

## 16TH ANNUAL PRAIRIE LAKES REGIONAL JURIED ART EXHIBITION A HUGE SUCCESS!

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council sponsored the 16th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Juried Art Exhibition April 30-June 12, 2008 in cooperation with the Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato. **Cash & Purchase Awards totaling \$2,000 were presented at the Opening Reception.** Art work which placed 1st through 5th is pictured on page 3.

A total of 241 works of art were submitted for the exhibition and it encompassed a variety of mediums which included: drawings; paintings in acrylic, oil and watercolor; mixed media; photography; print-making; ceramics; fiber; and jewelry. "This juried exhibit is an opportunity for emerging and established artists to display their work in a professional setting", noted Brenda Flintrop, Executive Director; "and it provides an opportunity for artists to sell their work. In fact, a majority of the artwork displayed in the exhibit was for sale and twelve pieces were sold to community members and businesses for a total of \$3,960."

The juror was Wendell Arneson, professor of Art at St. Olaf College, Northfield since 1978; and he selected 106 pieces for display. Wendell was present at the Opening Reception and noted "This is an exhibition that celebrates a diverse range of media, scale, process and idea. My selections were based on three main criteria: 1) strong sense of craft (formal design elements, understanding in care of materials and presentation), 2) sense of "process and discovery" in the creation of the work and 3) depth and inventiveness of concept. Ultimately, I'm asking how do I find "meaning" in the work: do I find it memorable,

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### Summer 2008 Newsletter

#### Art Grant Size will Increase in 2008-09

In 2008-09 we will award \$127,900 in grants. **Art Project Grant maximums will increase to \$3,000**, and one-day events have a maximum of \$1,800; and Small Art Grants will remain the same at \$700 each.

**For information on 2008-09 Grant Program Deadlines please refer to page 4.**

Summary of FY 2008 Grants: Prairie Lakes awarded 83 grants for a total of \$127,865. The grants ranged in size from \$55 to \$2,800; and 32% of those activities focused on youth. Prairie Lakes receives funding from the Minnesota State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis for re-granting. **Grantees from 2007-08 are included in this newsletter.** Summary of programs: Art Project Grants \$85,465; Small Arts and Arts-In-Education \$18,900; Capital Grants to arts organizations \$4,500; Artist Fellowships \$10,000; and Emerging Artist Grants \$9,000. Artist grants are funded by the McKnight Foundation and represent a variety of disciplines, grantees are listed on page 5 and 9.

In the nine-county area we are fortunate to have a large variety of musical organizations and activities, both vocal and instrumental. This represents the largest art discipline Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council reviews and funds through grant applications (about 50%).

In a given year, the board will review about 105 applications. Theater performances compose about 20% of all funded activities and so do visual art projects and exhibitions, at 20%. Dance and literature projects are less common and represent about 5% each. Under-served areas continue to be dance, literature, media art and ethnic music and dance.



**Art Exhibition Award Winners** Row 1 (L to R): Mona Ruff Saer, Rosemary Shephard, Ashley Terpstra, and Jackie May; Row 2: Becky Carmody, Denise Friesen and Erin Gergen Halls; Row 3: Brad Widness, Matthew King, Matt Bright and Erik Waterkotte.

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challenging, surprising, thoughtful, stimulating and sensitive. I'm engaged by work that asks questions and doesn't give easy or obvious answers. I believe the work selected for this exhibition demonstrate a strong sense of "clarity" of process and concept while honoring mystery and ambiguity." Brenda Flintrop noted that the People's Choice Award was selected by the those attending the Opening Reception. Erin Gergen Halls' colored pencil drawing entitled "Pretty Please (with a cherry on top)" received the most votes. Over 350 students and teachers toured the exhibition using bus stipends provided by PLRAC, another 200 artists and guests attended the opening reception, with total attendance estimated around 750. We are proud to sponsor this event that showcases the artistic diversity and quality of our artists. It also provides an educational opportunity for youth, teachers and the general community. The exhibition costs about \$13,000 annually.

Prairie Lakes donated the artwork purchased with the Schmidt Foundation and Prairie Ecology Bus Center funds, totaling \$800 to the Art Center of St. Peter for their permanent collection. The exhibition is funded by grants from the E.F. Johnson Foundation, Waseca; McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis; Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield; and Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation, Rochester.

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### CASH AWARDS (\$200 - \$75)

- First Place** Mika Laidlaw, Mankato, "Rest" Ceramic  
**Second Place** Matt Bright, Mankato, "Rustick Love", Ceramic  
**Third Place** Erik Waterkotte, North Mankato, "System of Explosions Over Complex", Mixed Media  
**Fourth Place** Jackie May, North Mankato, "Urbanity", Acrylic Painting  
**Fifth Place & People's Choice Award** Erin Gergen Halls, Mankato, "Pretty Please (with a cherry on top)", Colored Pencil Drawing

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### MERIT AWARDS (\$50 each)

- James Adams, Mankato, "Pendant", Jewelry  
Tyler Jensen, Mankato, "Separation; a Collaborative Manifesto", Ceramic  
Matthew King, Mankato, "Aerphloe", Stoneware  
Keith Luebke, Mankato, "Untitled II", Mixed Media  
Mona Ruff Saer, Mankato, "Winter Landscapes No. 1", Photography  
Todd Shanafelt, Mankato, "Bionic Verticality", Mixed Media  
Rosemary Shephard, Mankato, "Goodbye Summer", Acrylic Painting  
Janice Tanner, Janesville, "Flying the River", Mixed Media  
Ashley Terpstra, North Mankato, "Lonely Road", Photography  
Brad Widness, North Mankato, "Brick Shrine", Mixed Media

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**PURCHASE AWARDS** Prairie Lakes donated the art work to the Arts Center of Saint Peter for their permanent collection.

- Becky Carmody, Lake Crystal, "Escaping Conformity", Lino Print - \$50  
Denise Friesen, N. Mankato, "Pond at Prairies Edge", Monoprint - \$750
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Fireside Gallery at the Carnegie



Rotunda Gallery at Carnegie



Hope Cook Gallery at Carnegie

- PLRAC Board Members and Staff  
at the Opening Reception, May 18, 2008.**  
Row 1 (L to R): Pat Potzler, Cindy Lewer, Nancy Willette, Rachael Hanel and Brenda Flintrop.  
Row 2 (L to R): Don Myers, Maureen Gunderson, Rochelle Franzen, Tim Hamp and Denice Evers.



## Award Winners of the 16th Annual Regional Art Exhibition



**1st Place - \$200**  
“Rest”, Ceramic  
by Mika Laidlaw, Mankato



**2nd Place - \$150**  
“Rustic Love”, Ceramic  
by Matt Bright, Mankato



**3rd Place - \$125**  
“System of Explosions Over Complex”  
Mixed Media by Erik Waterkotte,  
North Mankato



**4th Place - \$100**  
“Urbanity”, Acrylic Painting  
by Jackie May, North Mankato



**5th Place - \$75 and  
People’s Choice Award - \$50**  
“Pretty Please (with a cherry on top)”  
Colored Pencil Drawing by  
Erin Gergen Halls, Mankato

## FY 2008 ART PROJECT GRANTS

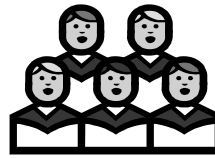
A total of \$85,465 was awarded to 36 organizations in FY 2008. A variety of activities including arts festivals, dance, literature, instrumental and vocal music, theater and visual art exhibitions were funded. These 50% matching grants may be awarded to non-profit arts organizations, community groups or public organizations for art activities in all artistic disciplines.

### Art Project Grants awarded in October 2007

Arts Center of Saint Peter, \$2,800  
Arts & Heritage Center, Montgomery, \$2,800  
Bethany College, McManhan Hill Book Talks, \$1,830  
Blue Earth Valley Concert Assoc., \$2,800  
Bothy Folk Club, \$2,070  
Dance Conservatory of S. MN, Mankato, \$2,800  
Fairmont Opera House, \$2,800  
Mankato Area 77 Lancers, \$2,800  
Mankato Figure Skating Club, \$2,500  
MN State Univ., Mankato, Dept. of Music, \$2,800  
MN Valley Chorale, Mankato, \$2,800  
MN Valley Sweet Adelines, Mankato, \$2,800  
Musicorum, Mankato, \$2,800  
Saint Peter Choral Society, \$2,800  
Waseca Arts Council, \$2,800  
Waseca High School Jazz Festival, \$1,800

### Art Project Grants awarded in April 2008

Arts N' More Festival, Amboy, \$1,800  
Blue Earth Town & Country Players, \$1,800  
Carnegie Art Center, Mankato, \$2,800  
City of St. Peter, River Crossings art fair, \$2,500  
Cornstalk Arts Festival, Dunnell, \$2,500  
Good Thunder Reading Series, MSU, Mankato, \$2,800  
Govenaires Drum & Bugle Corps., St. Peter, \$1,800  
Lutheran Music Program, St. Peter, \$2,800  
Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra, \$2,800  
Mankato Children's Chorus, \$2,800  
Merely Players Community Theatre, Mankato, \$2,800  
MN Agri. Interpretive Center, Farmamerica, \$1,400  
MN Gymanfa Gana Assoc., Welsh Celebration, \$875  
MN Over 60 Band, Gaylord, \$2,800  
New Prague Czech Singers, \$900  
Project G.E.M., Lake Crystal, \$2,800  
Rock Bend Folk Festival, St. Peter, \$2,500  
SMILES, Ctr. For Independent Living, Mankato, \$1,800  
Waseca Chamber of Commerce, \$1,590  
Waseca County Historical Society, \$1,800



## PLRAC/McKnight Capital Grants

The focus of these grant programs, funded by the McKnight Foundation, is on excellence in our established non-profit arts organizations. Arts organizations may request support for small capital expenses related to their programs or services which increase their artistic quality.

Three Capital Grants were awarded totaling \$4,500.

### Dance Conservatory of S. MN, Mankato - \$1,500

To purchase a computer for organizational and teacher needs, which is also capable of editing music.

### Martin County Preservation Assoc., Red Rock Center for the Arts, Fairmont - \$1,500

To purchase portable staging for performances at the Red Rock Center for the Arts in Fairmont.

### Rock Bend Folk Festival, St. Peter - \$1,500

To purchase a laptop computer for organizational needs.

## **2008-09 GRANT DEADLINES**

### Art Project Grant - \$1,800 or \$3,000

Total \$42,750 available per deadline.

**October 1, 2008 and March 2, 2009**

### Arts-In-Education & Small Arts Project - \$700

Total \$18,900 available.

**The 1st of each month**

### Capital Grants for arts organizations - \$1,500

Total \$4,500 available.

**September 2, 2008**

### Operating Support Grant (arts organ.) - \$1,500

Total \$10,500 available.

**November 1, 2008**

### Emerging Artist Grant - \$1,000

Total \$9,000 available.

**February 2, 2009**

All 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.

## PLRAC/MCKNIGHT EMERGING ARTIST GRANTEEES

A total of \$9,000 was awarded to nine artists, \$1,000 each; and they are listed alphabetically.

Greg Abbott, North Mankato, Playwright. Greg will develop a full-length play by participating in workshops at the Loft and the Playwright Center in Minneapolis. Funds will be used for workshop fees and travel expenses.

Bayard Black, Mankato, Photography. Bayard will have an exhibit in April at the Raydiance Salon Gallery in Mankato. Funds will be used to print and frame photographs for the exhibit and for publicity.

Meredith Cook, Blue Earth, Poetry. Meredith will use funds to pay for editing and layout expenses to organize and prepare her poems for a manuscript for publishing. She will also create a CD of her reading the poems.

Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, Poetry. Shirley will attend the Geraldine Dodge Poetry Festival in New Jersey in September. Funds will be used for workshop fees and travel expenses.

J. Angelique LePetit-Johnson, Mankato, Literature. She plans to complete a first working draft of her novel, *The Caulbearer*. Funds will be used for time to write and supplies.

Trudi Remund, Waseca, Visual Art. Trudi will have a watercolor exhibit in December at the Waseca Art Center and funds will be used to mat and frame paintings for the exhibition.

Allison Roberts, Mankato, Textiles. Allison will create mixed media textile pieces and enter them into several exhibits in 2008. Funds will be used to purchase supplies, fabric and to produce a portfolio of her work.

Hal Walberg, North Mankato, Visual Art. Hal will create several large mixed media pieces for an exhibit in 2009. Funds will be used for wood, supplies, power planer for shaping wood surfaces, gallery exhibit fees and publicity.

Autumn Zander, Janesville, Music. Autumn is a pianist and will attend the Dalcroze Eurhythmics Workshop in Pennsylvania in July. Funds will be used for workshop fees and travel expenses. She will prepare a recital program in fall 2008.

**In 2008 Fellowship Grants were also awarded with McKnight funding and they are listed on page 9.**

## ARTS-IN-EDUCATION and SMALL ARTS PROJECT GRANTS

\$18,900 was awarded in FY 2008

### BLUE EARTH COUNTY- \$3,245

Amboy Area Community Theater (SA) \$700  
Committee Against Domestic Abuse (SA) \$500  
Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial School (AIE) \$700  
Maple River High School (AIE) \$700  
Mankato Area Girl Scouts (SA) \$645

### BROWN COUNTY - \$2,100

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music (SA) \$700  
Sleepy Eye Community Education (SA) \$700  
Springfield Community Theatre (SA) \$700

### FARIBAULT COUNTY- \$1,200

DHS, Inc., Delavan; Poets & Storytellers (SA) \$700  
United South Central Middle School, Kiester (AIE) \$500

### LE SUEUR COUNTY- \$1,400

LeCenter Elementary School (AIE) \$700  
LeSueur-Henderson High School (AIE) \$700

### MARTIN COUNTY - \$3,100

Fairmont Community Educ. & Recreation (SA) \$500  
Five Lakes Elementary School (AIE) \$700  
Granada-Huntley-East Chain School (AIE) \$700  
Martin County West ECFE, Welcome (SA) \$500  
Midwest All-Star Concert Band (SA) \$700

### NICOLLET COUNTY - \$2,600

Hillstrom Museum of Art, GAC, St. Peter (SA) \$500  
MN Valley Music Teachers Assoc. (SA) \$700  
St. Peter Area Children's Theater (SA) \$700  
St. Peter Fiddle Contest (SA) \$700

### SIBLEY COUNTY - \$2,855

Gaylord Public Library (SA) \$700  
Henderson Chamber of Commerce (SA) \$700  
Henderson Sauerkraut Days (SA) \$700  
MN New Country School, Henderson (AIE) \$55  
St. Thomas Oratory, Irish Festival (SA) \$700

### WASECA COUNTY - \$2,400

New Richland-Hartland Elementary School (AIE) \$700  
Waseca Community Education (SA) \$700  
Waseca County Historical Society (SA) \$500  
Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library (SA) \$500

In FY 2009 Matching grants up to \$700 are available for both these programs. Money is allocated to each county (\$2,100) and awarded on a first come, first serve basis, until February 1st, then it is available to other counties. **The deadline is the 1st of each month.**

The Small Arts project grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. Arts-In-Education (AIE) grants are for public or private non parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, live art performances or mini-workshops and arts related field trips.



# Calendar of Arts Events



## July 2008

**July 1-13** 9th Annual Arts Center of Saint Peter Membership Show, mixed media, 315 S. Minnesota Avenue, Hours: Tues.–Sun., 1-5 p.m., Thurs., 1-8 p.m., (507) 931-3630, [galleries@artscentersp.org](mailto:galleries@artscentersp.org) or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org)

**July 1-19** “Movement within Photography by Andrew Breck, at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 South Second Street, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon., Tue., Wed. and Fri. 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Thur. 1–7 pm and Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. (507) 387-100 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)

**\*July 1-26** Jaron Childs: New Work, at the Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State St. Gallery hours: Tues.–Fri. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Contact (507) 835-1701, [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org)

**July 1-31** Exhibit: Famous movies of the 30’s, 40’s, 50’s posters, at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Hours: M, W, F 1-5 p.m., T, Thur., Sa 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Thur. 7-9 p.m. (507) 235-9262, [www.fairmont.org/redrock](http://www.fairmont.org/redrock)

**\*July 4** Lakefest celebration at Clear Lake Park, Entertainment in the Bandshell from 12 noon–10 p.m., followed by fireworks at dusk. Food and activities all day long and BBQ at 4:30 p.m. in the pavilion. Sponsored by the Waseca Chamber Commerce & the City of Waseca [wchamber@hickorytech.net](mailto:wchamber@hickorytech.net) or (507) 835-3260

**\* July 4-5** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts Fair in the Square, Minnesota Square Park, St. Peter, July 4 & 5, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; Circus Ring North-Arts Extravaganza. In conjunction with the 39th Annual Old Fashioned 4th of July Celebration. The Arts Center of Saint Peter & Stones Throw Gallery will be participating. Contact (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org)

**\*July 5** Waseca County Historical Society’s Chautauqua at Maplewood Park, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Musical acts include the House of Mercy Band, Helen & Karen-sing the songs of the Carter Family, Amy Roemhildt-Song-Lorist, Sacred Harp Singing, Naturalist Al Batt, the Muse at Maplewood Walk, Kids’ Theater-in-the-Woods, Family Arts Tent, Susan Warner’s Minnesota Sesquicentennial Mosaic Tile Project, and the History of Scouting at Maplewood Park. Just 5 cents!! “Children and Servants FREE”. [www.historical.waseca.mn.us](http://www.historical.waseca.mn.us)

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**\*July 8** Teddy Bear Band will perform for youth behind the Waseca Library in Trowbridge Park, at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Waseca-LeSueur Regional Library as part of their summer reading program. Contact (507) 835-2910

**July 9-10** Children’s book author Jill Kalz reading/signing her picture book “Farmer Cap”. New Ulm Public Library, 17 N. Broadway. 10 a.m. (507) 359-8331

**July 10** Watercolor Artist Doug Lien, Sartell, MN, 6:30 p.m. Gallery talk, 7-9 p.m. Mini Watercolor Workshop at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont; Hours: M, W, F 1-5 p.m., T, Thur., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thur. 7-9 p.m.; contact (507) 235-9262 or [www.fairmont.org/redrock](http://www.fairmont.org/redrock)

**\*July 10-13** Blue Earth Town and Country Players present the Disney musical “Beauty and the Beast”. July 10 & 11 at 7:30 p.m.; matinees July 12 & 13 at 1:30 p.m., Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center; tickets are \$7.50. Contact BE Chamber Office (507) 526-2916

**\*July 11-12** Waseca Children’s Summer Theater present “Once Upon A Playground” and “Pyramis and Thisbe”, Waseca Central Intermediate School Auditorium, July 11 at 7 p.m. and July 12 at 2 p.m.; \$6/adults and \$5/senior citizens/students/preschool. Contact Waseca Community Education at (507) 835-5626

**\*July 11-13** Amboy Area Community Theater presents “The Deep Valley Vignettes: Betsy-Tacy On Stage”, Maple River West Middle School, Amboy, \$10 reserved seats and \$5 general admission. (507) 674-3119

**July 12** Grand Opening of 7 Pines Studio/Gallery, 112 Brown Street W., in Comfrey. For info. contact Steve Christensen at (507) 877-2133

**July 13** Hymn Fest, 7 p.m. at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Enjoy singing your old favorite hymns, non-denomination, requests taken. Call Sandy H. for details (507) 235-9800. [www.fairmont.org/redrock](http://www.fairmont.org/redrock)

**July 17–Aug. 24** Matthew Olson, mixed media sculpture and prints exhibit at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (Reception: July 19, 2–4 p.m.) Hours: Tues.–Sun., 1-5 p.m., and Thurs., 1-8 p.m. Contact (507) 931-3630, [galleries@artscentersp.org](mailto:galleries@artscentersp.org) or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org)



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## August 2008



**July 18** RakStar Fusion Bellydancers will be offering a free performance at the Sibley Park Bandshell, at 7 p.m. The event will be family-friendly and attendees are encouraged to bring a picnic supper to enjoy while they watch the performance; [phoenixmcghee@hotmail.com](mailto:phoenixmcghee@hotmail.com) or [www.myspace.com/rakstarfusionbellydancers](http://www.myspace.com/rakstarfusionbellydancers).

**July 19** Music Concert by Ryan and Heather Reithmeier, 7:30 p.m. at Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. For tickets contact (507) 235-9262 or [www.fairmont.org/redrock](http://www.fairmont.org/redrock)

**\*July 20** New Ulm Suzuki School of Music orchestral workshop for experienced youth string players and Suzuki workshop for younger youth, culminating in a Concert from 7-9 p.m. with the touring Stuttgart, Germany Youth Symphony. Workshops will take place July 19-20 at New Ulm United Church of Christ and former New Ulm Middle School, 9 a.m.-12 noon for youth Suzuki students \$10; and orchestral workshop 9 a.m.-3 p.m., cost \$15. Contact (507) 359-9656 or [pjheartstrings@comcast.net](mailto:pjheartstrings@comcast.net).

**July 21-Aug. 23** "Stolen Moments" exhibit by Rochelle Koberoski and Gail McKissick at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 South Second Street, Mankato. (Reception July 27, 3-5 p.m.) Hours: M, T, W, and F 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thur. 1-7 pm and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 387-100 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)

**July 24-27** Sleepy Eye Community Theater presents "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers", Sleepy Eye H.S. July 24-26 at 7:30 p.m. and July 27 at 2 p.m., tickets are: adults/\$9, students/\$8, and children 7 and under/\$7. For information contact [pat.stevermer@sleepyeye.mntm.org](mailto:pat.stevermer@sleepyeye.mntm.org) or (507) 794-7873

**\*July 25-26** Prairie Fire Children's Theater presentation "Beauty and the Beast", Martin County West H.S., Sherburn, July 25 at 7 p.m. and July 26 at 10 a.m., tickets are: adults/\$2, students/\$1, and children 7 and under are free. Contact MCW Comm. Educ. (507) 728-8284

**July 29** Children's book author Jill Kalz reading/signing her picture book "Farmer Cap", at the Springfield Public Library, 120 N. Cass Ave. 10:30 a.m. (507) 723-3510

**\*July 31-Aug. 23** Fabrics for the Table, A Collection: exhibit at the Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State Street. Gallery hours: Tues.- Fri. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact (507) 835-1701, [patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org) or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org)

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



**\*Aug. 1-2** Cornstalk Arts Festival, Dunnell; Aug. 1, 6 p.m.-12 midnight and Aug. 2, noon-12 midnight. A variety of arts and music performances including; blues, folk, jazz, Latin/reggae and classic rock; and belly dancing. Family style entertainment with food, beverages and art vendors on-site at the farm of Brian & Heidi Scott, 437 40<sup>th</sup> Ave., Dunnell; go one mile west of Dunnell on county road 8 and ½ mile south on 40th Ave. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Daily admission fee. (507) 695-2941 or [cornw@bevcomm.net](mailto:cornw@bevcomm.net)

**Aug. 3** Arts Festival at Trowbridge Park, Waseca, featuring music and art work display; 12 noon-5 p.m.; sponsored by the Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State Street. Contact (507) 835-1701, or [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org)

**\*Aug. 4-10** Minnesota Agricultural Interpretive Center, Farmamerica, Waseca will host a Sesquicentennial Week of Celebration, performance by the Peter and Paul Wendinger Band, of New Ulm on Sat. Aug. 9, 7- 11 p.m., cost \$10. Located 4 miles west of Waseca, (507) 835-2052, [farmamer@hickorytech.net](mailto:farmamer@hickorytech.net) or [www.farmamerica.org](http://www.farmamerica.org)

**Aug. 15-17** 25th Annual Woodcarvers and Quilt EXPO, Unity Hall, Blue Earth Area High School, Aug. 15, 4-8 p.m., Aug. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Aug. 17, 12 noon-4 p.m.; tickets at the door for info call 507-526-5808

**\*Aug. 16** Govenaires Drum and Bugle Corps Show & Competition, 4 p.m. at Gustavus Adolphus College Stadium, St. Peter; tickets are \$6/advance and \$8/at the door. Contact [pr@govenaries.org](mailto:pr@govenaries.org) or [www.govenaires.org](http://www.govenaires.org)

**\*Aug. 19** 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Wide Block Party, 3-8 p.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church parking lot, Mankato, sponsored by SMILES Center for Independent Living, Mankato. The family orientated Free event recognizes, reflects and celebrates citizens with disabilities; a variety of live musical performances, as well as hands on arts activities, food vendors & exhibits. Contact SMILES at (507) 345-7139 or [amurray@smilescil.org](mailto:amurray@smilescil.org)

**\*Aug. 24** Irish Celebration by St. Thomas Oratory, Jesenland Township, 31638 Scenic Byway Road, Henderson. 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Irish music performers, Bag Piper and Celtic dancers perform throughout the day. Contact (507) 248-3506

**Aug. 24-Sept. 27** Greg Pipal exhibit at the Emy Frenz Arts Guild, 523 South Second Street, Mankato. Hours: M, T, W, and F 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thur. 1-7 pm and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (507) 387-100 or [www.twinriversarts.org](http://www.twinriversarts.org)

**Aug. 28-Oct. 12** Todd Shanafelt & Les Laidlaw, ceramics exhibit at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave., Tues.-Sun.: 1-5 p.m., Thurs.: 1-8 p.m., (507) 931-3630 or [www.artscentersp.org](http://www.artscentersp.org)



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**\*Aug. 29-Sept. 27** Point of View, Paintings by Carol J. Stott exhibit at the Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State St. Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., [www.wasecaartscouncil.org](http://www.wasecaartscouncil.org)

## September 2008

**\*Sept. 5-27** Oil Paintings by Arnoldus Gruter at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St, Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed., Fri. and Sat., 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. (507) 625-2730

**\*Sept. 6** Poets & Storytellers with guest Al Batt, coffee house at DHS, former Delavan School, 2-4 p.m. Free. Share original and favorite poems and stories. Listeners welcome! Contact (507) 854-3497

**\*Sept. 6** Amboy Arts 'N More Festival, featuring music, dance, local artists displaying and demonstrating art and a variety of activities from 11 a.m. to midnight, located on Amboy Maine Street and at Fire Department, and children's activities at Ridge School and City Park.

**Sept. 6** Children's book author Jill Kalz reading/signing her picture book "Farmer Cap". Celebration of Minnesota Children's Authors and Illustrators, Anderson Center, Red Wing. 12:30-5:00 p.m. [www.andersoncenter.org](http://www.andersoncenter.org)

**Sept. 6** The Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra is beginning its 2008-2009 season on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Auditions will be held on that date following the rehearsal from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Performing Arts Center on the MSU campus. All interested musicians can join us for rehearsal and schedule an audition afterwards. There are openings for all instruments. [www.mayso.net](http://www.mayso.net)

**\*Sept. 6-7** 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock Bend Folk Festival in St. Peter. The festival features art and music (3 National Headliners) in a family friendly setting, with a variety of entertainment on two stages, at Minnesota Square Park in St. Peter, on Hwy 169. The event is FREE, Sept 6, 12 noon -10 p.m., Sept. 7, 12 noon-6 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. [www.rockbend.org](http://www.rockbend.org)

**Sept. 8-Nov. 9** Forbidden Art: The Postwar Russian Avant-Garde, and Selections from the Hillstrom Collection, Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Avenue, GAC, St. Peter; (Opening Reception Oct. 7, 6-8 p.m.). Open to the public. Hours: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays, 1-5 p.m. weekends, (507) 933-7200 [www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html](http://www.gustavus.edu/oncampus/finearts/hillstrom/index.html)

**\*Sept. 11** Author Steve Almond, fiction/creative nonfiction, Good Thunder Reading Series at MN State Univer-

sity, 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. 13-14 & 20-21** "Senior Cabaret", Merely Players Community Theater performance at Lincoln Community Center Auditorium, 110 Fulton Street, Mankato. Sept. 13 & 20 at 8 p.m. and Sept. 14 & 21 at 2 p.m.; tickets are \$12/adults and \$7/youth (12 and under). Contact (507) 388-5483, [players@merelyplayers.com](mailto:players@merelyplayers.com) or [www.merelyplayers.com](http://www.merelyplayers.com)

**Sept. 14** Mankato Riverblenders concert, Grace Lutheran Church, Waseca, 3 p.m., sponsored by the Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State Street. For ticket information contact (507) 835-1701

**\*Sept. 27** Midwest All-Star Band Concert at the Fairmont Opera House, 7-9 p.m., tickets are \$10/adults and \$5/ children. Contact (507) 235-5774

**\*Sept. 27-28** Welsh Weekend of Song, Minnesota Gymanfa Gana; Evening Concert featuring Welsh music by Mankato harpist Amy Kortuem and her Celtic Band (Sept. 27, 7:30 p.m., Bjorling Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter) and Welsh Hymn Festival on Sept. 28 at First Presbyterian Church, Mankato. Contact Dr. Ellis Jones, [ellis@gustavus.edu](mailto:ellis@gustavus.edu) or (507) 934-4184

## COLLEGE ARTS EVENTS

Please refer to their websites for dates

### Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato

[www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu)

Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Hours:

1-9 p.m. Sun.-Thurs. & 1-5 p.m. Fri.-Sat. (507) 344-7365

Concerts/Plays: (507) 344-7365 for tickets

### Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter

[www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu)

Call (507) 933-7598 or 933-7520 for info.

The **Hillstrom Museum of Art** is open, free of charge, to the public. Gallery Hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays & 1-5 p.m. weekends.

### Martin Luther College, New Ulm

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

MLC box office (507) 233-9114

### Minnesota State University, Mankato

[www.mnsu.edu](http://www.mnsu.edu) or [www.MSUTheater.com](http://www.MSUTheater.com)

Theater Department Information 389-6661

Good Thunder Reading Series 389-1354

Conkling Gallery 389-6412

Music Performance Series: 389-5549

## **NEW in FY 2008: PLRAC/McKnight ARTIST FELLOWSHIP GRANTEES**



A total of \$10,000 was awarded to five artists, \$2,000 each in January 2008; this bi-annual program was funded with new money from the McKnight Foundation. It will be offered again in January 2010. Artists are listed alphabetically.

**Ann Judkins, N. Mankato.** Ann is a visual artist and she will create unique professional quality photographs from an artistic point of view. The grant will allow her to purchase new camera equipment and create new merged artistic photographs which she plans to exhibit in local and regional galleries.

**Amy Korteum, Mankato.** Amy is a harpist who arranges, composes and records music; as well as performs extensively throughout the region. She will redesign her website to keep her current audience base informed about performances, new releases, sound clips, and also give her a more powerful and up-to-date web presence.

**John McKay, St. Peter.** John is a concert pianist and he will prepare and present a recital tour of the five-state area, which will include ten performances in the fall of 2008. The program will include works by Haydn, Brahms, Chopin and new composer Mortimer Barron. John will also include information in the recital programs that will educate the audience about the composer and his works.

**John Rezmerski, Mankato.** John is a poet and he will complete a book of poems inspired by the classical *ghazals* form developed in medieval Persia and adapted for use in English by Robert Bly, Adrienne Rich, and others. He will use the time to research, write and consult with fellow poets and editors to develop this new work. He will also begin submitting some of the poems to magazines and anthologies.

**Douglas Snapp, Mankato.** Douglas is a jazz musician and composer, and trumpet is his main instrument. He will study the different instruments used within a jazz rhythm section, piano, guitar, bass, and drums; which will include working with several musicians as mentors in these areas during 2008.

## **ART CLASSES**

**Art Center of Saint Peter,** 315 S. Minnesota Ave. A large variety of children, youth and adult classes are offered, (507) 931-3630, info@artscentersp.org, claycenter@artscentersp.org or www.artscentersp.org/classes. Register through St. Peter Community Education, www.stpetercommunityedonline.com

**Creative Hands - Paint your own Pottery & Ceramic Studio,** 208 North State Street, Waseca. Adults, teens and children of all ages are welcome at the studio. (507) 835-4183 or www.crhands.com

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

**Passion for ART,** 210 North State Street, Waseca. Free Thursdays: 1st and 3rd Thursday each month, meet local artists & learn new techniques, 2-8 p.m. (507) 833-6061 or pfa@hickorytech.net

**Red Rock Center for the Arts,** 222 E. Blue Earth Avenue, Fairmont; Classes are offered throughout the year, contact (507) 235-9262 or www.fairmont.org/redrock

**Waseca Art Center,** 401 N. State Street, Waseca. July 29-Aug. 2 Summer Art Camp, grades 2 and up, Wednesday Adult Classes: 9-10:30 a.m. Drawing & Painting, 11-11:45 a.m. Art Appreciation. Contact (507) 835-1701, patbeckmann@wasecaartscouncil.org, or www.wasecaartscouncil.org



## **\$ Help Increase Funding for the Arts \$**

### **DEDICATED FUNDING FOR CLEAN WATER, LAND AND LEGACY**

Minnesota citizens will be asked the following question on the November 2008 ballot: "Clean Water, Wildlife, Cultural Heritage and Natural Areas" "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to dedicate funding to protect our drinking water sources; to protect, enhance, and restore our wetlands, prairies, forests, and fish, game, and wildlife habitat; to preserve our arts and cultural heritage; to support our parks and trails; and to protect, enhance, and restore our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater by increasing the sales and use tax rate beginning July 1, 2009, by three-eighths of one percent on taxable sales until the year 2034? Yes \_\_\_ or No \_\_\_"

**HOW WILL MINNESOTANS BENEFIT?** They will ensure the preservation and restoration of our environment, clean water, parks and cultural heritage (arts).

**Contact Vote Yes MN: [www.yesformn.org/](http://www.yesformn.org/)**



## **State-wide Resources**

### **Minnesota Citizens for the Arts**

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

State-wide Arts Advocacy Organization to Increase funding

### **Minnesota State Arts Board** [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us)

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

### **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** workshops for artists & groups [www.springboardforthearts.org](http://www.springboardforthearts.org)

### **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.

**Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

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**DEDICATED FUNDING FOR CLEAN WATER, LAND AND LEGACY**

**WHAT IS IT?** In November of 2008, on the 150th anniversary of our state, Minnesota voters will have an historic opportunity to make a nationally prominent move to preserve our environment and cultural heritage that will bring benefits for the next 25 years. **If passed, this could potentially triple the state arts funding for the Minnesota State Arts Board and eleven Regional Arts Councils**, which includes Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.

(See article & information on page 9.)

**For info. contact: [www.mncitizensforthearts.org](http://www.mncitizensforthearts.org)**  
or <http://mncitizensforthearts.org/news/current-legislation/>

**FREE Grant Writing Workshops**

**Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council**

**Artists, Arts Organizations,  
Community Groups & Schools**

Aug. 14, 6:00 p.m. - Emerging Artists

Aug. 14, 7:00 p.m. - \*Arts Organizations,  
Schools & Community Groups

**\* For all our PLRAC Grant Programs,  
see page 4 for grant deadlines.**

Find out more about Prairie Lakes Arts Council Grant Programs: what art projects qualify, how to complete the application, the review process, and much more. Applications are on our website: [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org)

Pre-register by calling the office 1-800-298-1254:  
Workshop location: Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center,  
Room 104, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato