Poster show by Jude Landry 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/>

**Sept. 12-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” (Opening Receptions, Sept. 12, 7-9 p.m. and gallery tour Sept. 17, 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. by Kristen Lowe) at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays, 1-5 p.m. weekends, (507) 933-7200 or <http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html>

**Sept. 13** “Lunch with the Arts”, local artist will perform, 12 noon, bring a bag lunch, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or [www.redrockcenter.org](http://www.redrockcenter.org).

**Sept. 13** Alumni, Allison Czer, performs a soprano vocal concert, 7 p.m. Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**Sept. 13** Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota’s Awesome Arts! and Imagination Blocks. 6:30-7:30 p.m., Watona Park, Madelia. [peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org](mailto:peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org), (507) 995-2242, or [www.cmsouthernmn.org/](http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/).



**Sept. 14-17** “The Shape of Things” theater production at MN State University, Mankato, Andreas Theatre, 7:30 p.m. \$10 adults, \$9 seniors over 65 and youth under 16, \$8 MSU students. [www.mnsu.edu/theatre/](http://www.mnsu.edu/theatre/) or (507) 389-6661.

**\*Sept. 15** Good Thunder Reading Series presents Debra Monroe, fiction and creative nonfiction writer; and Benjamin Percy, 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. (507) 389-1354 or [www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt](http://www.english2.mnsu.edu/gt)

**Sept. 15** 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)

**\*Sept. 15** 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).



**Sept. 16** 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).

**\*Sept. 16** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Bully Pulpit Bluegrass, 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)

**Sept. 16-18** Community & Seniors Together present the melodrama “D.K. Molar, The Devious Dentist” and murder mystery “Café Murder”. Sept. 16 & 17 at 7 p.m.; Sept. 18 at 2 p.m.; tickets \$6, include dessert. New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St., New Ulm. [www.newulmseniors.org](http://www.newulmseniors.org) or (507) 354-3212.



**Sept. 16-18** “Theatre Physics,” an all-original production by Bethany theatre faculty and students. Sept. 16 & 17 at 7 p.m.; and Sept. 18 at 2 p.m. Free, but advance reservations are encouraged. Bethany Lutheran College, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Call box office for tickets at (507) 344-7374 or [events@blc.edu](mailto:events@blc.edu).

**Sept. 16-18 & 23-24** Merely Players Community Theater and 4Playwrights Project presents “The Accusing Parlor”, written by local Mankato playwright, Jacob Kempfert. Sept. 16, 17, 23 & 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 18, at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. \$10/Adults, \$7/Youth 12 and under, plus \$1 TRCA handling fee, [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008. [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com)



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**\*Sept. 17** 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Waseca Marching Classic, 100 unit parade at 12:30 p.m. in downtown Waseca and includes competing High School Marching Bands, floats, and Classic Car Cruise. Field competition for H.S. Marching Bands, 4:30-8 p.m., fireworks after the awards ceremony. Advance purchase admission \$5, or at the field \$7. [www.wasecamarchingclassic.com](http://www.wasecamarchingclassic.com).

**\*Sept. 17** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents One Fast Move, playing acoustic 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).



**Sept. 17** Vocalist, Garrett Steinberg, performs 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**Sept. 17** “Arts on the Green,” an outdoor event with musical performances and art activities for children and adults including digital art, painting, cyanotypes and sidewalk art, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Bethany Concert Band concert at 2 p.m. in Trinity Chapel. Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**Sept. 17** Black & White Gala “A Taste of Music”, 6 p.m., tickets \$75, at Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org) or (507) 387-1008.

**Sept. 17-19** Wacipi 2011, Mankato PowWow at Land of Memories Park, Mankato. Education day: Friday. PowWow event hours: Fri. 4-10 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. PowWow times: Fri. 7 p.m.; Sat. 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.; and Sun. 1 p.m. \$5 button is good for the whole weekend. [www.mahkatowacipi.org](http://www.mahkatowacipi.org) or [MahkatoWacipi@aol.com](mailto:MahkatoWacipi@aol.com).



**Sept. 18** Shell’s Hobo Band, playing marching band music and novelty tunes. MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$15/Adults; \$13/MSU students. Elias J. Halling Recital Hall, MN State University, 320 Maywood Ave., Mankato. [www.mnsu.edu/music/events](http://www.mnsu.edu/music/events), [dale.haefner@mnsu.edu](mailto:dale.haefner@mnsu.edu), or (507) 389-5549.

**Sept. 18** Organ Recital presented by faculty of Martin Luther College, 3 p.m., free. Chapel of the Christ, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 354-8221 or [www.mlc-wels.edu](http://www.mlc-wels.edu)

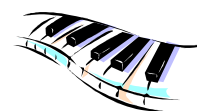
**Sept. 19** Graphic Designer, Jude Landry, will give a public lecture as part of the Andreas Endowment Residency, 7 p.m., Minnesota State University, Centennial Union 253, Mankato. (507) 389-6412 or [www.mnsu.edu/artdept/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/)

**Sept. 20** “Cupcake Free For All”, display of ceramic cupcakes and performance by Stephanie Gamboni, 7-9 p.m., at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or [www.mnsu.edu/artdept/](http://www.mnsu.edu/artdept/)

**Sept. 20** Blues group, Bruce McCabe and Rich Poor Men, in concert. Bruce wrote Jonny Lang’s hit “Lie To Me”. MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$15/Adults; \$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).

**Sept. 23** Cooper and Schiedel perform folk blues 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.

**\*Sept. 23** Deuces Wild! Dueling Pianos show, 7:30 p.m., first concert in the 2011/12 subscription series. Tickets: seven show subscription \$110; individual concerts \$20 adult, \$10 student. All reserved seats; at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com) or 507-238-4900.



**\*Sept. 23** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Betty & Ocho, playing folk music, 8 p.m., at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm, [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com), (507) 359-9222, or [info@thegrandnewulm.com](mailto:info@thegrandnewulm.com).

**Sept. 24** Robert Coates performs country and bluegrass music, 6-8:30 p.m., at Indian Island Winery, 18018 631<sup>st</sup> Ave., Janesville. [www.indianislandwinery.com](http://www.indianislandwinery.com) or (507) 234-6222.

**Sept. 24** Bethany Brass Festival Concert featuring teachers and students from the Mankato area, 2 p.m., Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**Sept. 24** Children’s Museum of Southern Minnesota’s Awesome Arts! at the Great Arfwalk. 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Land of Memories Park, Mankato. (507) 995-2242, [peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org](mailto:peter.olson@cmsouthernmn.org) or [www.cmsouthernmn.org/](http://www.cmsouthernmn.org/)



# Arts Calendar



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

**\*Sept. 24** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Pre-Apocalyptic Junkyard Orchestra, playing bluegrass, folk and gypsy 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)

**\*Sept. 24** James Solberg in concert, 7:30 p.m., Blues on Stage concert series. Tickets \$15, all reserved seats; at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont, [www.fairmontoperahouse.com](http://www.fairmontoperahouse.com), or 507-238-4900.

**Sept. 25** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents a Musical Tribute to Bobbi, Abby & Savannah. Some musicians performing: Maud Hixson and Rick Carlson; Dan "Daddy Squeeze" Newton; Betty & Ocho; Beg for Justice; Kimmels/Kjelberg; Lee Weber; Bockfest Boys; Kevin Soucie; and Third Wheel. Tickets \$20, all proceeds will benefit Charlie Zangl. 12 noon-9 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)



**\*Sept. 25** The Great Grass Root Gathering sponsored by the Sleepy Eye Historical Society. Sleepy Eye Area Concertina Group performs at 11 a.m. and the Goetke Family Musicians at 1:30 p.m. Food and craft vendors on site. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., free, at Allison Park, Sleepy Eye. (507) 794-5053 or [semuseum@sleepyeyetel.net](mailto:semuseum@sleepyeyetel.net).



**\*Sept. 25** The Mankato Symphony Orchestra's Music On The Hill, Chamber Music Series, "The Schumann Concert". Lydia Miller will lead an afternoon of intimate music played by a Quintet of violins, viola, cello and piano. 2 p.m., Chapel at Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Dr., Mankato. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door, or \$40 season ticket for all 4 concerts. 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).



**Sept. 25** Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble concert. 3 p.m., \$9/Adults; \$7/MSU students; \$6/other students (K-12) 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), or [dale.haefner@mnsu.edu](mailto:dale.haefner@mnsu.edu).

**Sept. 26** Internationally renowned, Merling Classical Trio, in concert. MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$12/Adults; \$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).

**Sept. 26-Oct. 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/>

**Sept. 27** Peter Ostroushko in concert with the Bethany String Band and Friends, 7 p.m. \$8 adults; \$5 children, students K-college, and seniors. Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

**Sept. 28** Tony DeBlois piano concert, he is blind, autistic and has Savant Syndrome; and has been playing piano since the age of 2. He has traveled internationally performing concerts. 7-9 p.m., Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262, [www.martincountypreservation.org/](http://www.martincountypreservation.org/) or [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net).

**\*Sept. 29** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents John McCutcheon, playing 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)

**Sept. 29** Foreign and Independent Film Series showing of "A Screaming Man," a drama from Chad, France, and Belgium; at New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway, 6 p.m. [www.newulmlibrary.org](http://www.newulmlibrary.org) or (507) 359-8334.

**Sept. 29-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/)

**Sept. 29-Oct. 27** Mixed media exhibit by Rick Love, Heather Nameth Bren and Kjellgren Alkire, art faculty of Northwestern College in Roseville, MN. (Lecture and reception, Sept. 29, 7 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)



# Arts Calendar



**Sept. 30** 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.

**\*Sept. 30** The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm Arts Entertainment Series presents Dick Kimmel & Adam Granger, playing bluegrass and old-time 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)

**\*Sept. 30-Oct. 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)

## Upcoming Events

**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. 3** The Orchid Ensemble performs world music. MSU Performance Series Event. 7:30 p.m., \$12/Adults; \$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. 4** The Nobel Conference Concert, "A State of Mind and Music: New Songs by Composers from Minnesota," 8:15 p.m. 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. 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. (507) 933-7590 or [www.gustavus.edu](http://www.gustavus.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. Adults \$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).

[www.southernmnarts.org](http://www.southernmnarts.org)

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# Arts Opportunities & Classes

## Youth Opportunities

**\*Sept. 10** Mankato Children's Chorus Open House and Registration 9:30 a.m.-12 noon for children in grades 1 – 12. No audition is necessary. The five choirs begin rehearsals Sept. 12 and conclude in April, 2012. Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Mankato. [mankatochildrenschorus.org](http://mankatochildrenschorus.org) or [mankatochildrenschorus@gmail.com](mailto:mankatochildrenschorus@gmail.com)



**Sept. 24** Bethany Brass Festival with teachers and students in the Mankato area, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. There will be a joint rehearsal and performance, a session on brass instrument maintenance and repair, and a session on learning traditional bugle calls. Students interested in participating should contact Tom Nuessmeier at (507) 931-4623. Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato.

**\*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).

## Arts Opportunities

**\*Sept.** Attention singers! Musicorum, a Mankato-area chamber choir dedicated to high standards of musicality and perform twice-a-year classical concerts, has openings for singers in all voice parts. Contact Karen Boubel at (507) 625-6836 for audition information.

**Sept.** 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. If this is you or you know someone please contact the Red Rock Center at [redrockcenter@frontiernet.net](mailto:redrockcenter@frontiernet.net) or 507-235-9262.

**\*Sept. 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.

**Sept. 16** 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).

**Positions are still open for two PLRAC Board Members!**  
See page 2 for details.

**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. [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org), [info@artscentersp.org](mailto:info@artscentersp.org), or 507-931-3630.

## Artist Opportunities

**\*Sept. 1** 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).

**\*Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30** 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).

**\*Sept. 11** Merely Players Community Theatre is holding open auditions for their interactive murder mystery dinner theatre performances. They are forming a troupe of actors to be called on for various events throughout the year. If cast, you will not be expected to perform in every event, just those that work with your schedule. For more information contact Maggie at (507) 995-0990 or [maggiemaes@hotmail.com](mailto:maggiemaes@hotmail.com).

**Sept. 13 & 27** A clay interest group in St. Peter is in the process of forming (name to be determined). Meetings will be at 10 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month. If interested contact Cyle Gruver: [cgruverun@hotmail.com](mailto:cgruverun@hotmail.com).



# Arts Opportunities & Classes Continued

**\*Sept. 15 PLRAC/McKnight Fellowship Grant Letter of Intent Deadline.** This grant provides professional mid-career artists with financial support that enables them to further their work and their contribution to their communities. Applicants are expected to demonstrate professional achievement in their disciplines. Eligible artists are beyond the "emerging" or "beginning" stage in their careers. Artists 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).  
plrac@hickorytech.net or  
(800) 298-1254 or (507) 833-8721.



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**Sept.** 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).

**Sept.** 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).

**Sept.** 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).

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

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

**Sept.** 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.

**\*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 in the production. The production will be held: Nov. 25-27 and Dec. 2-4. [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com), [player@merelyplayers.com](mailto:player@merelyplayers.com), or 507-388-548.



## 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)

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### 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.



## 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, Minnesota 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/index.html](http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html).

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

**Mankato Community Education will offer a variety of ARTS Classes in 2011** You can view the Program Guide at [www.mankatocer.com](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 and third Sat. of the month 8 a.m.- noon; 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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- Waseca County ..... (Open)
- Watonwan County ..... Joe McCabe
- City of Fairmont ..... Judy Berkeland
- City of Mankato ..... Mary Motter
- City of New Ulm ..... (Open)
- City of North Mankato ..... Pat Potzler
- At-Large ..... Greg Wilkins

**Staff**

- Executive Director..... Brenda Byron
- Program Manager..... Cindy Lewer
- Administrative Assistant..... Pam Trumbull



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