

\$48,850 in Arts Grants Awarded

Prairie Lakes awarded \$48,850 in grants this fall to support a variety of activities including dance, literature, instrumental and vocal music, theater and visual art.

Funding was provided by the Minnesota State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis.

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Quarterly Newsletter
Winter 2004

Needs Assessment Survey for Artists, Arts Organizations and Community Groups

The two written surveys were sent to our database of artists (800) and arts organizations and community groups (217) and posted on the website as a downloadable form. We're pleased to let you know that we've been receiving a steady stream of surveys since November 8th. The deadline was 11/30/04 and to date we've received 93 Artist Surveys (11.6% response) and 35 Organization Surveys (16.1% response). A summary of the surveys will be presented in a future newsletter. A drawing will be held for those returning the surveys and gift certificates for artists and organizations will be announced in January 2005.

The Staff and Board of the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council wishes you a safe and happy holiday season!



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Mark Your Calendar for Arts Advocacy Day at the State Capitol in February 2005 (State Deficit of \$1 billion dollars anticipated)

On Advocacy Day arts advocates from every corner of Minnesota will 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). **The state will be facing another deficit, perhaps a billion dollars, which means they will either need to raise taxes and/or make cuts to balance the budget again.** Gov. Pawlenty has continued to say he will not raise taxes. Therefore, the solution will probably not include tax increases, although "fee" increases are highly likely.

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MCKNIGHT/PLRAC ART PROJECT & CAPITAL GRANTS



A total of \$8,140 was awarded in September 2004 in the McKnight/PLRAC Art Project & Capital Grant Program. The focus of these two grant programs is on excellence in our established non-profit arts organizations who have been active for two or more years. Arts organizations may request support for small capital expenses related to their programs or services. The McKnight/PLRAC Arts Project Grant is for projects that are in addition to the organizations regular season. Preferably the applicant will already be the recipient of a PLRAC State Sponsorship and Production Art Project grant, for their regular season of activities. The next deadline is September 1, 2005.

McKnight/PLRAC Art Project Grants

Fairmont Opera House - \$1,500. Art Project for support of youth programming at the FOH which reaches over 3,000 youth in Martin County. Three productions by Theatre Work's USA, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" 10/04; "First in Flight – The Story of the Wright Brothers" 11/04; and "The Wizards' Apprentice & the Magic Bookmark" 5/05. Musical group Darma (Israel) will participate in a week long residency in October traveling to area schools and presenting youth performances at the FOH. Anita Singleton-Prather and the Gullah Kinfolk Choir will participate in a week long music residency in May 2005 traveling to area schools and presenting youth performances at the FOH

Mankato Area Arts Council - \$1,500. The Carnegie Art Center will improve public access to ongoing visual art exhibitions by creating a new digital archive of each exhibit of the 2004 - 05 season. A digital slideshow will be produced each month and available for patron use on a laptop computer in the gallery. Guests will be able to view any previous exhibit in the season by selecting a specific "slide show".

Mankato Symphony Orchestra - \$1,500. To present two youth education programs: Young Composer Contest January 2005, grades K-12; Young Artist String Competition April 2005, grades 5 – 12; and Music Appreciation for 500 third grade students, where H.S. students demonstrate a variety of instruments to the elementary children.

Minnesota State Univ., Dept. of Music - \$1,500. Performance at MSU by Karan Casey, an internationally renowned Irish folk singer and performer, March 6, 2005; and four presentations to area schools (K-12) March 7-8 to introduce students to a unique cultural perspective on the subject of civil and human rights through her music. This will incorporate performance, discussion, and questions and answer components.

Minnesota Valley Sommarfest - \$1,500. Additional Mozart concert by the St. Paul Civic Orchestra, as part of their chamber music concert series July 2005, at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter.

St. Peter Choral Society - \$1,500. To present the Mozart "Requiem" with Hendrickson Organ at the Union Presbyterian Church, St. Peter, March 13, 2005; as part of the 25th Anniversary Year.

McKnight/PLRAC Capital Grants

Fairmont Opera House - \$1,500. They will purchase two sets of stage curtains to replace a section of the old curtains.

Minnesota Valley Sweet Adelines \$640. They will purchase portable risers.

*Happy
Holidays!*



SPONSORSHIP AND PRODUCTION ART PROJECT GRANTS

A total of \$31,560 was awarded in October 2004 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. The next deadline is March 15, 2005.

Arts Center of St. Peter - \$1,075. To increase the following: diversity of gallery activities; children's educational offerings and the Center's services to member artists.

Bell Tower Theatre Troop, St. Clair - \$905. To present a musical holiday production "Christmas at The Bell Tower" in St. Clair Dec. 17-18, 2004.

Bothy Folk Club, Mankato - \$1,345. To sponsor a wide variety of folk and ethnic music concerts from November 2004 to October 2005. Musicians and groups include: Dean Magrow & Steve Cloutier on Nov. 6, 2004, Prudence Johnson with Dan Chouinard on Dec. 4, 2004, Papa John Kolstad & The Hot Club of E. Lake Street on Jan. 22, 2005, Neal & Leandra on Feb. 5, 2005, Tommy Leiberman & Friends on Mar. 5, 2005, Cam Waters & Kari Larson on April 16, 2005, Barb Piper & Bill Hammond and Paul Lindors & Buddies on May 20, 2005. Concerts are held at the Eagles Club in Mankato.

Carnegie Art Center, Mankato - \$905. To host and present a series of movies about famous artists monthly on Friday nights 2004-2005.

City of New Ulm - \$1,200. Restoration of the final sixteen pieces of artwork by Wanda Gag, owned by the city. The artwork will be stored at the Brown County Historical Society.

Dance Conservatory of S. MN - \$1,200. 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 - \$640. Presented a Big Band Swing performance and public dance at the Kato Ballroom in Mankato, November 19, 2004.

Fairmont Opera House - \$2,000. Programming for the 2004-2005 subscription season including Arlo Guthrie, Oct. 1, 2004; Darma (music from Israel), Oct. 15, 2004; Confluence, Jan. 28, 2005; Pavlo, Feb. 11, 2005; The Bluehouse, Mar. 12, 2005; Anita Singelton Prather & the Gullah Kinfolk, April 16, 2005; and Leo Kottke, May 6, 2005.

Henderson Sauerkraut Days - \$905. To sponsor German music by Chuck Theil & the Jolly Ramblers Band and Blue Ringer Band at the annual Sauerkraut Days Festival in June 2005.

Madelia Community Theatre - \$780. To produce a community theater comedy of "The Beverly Hillbillies" in Feb. 2005.

Mankato Area Riverblenders Chorus - \$1,200. To produce a holiday show featuring barbershop and classical Christmas music in Mankato and St. Peter on Dec. 12, 2004.

Mankato Ballet Company - \$2,000. To present the "Nutcracker" Dec. 17-19, with Mankato Ballet students, two professional ballet dancers and adults from the community, at Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter.

MN State Univ., Mankato Dept. of Music - \$1,700. Presentation of a Performance Series consisting of music events and educational programs scheduled from January 25 to April 17, 2005. Events include: Rhythm & Blues, Ska, Reggae, Calypso & world dance music by the New Primitives, Jan. 25, 2005; soul and gospel folk blues music by Erick Bibb, Jan. 30, 2005; The Judd Group, Feb. 9, 2005; soul and R&B singer Mick Sterling and the Rolling Blunder Review, Feb. 15, 2005; jazz music by Peter Erskine & Michele Weir, Mar. 5, 2005; jazz music by Mary Louise Knutson, April 15, 2005 and keyboarding by Laura Melton, April 17, 2005.

MN Valley Chorale, Mankato - \$1,700. Performance featuring Mozart's "Messiah" with orchestra accompaniment, November 6-7, 2004. The spring program will highlight work of Johannes Brahms' "German Requiem", April 9-10, 2005.

MN Valley Sommarfest, St. Peter - \$1,700. Presentation of three classical chamber music concerts featuring music of Mozart. Performances are at Björling Concert Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter in July 2005.

Montgomery Czech Singers - \$1,200. To perform ethnic music in traditional dress and language at parades, community festivals, rest homes, etc. in southern Minnesota in 2005.

Musicorum, Mankato - \$1,700. To present two performances of "A Choral Christmas 2004" with a focus on American choral literature December 10-11, 2004.

New Ulm Suzuki School of Music - \$1,700. To present a youth orchestral workshop, Jan. 15, 2005.

Prairieland Art Center, St. James - \$2,000. To publicize exhibition series in 2005, as well as pay a stipend to their director.



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Sponsorship & Production Grants

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Sleepy Eye Historical Society - \$905. Funds will be used for the restoration of “Chief Sleepy Eye”, a prototype of the largest tin advertising sign to enhance their collection of Sleepy Eye artifacts.

Upper Midwest String & Chamber Music Conference, MN State Univ., Mankato - \$1,700. Funds will be used to provide scholarships for students in the nine county area to attend the conference, July 24-29, 2005. The event encourages and enables young string players to improve their abilities.

Waseca Arts Council - \$1,500. Presentation of four visual art exhibitions at the Waseca Art Center in 2005. Exhibitions include: New Richland Arts & Crafts or Permanent Collection, May 27-June 18, 2005; Photogra-

phy by Doug Beasley, June 24-30, 2005; WAC Members Invitational Show, Aug. 7-31, 2005; Art in Fashion Design by Rachel Carlson, Sept. 4-Oct. 8, 2005.

Waseca Choral - \$900. To present a concert featuring Don Marsh’s “Christmas Classics”, Antonio Vivaldi’s “Gloria” and Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” with an orchestra celebrating the groups 30th Anniversary on Nov. 28, 2004 at Sacred Heart Church, Waseca. They will also perform the musical drama “He Lived The Good Life – the Life of Christ in the Words and Music of Today” on May 1, 2005 at Grace Lutheran Church, Waseca.

Waseca High School Jazz Festival - \$1,400. To present the 8th 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, Feb. 26, 2005.



Small Arts and Arts-In-Education Grants

Blue Earth Area Community Education - \$250. Sponsored Prairie Fire Children’s Theater performance of “Beauty and the Beast”, in July 2004.

Brown County Veteran’s Council - \$500. Sponsored the Marine Forces Reserve Band New Orleans Concert at Martin Luther College, New Ulm in August 2004 in conjunction with the 150th anniversary of New Ulm.

City of Gaylord - \$500. Music entertainment at the Eggstravaganza Celebration; Northside Dutchmen (polka), Los Matachie (Mexican band) and Conjunto de Arpa (Music of the Harp), August 2004.

Cleveland Public School - \$500. Arts field trip for students in grades K-6 to “The Hobbit” at the Children’s Theater, Minneapolis, May 2005.

Five Lakes Elementary, Fairmont - \$500. This is a field trip for a theater event in Nov. 2004.

Mankato Girl Scouts Peacepipe Council - \$500. Visual art classes for youth focusing on drawing and cardboard yarn weaving. Classes were held at the Lake Crystal Community Center August 2004.

St. James Girl Scouts - \$500. Visual art classes for youth and basic photography were held in St. James, Madelia and Butterfield, August 2004.

KEE Civic Theatre, Kiester - \$500. Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre performance of “Jack and the Beanstalk”, August 2004.

Maple River High School, Mapleton - \$500. Artist Residency, musical composition, February 2005.

Sibley County 4-H Federation - \$500. Sponsored 4-H Arts-In, an opportunity for youth to be a part of a vocal and dance presentation, July-October, 2004.

Sibley East Public School, Gaylord - \$500. Sponsored the Dallas Brass band for a performance for students, November 2004.

Waseca High School - \$500. Artist Residency, ceramics, for high school art students with Native American artist, Randall Blaze from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, November 2004.

Watonwan County 4-H Federation - \$400. Sponsored 4-H Arts-In, an opportunity for youth to be a part of a vocal and dance presentation, August 2004.

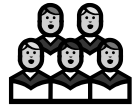
Nonprofit arts organizations and community groups producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community area are eligible for a Small Arts project grant. This program is ideal for activities that may have a smaller budget, come up quickly as an opportunity and/or occur outside the main timeline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

Arts-In-Education (AIE) grants area 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 \$500 are available for both. 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



December 2004

- 1-18 **Ring in the Holidays**, Festival of Trees and Bake Sale, Arts & Heritage Center, Montgomery. (507) 364-8107
- 2 ♦ **Good Thunder Reading Series** presents poetry, fiction & nonfiction readings by Wang Ping at CSU Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. 7:30 p.m. Free. (507) 389-1354
- 3-5 **Annual Christmas Dinner Theater** presented by Blue Earth Town & Country Players at Blue Earth Elementary gym. 7:00 p.m. on 3rd & 4th and 2:00 p.m. on 5th. \$15. (507) 8893-4554
- 4 ♦ **Prudence Johnson with Dan Chouinard** sponsored by Bothy Folk Club at Eagles Club, 708 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. 7:30 p.m. \$15/nonmembers & \$12/members. (507) 665-6678 or (507) 388-1316 or www.bothy.org
- 4-18 **“One Foot in One Month Exhibition”** at Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. **Opening Reception: Sat., Dec. 4, 7-9 p.m.** Gallery Hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m. and Wed., Fri. & Sat. 1-4 p.m. (507) 625-2730
- Dec 6-Jan 4 ♦ **“The New Collection”** featuring works by Peter Barta, Matthew Berglund, Jordan Jensen, Jake Manders, Lorrie Logan and Brandon Lutterman at Prairieland Art Center, 928 6th Ave. S., St. James. Gallery Hours: Fri., Sat., Sun. 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. (507) 327-3088
- 10-11 ♦ **Musicorum Winter Concert.** 10th at First Lutheran Church, 1114 W. Traverse Rd., St. Peter and 11th at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 S. 2nd St., Mankato. 7:30 p.m. \$10/adults & \$8/students & senior citizens. (507) 386-1380
- 12 ♦ **“Candy Cane Holiday Concert”** presented by Mankato Symphony Orchestra’s with Mankato & New Ulm Suzuki String players at Mankato West HS Auditorium. 3:00 p.m. \$15/adults, \$7/students. (507) 625-8880
- 17-18 ♦ **“Christmas at The Bell Tower”** presented by the Bell Tower Troop, 321 E. Main St., St. Clair. 7:00 p.m. \$5 (507) 245-3625
- 17-19 ♦ **“The Nutcracker”** Ballet by Mankato Ballet Company at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. 7:30 p.m. on 17th; 1:30 & 7:30 p.m. on 18th and 1:30 p.m. on 19th. \$15/adults & \$10/children. (507) 625-7716

- 19 ♦ **“Winter Concert”** presented by Mankato Children’s Chorus at St. Peter & Paul’s Catholic Church, Mankato. 3:00 p.m. \$5/adults, \$3/students & senior citizens and Free/children 6 & under. (507) 934-4550

January 2005

- Jan. 10-Feb. 1 ♦ **MSU Extended Exhibition** at Prairieland Art Center, 928 6th Ave. S., St. James. Gallery Hours: Fri., Sat., Sun. 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. (507) 327-3088
- 17 ♦ **John McAndrew Trio Holiday Show** at Fairmont Opera House. 7:30 p.m. \$15/adults & \$5/students. (507) (507) 238-4900
- 22 ♦ **Papa John Kolstad & the Hot Club of East Lake Street** sponsored by Bothy Folk Club at Eagles Club, 708 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. 7:30 p.m. \$15/nonmembers & \$12/members. (507) 665-6678 or (507) 388-1316 or www.bothy.org
- 25 ♦ **The Judd Group**, 70’s & 80’s music sponsored by MN State Univ. Performance Series, at Halling Recital Hall, MSU, Mankato. 7:30 p.m. \$12/adults, \$9/students. (507) 389-5549
- 28 ♦ **Confluence** a duet of words & music at Fairmont Opera House. 7:30 p.m. \$15/adults & \$5/students. (507) 238-4900
- 30 ♦ **Erick Bibb**, acoustic blues sponsored by MN State Univ. Performance Series, at Halling Recital Hall, MSU, Mankato. 7:30 p.m. \$12/adults, \$9/students. (507) 389-5549

February 2005

- 4-25 **Mixed Media Exhibition** by Rea Mingeve (Main Gallery) and **Exhibition** by Tom Moore (Community Room Gallery) at Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. **Opening Reception: Sat., Feb. 4, 7-9 p.m.** Gallery Hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m. and Wed., Fri. & Sat. 1-4 p.m. (507) 625-2730
- 5 ♦ **Neal & Leandra**, sponsored by Bothy Folk Club at Eagles Club, 708 N. Riverfront Dr., Mankato. 7:30 p.m. \$15/nonmembers & \$12/members. (507) 665-6678 or (507) 388-1316 or www.bothy.org

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

♦ Denotes PLRAC funded event

Calendar of Events

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February 2005

- 7-29 ♦ **Josh Swanson & David Carlson Exhibition** at Prairieland Art Center, 928 6th Ave. S., St. James. Gallery Hours: Fri., Sat., Sun. 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. (507) 327-3088
- 9 ♦ **New Primitives**, R & B, Ska, Reggae, Calypso and World Dance music sponsored by MN State Univ. Performance Series, at Halling Recital Hall, MSU, Mankato. 7:30 p.m. \$12/adults, \$9/students. (507) 389-5549
- 10 ♦ **Good Thunder Reading Series** presents poetry readings by Tony Hoagland at CSU Ostrander Auditorium, MN State University, Mankato. 7:30 p.m. Free. (507) 389-1354
- 11-12 & 18-20 ♦ **"Sylvia"** presented by Merely Players Community Theatre at 110 Fulton St., Mankato. 8:00 p.m. on 11th, 12th, 18th & 19th and 2:00 p.m. on 20th. \$10/adults & \$7/youth 12 & under. (507) 388-5483
- 15 ♦ **Mick Sterling with Kevin Bowe and the Rolling Blunder Revue**, R & B and soul music sponsored by MN State Univ. Performance Series, at Halling Recital Hall, MSU, Mankato. 7:30 p.m. \$12/adults, \$9/students. (507) 389-5549
- 17-20 ♦ **"The Beverly Hillbillies"**, presented by Madelia Community Theatre at Madelia High School. 7:00 p.m. on 17th, 8:00 p.m. on 18th & 19th and 2:00 p.m. on 20th \$6. (507) 380-5685
- 18 ♦ **Pavlo** featuring Mediterranean Music at Fairmont Opera House. 7:30 p.m. \$15/adults & \$5/students. (507) (507) 238-4900
- 26 ♦ **Waseca High School Jazz Festival** at Waseca High School, 7:00 p.m. \$6. (507) 835-5470
- 27 ♦ **"Winter Warmth Concert"** presented by Mankato Symphony Orchestra's with Finnish pianist Paavali Jumppanen at Mankato West HS Auditorium. 3:00 p.m. \$15/adults, \$7/students. (507) 625-8880

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Monthly Arts Events occur at our area colleges.
Please refer to their websites for upcoming dates.

« AREA COLLEGES »

Minnesota State University, Mankato
www.mnsu.edu or www.MSUTheater.com
Theater Department Information 389-6661
Good Thunder Reading Series 389-1354
Conkling Gallery 389-6412
Performance Series: 389-2118

Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato
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
Call (507) 933-7598 or 933-7520 for ticket information.
The **Hillstrom Museum of Art** is open, free of charge, to the public. Gallery Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends.

About Prairie Lakes

The Newsletter will be posted on our home page:
www.plrac.org - on a quarterly basis.

You can submit Arts Information for activities happening in Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan Counties.

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Contact us at 1-800-298-1254 or www.plrac.org

2004-2005 GRANT DEADLINES

State Grants

The 1st of each month

AIE & Small Arts Project \$500 maximum

March 15, 2005

Sponsorship & Production \$2,000 maximum

McKnight Foundation

February 15, 2004

Individual Artist Project grants \$1,000

Please contact the Prairie Lakes Office at 1-800-298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net to request an application. We can send it by mail or email the grant as an attachment if you are IBM compatible. Our grants are also available on our website: www.plrac.org

Arts Center of St. Peter

Gallery Hours: Thurs. 1 – 8 p.m. and Sat. & Sun. 1 – 5 p.m. (507) 931-3630

Nov. 27 – Dec. 12 - Cuba Libre exhibition - Opening Reception Dec. 3, 5:30-8 p.m.

Dec. 2 – 10 - MN State Univ. Mankato, Design Student Show - Reception Dec. 3, 5:30- 8 p.m.

Dec. 11 - Flathead Cats Music Performance, 9 p.m.

Dec. 16 - Jan. 23 - Pat and Ken Larson Retrospective, Opening Reception: Jan. 23, 2-5 p.m.

Feb. 3 – 27 - Anders Björling Photographs, Opening Reception: Feb. 5, 2-5 p.m.

Waseca Art Center

Gallery Hours: Tues. – Fri. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., and Sat. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., (507) 835-1701

Dec. 3-31 - President's Show - Christmas in the Gallery featuring caricature wood carving by Harley & Midge Schmitgen, Blue Earth.

Jan. 7 –Feb. 12 - Creative Teapots, Fun, Functional & Interesting.

Feb. 12 - 3rd Annual WAC Waseca County Variety Review, in conjunction with Waseca's Sleigh & Cutter Festival, American Legion Club, Waseca 7 p.m.

Feb. 18 – March 26 - Waseca Quilter's Show.

ON THE WEB

For more information on arts events, arts organizations and arts funding.

Area Arts Events Can Be Found At:

Applauze Publication

Entertainment from A to Z www.applauze.com

STATIC Publication

www.freeSTATICOnline.com

Mankato Symphony Orchestra

www.symphony.mankato.com

Merely Players Community Theatre, Mankato

www.merelyplayers.com

Minnesota Artists Online - statewide list of artists

www.mnartists.org

Minnesota Council of Nonprofits

www.mncn.org

Minnesota Council on Foundations

www.mcf.org select "What's New" then "Calendar"

Minnesota State Arts Board

www.arts.state.mn.us

PLEASE SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

We will primarily be contacting constituents by email, in order to reduce our postage costs in 2004-05. This applies to grant applications, final reports, art exhibition and notifying you when a new newsletter is posted to the website at www.plrac.org

To be added to our mailing list call 1-800-298-1254 or email: plrac@hickorytech.net

Accessibility

Upon request, PLRAC grant application materials will be made available in an alternate format such as large type, computer disk or audio tape. Please contact the PLRAC office at 1-800-298-1254 or plrac@hickorytech.net.

For TTY, contact the MN Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529

13TH ANNUAL SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL ART EXHIBITION

May 4 - June 16, 2005

Entry Date: April 21, 4-8 p.m.
Carnegie Art Center
120 S. 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 2005 and also available on our website www.plrac.org.

School Bus Stipends Available

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

*Wouldn't it be great if you could
expose them to over 80 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 13th Annual South Central Regional Art Exhibition, Mankato. Prairie Lakes has funds available from Minnegasco to provide bus stipends of up to \$150 for schools to visit the exhibit. For information, contact the PLRAC office by January 30, 2005. Stipends are available on a first come, first served basis.

Funding provided by
the NorAm/Minnegasco and McKnight Foundations
and Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield.



PLRAC WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBER & POSITION STILL AVAILABLE FOR SIBLEY COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

A new board member was recently appointed to fulfill the remaining term for Watonwan County. The board is comprised of thirteen members, one from each of the nine counties and one from each city over 10,000 population. "We feel fortunate to have so many talented people serving on our board," stated Brenda Flintrop, PLRAC Executive Director. "They are really an inspiration and a great representation of the dedicated arts volunteers we work with in the nine-county area."

Our new board member is Gloria Eager, Watonwan County. Gloria has been a board member of the Madelia Community Theater for the past fifteen years and has been involved on stage as well as back stage as production coordinator. She's involved with music at church and at school with young people, has participated in the community choir, assisted with organizing children's theater performances and directing one act plays at the high school level.

We're accepting applications for the Sibley County position through December 30, 2004. Please contact our office, we can email you an application and list of responsibilities. Board Members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings, which are held monthly in Mankato.

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For the arts, as for all other spending other than education, that means that we will have to be vigilant about fighting off any attempted cuts. We will need a large presence at Arts Advocacy Day and the help of every arts advocate in Minnesota.

Advocacy 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, PLRAC Executive Director and a board member of MCA will lead a team from southern MN.

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. MCA's website is: www.mtn.org/mca/

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.

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