

**MN State  
Funding Cuts Looming  
–Deficit nears \$5 billion**

**What can arts constituents do?**

**attend  
ARTS ADVOCACY DAY  
at the STATE CAPITOL  
FEBRUARY 27, 2003**



**Quarterly Newsletter  
Winter 2003**

Although Minnesota is facing a historic deficit, Governor-elect Tim Pawlenty has pledged not to raise taxes to reduce the deficit. So cuts to state agencies and programs, which could include the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Regional Arts Councils – are almost certain. What is not certain is the depth of those cuts.

Last session, with the help of arts advocates like you, Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA) convinced the Legislature to reduce the cut to the arts to 4%. **It took the entire arts community to prevent even deeper cuts. This year, MCA will work hard to keep Minnesota arts funding safe. But we can't do it alone.**

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**Blue Earth County:** Kevin Kroeber, PLRAC Board Member for Blue Earth County (back row 2<sup>nd</sup> from left) presented grants to – front row (L to R): Rosemary Froen, Mankato Area Arts Council; Patti Tryhus, Mankato Suzuki School of Music; Nancy Zallek and Rea King, Mankato Ballet Company. Back row: Fred Slocum, Musicorum; Cindy Hoines and Gwen Tjernagel, Minnesota Valley Chorale.



**Brown County:** Denice Evers, PLRAC Board Member for Brown County (left), Mary Jane Glawe, PLRAC Board Member for the City of New Ulm (second from right) and Brenda Flintrop, PLRAC Executive Director (right) presented grants to: Charles Luedtke, American Guild of Organists, New Ulm and not pictured is Paula Anderson of the New Ulm Suzuki School of Music.

## SPONSORSHIP & PRODUCTION ART PROJECT GRANTS

A total of \$35,740 was awarded in October 2002 for Sponsorship and Production project grants. A variety of activities including dance, instrumental and vocal music, theater and visual art exhibitions were funded. Sponsorship and Production project grants may be awarded to non-profit arts organizations, community groups or public organizations for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. Matching grants up to \$2,700 are available and the **next deadline is March 15, 2003.**

**American Guild of Organists - \$1,750.** Sponsoring the British organist, Clive Driskill-Smith, in a recital to be presented at First Luthean Church, St. Peter March 28, 2003.

**Arts Center of St. Peter - \$2,000.** Presenting a series of five musical performances featuring solo artists or small combos in addition to four gallery shows with three featured talks or demonstrations.

**Bothy Folk Club, Mankato - \$1,410.** Sponsoring a wide variety of folk and ethnic music concerts from November 2002 to October 2003. Musicians and groups include: Tanglefoot, Pat Donahue, Solstice, Scott Marrs, Judy Larson & Bill Hinkley, Neal & Leandra, Dave Ray and Dean Magraw. Concerts are held at the Eagles Club in Mankato.

**Dance Conservatory of S. MN - \$2,000.** Funds will be used to provide dance scholarships for students enrolled in Mankato and satellite studios in Janesville, New Ulm, Waseca and Waterville.

**Echo's music group, St. Peter - \$2,000.** Presented a musical Swing Big Band performance and public dance in Mankato, November 2002.

**Fairmont Opera House - \$2,000.** Programming for the 2002-2003 subscription season including "Cherish The Ladies" Irish-American group, Dec. 20, 2002; New West, Feb. 22, 2003; a play "Unsinkable Women", Mar. 14, 2003; fiddle music by April Verch, April 5, 2003; and Plena Libre, May 9, 2003.

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**Martin County:** Receiving their grants from Brenda Flintrop, PLRAC Executive Director (right) is Michael Burgraff, Fairmont Opera House (left).



**Waseca County:** Brenda Flintrop, PLRAC Executive Director (left) and Margaret Sinn, PLRAC Board Member for Waseca County (far right) presented grants to (L to R): Robin Hattey, Waseca High School Jazz Festival and Cathy Dey, Waseca Chorale.



**Nicollet County:** Receiving an arts grant from Douglas Huff, PLRAC Board Member for Nicollet County (left) and Sandra Walberg, PLRAC Board Member for the City of North Mankato (right) is Bill Stangler, Echo's.



**Nicollet County:** Receiving their arts grants from Douglas Huff, PLRAC Board Member for Nicollet County (left) and Sandra Walberg, PLRAC Board Member for the City of North Mankato (right) are (l to r): John McKay, MN Valley Sommarfest; and Margie Nelson, Arts Center of St. Peter.

## SPONSORSHIP & PRODUCTION ART PROJECT GRANTS

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**Henderson Sauerkraut Days - \$2,000.** Will sponsor music entertainment at the annual Sauerkraut Days Festival in June 2003.

**Mankato Ballet Company - \$2,000.** Presented the "Nutcracker" Dec. 20-22, 2002, with Mankato Ballet students, two professional ballet dancers and adults from the community, at Mankato West High School.

**MN State Univ., Dept. of Music - \$2,000.** Presentation of a Performance Series consisting of music events and educational programs scheduled from November, 2002 through May 1, 2003. The activities will also impact elementary through high school students in several schools and communities.

**MN Valley Chorale, Mankato - \$2,000.** Performance of two masterworks for chorus and orchestra in November 2002 - music by Heinrich Schuetz and on April 5-6, 2003 works of American composer Randall Thompson.

**MN Valley Sommarfest, St. Peter - \$2,000.** Presentation of three classical chamber music concerts featuring music of Schubert. Performances are at Björling Concert Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter in July 2003.

**Musicorum, Mankato - \$2,000.** Presented of "A Choral Christmas" at Bethany Chapel and First Lutheran Church, December 14-15, 2002.

**New Ulm Suzuki School of Music - \$2,000.** Rehearsal and concert season in 2002-2003 and support for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual summer pops camp. Music students age 8 – 18 may participate. One concert was in December and another will be on March 29, 2003 at New Ulm Middle School Auditorium.

**Upper Midwest String & Chamber Music Conference, MSU - \$2,000.** Funds will be used to provide scholarships for students in the nine county area to attend the conference, July 27-Aug. 1, 2003. The event encourages and enables young string players to improve their abilities.

**Waseca Arts Council - \$2,000.** Presentation of visual art exhibitions at the Waseca Art Center in 2003. Exhibits include photography exhibit by David Morano; Members Invitational Show; annual High School and Elementary Art Exhibitions; Permanent Collection; works by Betty Glynn Carlson, weaver and Steve Hemingway, potter; paintings by Brian Frink; and an Invitational Craft Show.

**Waseca Choral - \$2,000.** Presented "A Christmas Program" in December at Waseca Central Intermediate School. They will also perform Brahms' "A German Requiem" April 2003 at Grace Lutheran Church, Waseca.

**Waseca High School Jazz Festival - \$2,000.** 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Jazz Festival for school jazz bands, big bands or combo's. The event features professional jazz musicians as clinicians and performers at the evening concert for the public, March 22, 2003.

## 11TH ANNUAL SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL ART EXHIBITION May 9 - June 19, 2003

Carnegie Art Center  
120 South Broad, Mankato

Participation is open to all artists age 16 and over living in the nine-county area. Media includes: drawing, painting, print making, mixed media, photography, ceramics, sculpture, fibers, glass, and jewelry. The Entry Forms will be sent to visual artists on our mailing list in February 2003. The entry date is April 24, 2003.

New this year is a  
"People's Choice Award" \$200

**Total Cash and Purchase Awards  
of \$3,400**



### **School Bus Stipends Available**

Have you ever thought about taking your students on a field trip to see an art exhibit?

*Wouldn't it be great if you  
could expose them to over 60 drawings,  
paintings, mixed media and  
sculpture, all in one exhibition?*

Schools are invited to bus children, grades 3-12 for a field-trip to see the 11th Annual South Central Regional Art Exhibition, Mankato. Prairie Lakes has funds available to provide bus stipends of up to \$150 for schools to visit the show. For information, contact the PLRAC office by January 30, 2003. Stipends are available on a first come, first served basis.

Funds provided by the NorAm/Minnegasco and McKnight Foundations and Save the Kasota Prairie.

*The Staff and  
Board of the  
Prairie Lakes Regional  
Arts Council Wishes  
you a Safe and  
Happy New Year!*



PLRAC Board and Staff. Front row (L to R): Mary Jane Glawe, Lauren Studt-Shoemaker, Maureen Gunderson and Denice Evers. Second row: Brenda Flintrop, Luci Maakestad, Nancy Steele, Sandra Walberg, Margaret Sinn and Cindy Lewer. Back row: Michael Burgraff, Kevin Kroeber and Doug Huff.

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### **Small Arts and Arts-In-Education Grants**

**Eagle Lake Community School** - \$800. To sponsor Prairie Fire Children's Theatre and present "Robin Hood" June 13 & 14, 2003.

**Gibbon-Fairfax Welcome Elementary School** - \$1,000. Sponsored an artist residency with Prairie Fire Children's Theatre, performing "A Christmas Carol" in December.

**Girl Scouts Peacepipe Council, New Ulm** - \$800. To sponsor an art education program, "How to See to Draw – Everyone Can Do It" in New Ulm and to take these students on a field trip to Prairie Lake's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition in Mankato, May 2003.

**Good Cooks Dance Company** - \$620. Presented an autumn performance of dancers, musicians and poets this fall, at the Ottawa Town Hall.

**ISD #77 Community Services, Mankato** - \$800. To sponsor Prairie Fire Children's Theatre for grades 1-8 and present "Snow White" June 13 & 14, 2003.

**Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton Middle School** - \$800. Sponsored an artist residency for grades 6-8 with Prairie Fire Children's Theatre, performing "Alladin" in October.

**Minnesota Valley Music Teacher's Association** - \$800. To sponsor the Bernice Jones Piano Festival for piano students in grades 7-12 on April 5, 2003, GAC St. Peter.

**St. Peter Choral Society** - \$800. Presented a concert "A Festival of American Music" in St. Peter in November.

**Sibley East Middle School** - \$1,000. To sponsor an artist residency for H.S. and middle school students, featuring the Dallas Brass. They will also perform with the students at an evening concert, January 29, 2003.

**Springfield Public School** - \$370. Sponsored a field trip for junior high students to Minnesota State University Dept. of Theater's performance of "A Christmas Carol" in November.

**Vista Covenant Drama Team** - \$225. Presented the drama "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" in December at the Waseca High School.

Nonprofit arts organizations, community groups or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community area are eligible for a Small Arts project grant. This program is ideal for activities that may have a smaller budget, come up quickly as an opportunity and occur outside the main timeline for Sponsorship and smaller budget, come up quickly as an opportunity and occur outside the main timeline for Sponsorship and Production project grants, which are offered only twice a year.

Arts-In-Education (AIE) grants are available to public or private non parochial schools K-12, for artist residencies, live art performances or mini-workshops and arts related field trips.

Matching grants up to \$800 are available for both and AIE residency grants of up to \$1,000 may be awarded. Money is allocated to each county and awarded on a first come, first serve basis. **The deadline is the 1st of each month.**



# Calendar of Arts Events

For Nine County Area



## JANUARY

- 1-31 **Acrylics & Fibers Exhibition by Robin Schone** at The Coffee Hag., 329 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Free. (507) 387-5533
- Jan. 10-Feb. 15 ♦ **Photography Exhibit by David Morano** at Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State Street. Gallery Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sat. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (507) 835-1701
- 11 **Poets & Storytellers sponsored by DHS, Inc.** at DHS Coffeehouse, Delavan. Free. 3:00-5:00 p.m. (507) 854-3497
- 18 ♦ **“Solstice” sponsored by Bothy Folk Club** at Eagles Club, Mankato. (507) 665-6678 or www.bothy.org
- 26 ♦ **Sioux Trails Chapter of American Guild of Organists Mid-Winter All-Member Organ Recital** at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato. 4:00 p.m. Free. (507) 359-2216
- 28 ♦ **Dallas Brass** performs with the Sibley East School Bands, 7:00 p.m. At Sibley East Jr. High, Gaylord. (507) 237-3315

## FEBRUARY

- 1-28 **Mixed Media Exhibition by Erick Anderson** at The Coffee Hag., 329 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Free. (507) 387-5533
- 8-28 ♦ **Photograph Exhibition by Lucas Saugen & Elisabeth Krey Jenssen** at Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. **Opening Reception: Sat., Feb. 8, 7-9 p.m.** Gallery Hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m. and Wed., Fri. & Sat. 1-4 p.m. (507) 625-2730
- 10 **Instrumental Winter Concert** featuring Waseca HS Bands at Waseca Central Intermediate School Auditorium. 8:00 p.m. (507) 835-5470

♦ Denotes PLRAC funded event

- 16. ♦ **Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert** at St. Peter Catholic Church. 3:00 p.m. (507) 245-3013
- Feb. 21-22, 28 Mar. 1 **“Lend Me A Tenor”** dinner theater production by Curtain Call Theatre at Hilltop Hall, 206 1st St. N., Montgomery. \$21/dinner & show; \$8/show only. 6:30 p.m. dinner & 8:00 p.m. performance. (507) 744-2656 or dewtuma@hotmail.com
- Feb. 21-Mar. 29 ♦ **Members Invitational Show** at Waseca Art Center, 410 N. State Street. Gallery Hours: Tues.-Fri. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Sat. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (507) 835-1701
- 22 ♦ **“New West”**, trio featuring classic songs of the west and music of Michael Fleming at the Fairmont Opera House. 7:30 p.m. (507) 238-4900
- 22 ♦ **“Folk Music by Judy Larson & Bill Hinkley”** sponsored by Bothy Folk Club at Eagles Club, Mankato. (507) 665-6678 or www.bothy.org
- 23 ♦ **“Glorious Voices” Mankato Symphony Orchestra Concert** featuring a composition written & guest conducted by David Dickau at Mankato West High School Auditorium. 3:00 p.m. \$14/adults; \$11/senior citizens & \$7/students. (507) 625-8880



## MARCH

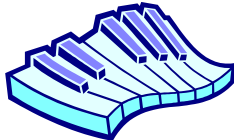
- 1 **“Fasching” (German Mardi Gra) presented by The Concord Singers** at Turner Hall, New Ulm. 1:00-11:00 p.m. \$6 (507) 354-8850
- 1-31 **Acrylic Paintings & Drawings Exhibition by Mark Helms** at The Coffee Hag., 329 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. Free. (507) 387-5533

## Calendar of Arts Events

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### MARCH

- 2 ♦ **Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert** at Christ the King Lutheran Church, Mankato. 3:00 p.m. (507) 245-3013
- 8-28 ♦ **Paintings & Ceramics Exhibition by Lisa Anderson, Michele Green & Jeff Dietering** and ♦ **Paintings & Prints Exhibition by Lisa Gower** (Community Room Gallery) at Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. **Opening Reception: Sat., Mar. 8, 7-9 p.m.** Gallery Hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m. and Wed., Fri. & Sat. 1-4 p.m. (507) 625-2730
- 14 ♦ **“Unsinkable Women”** play about the women who survived the Titanic at Fairmont Opera House. 7:30 p.m. (507) 238-4900
- 15 ♦ **“Neal & Leandra”** sponsored by **Bothy Folk Club** at Eagles Club, Mankato. (507) 665-6678 or www.bothy.org
- 22 ♦ **Waseca Jazz Festival featuring the Jim Widner Big Band** at Waseca Central Intermediate School Auditorium. 7:00 p.m. \$6. (507) 835-5470



- 28 ♦ **Clive Driskell-Smith Organ Recital** sponsored by **Sioux Trails Chapter American Guild of Organists** at First Lutheran Church, St. Peter. 7:30 p.m. \$5. (507) 359-2216

### APRIL

- 5 ♦ **Fiddle Music by April Verch** at Fairmont Opera House. 7:30 p.m. (507) 238-4900
- 5-6 ♦ **Minnesota Valley Chorale Spring Concerts.** April 5 at First Lutheran Church, St. Peter, 7:30 p.m. April 6 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Mankato, 3:00 p.m. \$7/adults & free/students. (507) 386-4916

*Note: Due to the advanced print deadlines of this publication, we suggest that you call to confirm dates, times and other information about events.*

### Minnesota State University, Mankato

Theater Department Information 389-6661

Good Thunder Reading Series 389-1354

Conkling Gallery 389-6412

Performance Series: 389-2118 ticket prices are \$10/adults & \$8/students & seniors

- Jan. 14-Feb. 5** **Printmaking Exhibit by Kim Fink** at Conkling Gallery.
- Jan. 29** ♦ **Performance Series A Tribute to Dave Brubeck.** Halling Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.
- Jan. 30** ♦ **Good Thunder Reading Series** presents readings by poet Philip Bryant & fiction writer David Haynes. 7:30 p.m. at CSU Room 253. Free.
- Jan. 30-31 & Feb 1-2, 6-9** **Art** . Andreas Theatre. 7:30 p.m. all days except Feb. 9; 2:00 p.m. matinees Feb. 2 & 9.
- Feb. 9** **Faculty Artists Recital featuring John Lindberg, bassoon.** Halling Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 11** ♦ **Performance Series — Keri Noble, mix of Sheryl Crow and Tori Amos.** Halling Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 12** **Jazz Mavericks & MSU Jazz Singers.** Halling Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 18** **Combined Band Concert.** Halling Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 18-21** ♦ **Good Thunder Reading Series** presents Eddice Barber Visiting Writer Program workshop featuring poet Philip Dacey in CSU Room 202 at 9:00 a.m. Reading, Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in CSU Room 253.
- Feb. 20-23, 27-28 and Mar. 1-2** **Equus** . Ted Paul Theatre. 7:30 p.m. All days except Mar. 2; 2:00 p.m. matinees Feb. 23 & Mar. 2.
- Mar. 1** ♦ **Performance Series — Jazz Festival Concert** featuring **Denis Di Blasio**, former musical director & bari sax player with the Maynard Ferguson Band. Halling Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 2** **Faculty Artists Recital featuring David Viscoli, classical pianist.** Halling Recital Hall. 3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 17-21** **Darrin Ekern/MA Exhibition.** Conkling Gallery.
- Mar. 24-28** **Lavonne Nelson/MA Exhibition.** Conkling Gallery.
- Mar. 27** ♦ **Good Thunder Reading Series** presents fiction writer and poet Heather Sellers. Reading at 7:30 p.m. in CSU Room 284.
- Mar. 27-30** **Fuddy Meers** . Andreas Theatre. 7:30 p.m.



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### **Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato**

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

**Jan. 13-Feb. 14 Photography Exhibit by Denice Woller**  
at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery. **Gallery Talk & Reception, Jan. 16, 7:00 p.m.**

**Feb. 6-9 Red Mill performance** by Bethany Choraliens  
at Ylvisaker Center, Jan. 6-8 at 7:30 p.m. & Jan. 9 at 2:00 p.m. \$6/adults & \$4/students & sr. citizens.

**Feb. 20-Mar. 31 Paintings by Howard Burgdorf** at  
Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery. **Gallery Talk & Reception, Feb. 20, 7:00 p.m.**

**Feb. 25 Organ Recital by Johannes Unger** at Trinity  
Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

**Mar. 31 Rebel Baroque Ensemble Concert** at Trinity  
Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

### **Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter**

Call (507) 933-7598 or 933-7520  
for ticket information.

#### **\*Music events take place at Björling Recital Hall**

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

**Nov. 25-Jan. 31 "Photographers & Authors: A Collection  
of Portraits of Twentieth-Century Writers".** Hillstrom  
Museum of Art.

**Feb. 9 Gustavus Band Home Concert** in Christ Chapel.  
4:00 p.m.

**Feb. 15 Gustavus Choir Home Concert** in Björling  
Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 16 The Baumgartners in Concert** in Björling Recital  
Hall. 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 20-23 "Big Love"** in Anderson Theatre. 8:00 p.m.

**Feb. 21 Armaiti Winberg, Violin Recital** in Björling  
Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 22 Minnesota Valley Sommarfest Trio** in Björling  
Recital Hall. 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 23-April 13 "A Community of Artists: The  
Collection of the Provincetown Art Association and  
Museum". Opening Reception: Feb. 23, 7:00-9:00  
p.m.**

**Mar. 3 Gustavus Honor Choir Festival Concert** in Christ  
Chapel. 7:00 p.m.

**Mar. 15 "Unsinkable Women"** play about women who  
survived the Titanic. 8:00 p.m. in Björling Recital Hall.

**Mar. 16 Seven Last Words** in Christ Chapel featuring  
String Quartets. 7:00 p.m.

**Mar. 21-23 Spring Dance Concert.** Mar. 21-22 at 8:00  
p.m. & Mar. 23 at 2:00 p.m. in Anderson Theatre.

**Mar. 23 Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra Spring  
Concert** in Björling Recital Hall. 3:30 p.m.

### **ARTIST OPPORTUNITY**

"Striving Artists" meets every Monday morning,  
9 a.m.-noon at DHS, Delavan. This is an opportunity  
to learn from each other – painting, wood carving and  
other arts projects. (507) 854-3646.



### **Do You Want to Join Govenaires Drum & Bugle Corps?**

Beginning of rehearsals for 2003 season will be  
January 10, 7-11 p.m. and January 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
at the Performing Arts Building, MN State Univ.,  
Mankato. Anyone interested in learning more about  
the Govenaires or performing with the corps during  
the summer of 2003 should stop by their rehearsal  
and learn more. For more info. call (507) 388-1927.

### **BASIC GUIDE TO GRANTS FOR ARTISTS**

A publication of the MN State Arts Board listing over  
25 foundations and organizations that provide grants  
to artists. For a free copy contact them at 1-800-  
2981254. The booklet is also available online at  
[www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us)



### **2003 Jerome Artist Fellowships and Nadine Blacklock Nature Photography Fellowship Available**

The Blacklock Nature Sanctuary, Moose Lake, MN  
has artist fellowship programs available. Jerome  
Artist Fellowships requirements are emerging  
Minnesota writers, performing and visual artists are  
eligible. Available fellowships: \$2,000 stipend for four,  
month-long artist fellowships; \$1,000 stipend per  
week for two two-week artist fellowships and \$300  
stipend for one week-long arts administrator fellowship  
for one or two administrators to focus on career  
renewal. Nadine Blacklock nature Photography  
Fellowship requirements are women nature photogra-  
phers from any location and from any career level are  
eligible. A \$2,000 stipend for a one month-long artist  
fellowship to allow a woman nature photographer  
access to the subject matter found at the Sanctuary is  
available. Application Deadline is January 31, 2003  
(not postmarked). Guidelines and forms are on the  
Sanctuary website: [www.blacklock.org](http://www.blacklock.org) Contact  
Catherine Jordan, Project Director, (612) 823-6257 or  
[jorda021@tc.umn.edu](mailto:jorda021@tc.umn.edu)

## ARTS ADVOCACY

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MCA has been successful at fighting cuts in the past with the help of arts advocates like you all across the state. You can add a powerful voice to the choir of arts advocates who believe the arts in Minnesota are worth fighting for.

On Advocacy Day, arts advocates from every corner of Minnesota come to the State Capitol to meet with their legislators and talk about the importance of the arts to our state and region. This important event is organized by MN Citizens for the Arts (MCA).

This exciting day begins with a brief advocacy training session. MCA will set up appointments with legislators for you. You will not be alone arts advocates go out in teams to meet with lawmakers. Each team is led by someone from the arts community who has participated in Advocacy Day before and who

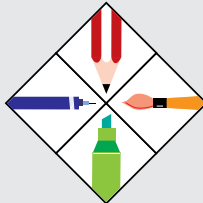
knows what to do. Brenda Flintrop, Executive Director PLRAC and a board member of MCA, will lead a southern Minnesota team again this year at the capitol.

The most important person a legislator can hear from is YOU. Call MCA to find out who your legislators are and contact them directly if you re unable to attend Advocacy Day. Also, by becoming a member of MCA, you or your arts organization can help to continue lobbying, organizing and educating citizens and elected officials about the vital role of the arts in our state. Individual dues are just \$30 and you can print out a membership form from their website: [www.mtn.org/mca](http://www.mtn.org/mca)

**Sign up for Arts Advocacy Day by calling MCA at (651) 251-0868, or email them at [mca@mtn.org](mailto:mca@mtn.org).**



## 2003 Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council GRANT DEADLINES



### STATE GRANTS

#### The 1st of each month

AIE & Small Arts Project \$800-1,000

#### March 15, 2003

Sponsorship & Production \$2,700 maximum

### MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION

#### February 15, 2003

Artist Projects Grants \$1,000

Artist Fellowships \$1,500

*Please contact the Prairie Lakes Office in Waseca to request an application. We can send it by mail or email the grant as an attachment if you are IBM compatible.*

**Prairie Lakes Quarterly Newsletter** is a free publication of the Arts Council with a current distribution of over 1,350. Funded by a grant from the Minnesota State Legislature, the newsletter provides information to artists, arts organizations, community groups and schools in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties.

We Welcome:

- Arts Calendar Information
- Events and Registration Notifications
- Opportunities for Artists
- Submitted Organizational Profiles
- Workshops for Artists or Organizations

Information must be received by the 1st of the month preceding the issue in which you want the listing. A form is provided in each newsletter. We publish quarterly, and newsletters are mailed in January, April, July and October.

**Fax to:** (507) 833-8799  
**Email to:** [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net)  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING in the arts in your area that you would like to publicize?

**Your news will be included in PLRAC's quarterly newsletter if you return this form to us by mail or email: [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net) or FAX to: (507) 833-8799.** Publications are January, April, July and October 1st each year. Please submit information by the 1st of the preceeding month. **The next deadline is March 1st. Your information should include dates for April, May & June 2003.**

DATE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

TIME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION(S): \_\_\_\_\_

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## Workshops for Artists

Carnegie Art Center  
120 S. Broad, Mankato

Join us for a series of Saturday hands-on workshops for adult visual artists to experiment with new media and to learn new techniques. Art materials supplied. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Bring a brown bag lunch or order in.

Materials Fee: \$10 for Carnegie members & \$12 for non-members per workshop. Registration deadline: 2 weeks to the day before workshop. Class size is limited. For more information call (507) 625-2730. Activity funded by grant from Prairie Lakes Arts Council.

February 15: Transferring Your Art to Fabrics, Buttons, Etc.

March 15: Framing for Exhibitions\*  
with Carnegie Art Center Staff  
*\*Great for Artists planning to enter the  
PLRAC 11th Annual Regional Art Exhibit*

April 19: Making Handmade Books  
with Jill Stoffregen

## Artist Workshop

### Jerome Travel and Study Grants

Monday, February 3, 2003

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Room 104, Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center,  
Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato.

The Jerome Foundation Staff will discuss the 2003 Travel and Study Grant Program for Literature, Media Arts and Music only. Dance, theater and visual arts will be eligible in 2004.

To register contact Vickie Benson at  
1-800-995-3766, or [vibe@jeromefdn.org](mailto:vibe@jeromefdn.org)

Seasons  
Greetings