



**16th Annual
Prairie Lakes Regional
Juried Art Exhibition**

April 30 - June 12, 2008

Carnegie Art Center
120 South Broad Street, Mankato

Gallery Hours:
Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Funding provided by the McKnight Foundation, Minneapolis;
the E.F. Johnson Foundation, Waseca; Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation;
and Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield

A Note from Brenda Flintrop, Executive Director

We are pleased to present the 16th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Art Exhibition in cooperation with the Carnegie Art Center, Mankato. This regional exhibit is an opportunity for emerging and established artists to display their work in a professional setting. Our focus is on building a Community of Artists. We especially want to thank the 158 artists who entered the exhibition. We appreciate the artists' continued interest and support for this annual exhibition. A total of 241 works of art were submitted for the exhibition and the juror selected 106 pieces to be displayed. **This exhibition brings together an exciting array of artists' works reflecting a diversity of attitudes, images and creative energy from the nine county area.**

We appreciate the assistance of the Carnegie Art Center board members and volunteers and the use of their Gallery. We are thankful for our foundation sponsors who support this event which this year will cost about \$13,000. General expenses are awards to artists, juror's stipends, postage, printing, publicity, reception, staffing and we also provide bus stipends to area schools to bring over 500 students and teachers to the exhibition. This year we've added a new component to the school tours with the addition of the Prairie Ecology Bus, a hands-on learning center which will take four groups of 5th grade students to Rasmussen Woods on May 21st and conduct a nature art class with students; after they have toured the art exhibit at the Carnegie. In addition to the Regional Art Exhibition the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts council provides grants to artists, arts organizations, community groups and schools in the 9-county area for art activities. Additional information about Prairie Lakes grants programs and the Carnegie Art Center is listed on page 7.



Juror's Statement

I found the opportunity to jury the 16th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Exhibition to be an engaging experience. It is an exhibition that celebrates a diverse range of media, scale, process and idea. My selections are 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, 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 demonstrates a strong sense of “clarity” of process and concept while honoring mystery and ambiguity.

Wendell Arneson

Wendell Arneson, Minneapolis. Wendell received his BA from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, his Art Education Certification from the University of Wisconsin, and his MFA from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. Wendell Arneson has been on the faculty at St. Olaf College since 1978, specializing in painting (oil, acrylic & watercolor), drawing and color design. His works have been shown at places such the Toledo Museum of Art, Groveland Gallery in Minneapolis, Wichita Art Center, Rochester Art Center to name just a few. There are numerous corporate and public collections of his work found in businesses such as the Ford Motor Corporation, 3M Corporation and the First Bank Corporation.

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CASH AWARDS (\$1,200 total)

First Place (\$200)

Mika Laidlaw, Mankato - "Rest", Ceramic

Second Place (\$150)

Matt Bright, Mankato - "Rustic Love", Ceramic

Third Place (\$125)

Erik Waterkotte, North Mankato - "System of Explosions Over Complex", Mixed Media

Fourth Place (\$100)

Jackie May, North Mankato - "Urbanity", Acrylic Painting

Fifth Place (\$75)

Erin Gergen Halls, Mankato - "Pretty Please (with a cherry on top)", Colored Pencil Drawing

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

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (\$50)

Will be announced at the Opening Reception, May 18, 2008

PURCHASE AWARDS (\$800)

Becky Carmondy, Lake Crystal – "Escaping Conformity", Lino Print

Denise Friesen, North Mankato – "Pond at Prairies Edge", Monoprint

Prairie Lakes will donate these 2 pieces of art work to the Arts Center of Saint Peter for their permanent collection.

Funds were provided by the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation and Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield.

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

James Adams, Mankato
“Pendent”, \$700, Jewelry
(MERIT AWARD)

Sandy Adams, New Ulm
“Pears & Blue Vases”, NFS, Collage

Florence Appel, Sleepy Eye
“Flight”, NFS, Collage

Mark Barens, Waseca
“Fish Soup”, \$400, Oil Painting

Pam Bidelman, St. Peter
“A Jig for Amos”, \$795, Oil Painting
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Lisa Bierer, Mankato
“Back Water on the Minnesota”, \$200, Acrylic Painting
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Catherine Bode, New Ulm
“Courtland”, \$35, Digital Photography

Dale Bohlke, New Ulm
“Flandrau Autumn”, \$175, Photography

Kay Brandt, North Mankato
“Crane Dream I”, \$600, Acrylic Painting
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Matt Bright, Mankato
“Rustic Love”, \$150, Ceramic
(SECOND PLACE)

Becky Carmody, Lake Crystal
“Escaping Conformity”, \$50, Lino Print
(PURCHASE AWARD)
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Cheryl Casteen, St. Peter
“Tim”, \$120, Digital Photography
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Kathy Craig, Mankato
“The Tether Line”, NFS, Pastel Drawing

Andie Davenport, Mankato
“Anna”, \$500, Acrylic Painting
“Masculine”, \$100, Charcoal Drawing

Terri DeGezelle, Mankato
“Sanguine”, \$170, Photography

Gary Eagen, New Prague
“French Villa”, \$425, Oil Painting

Debra Evans-Paige, LeSueur
“Dirt Bones”, \$670, Jewelry
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Claudia Faith, Blue Earth
“Heads Up!”, \$695, Acrylic Painting

Robert Finkler, Mankato
“Arts and Letters”, NFS, Acrylic Painting

Judith Forster-Monson, LeCenter
“Trojan Dog”, \$200, Acrylic Painting
“Well-Heeled Bouquet”, \$175, Acrylic Painting

Denise Friesen, North Mankato
“Pond at Prairies Edge”, \$750, Monotype
(PURCHASE AWARD)
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Rod Furan, Lake Crystal
“This is My Fishing Hole!”, \$1,300, Acrylic Painting

Erin Gergen Halls, Mankato
“Pretty Please (with a cherry on top)”, \$1,700
Colored Pencil Drawing (FIFTH PLACE)
“The Real Mother Goose”, \$400, Graphite Drawing
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Craig Groe, Mankato
“Bus Stop”, \$2,000, Acrylic Painting
“Shadow”, \$1,500, Acrylic Painting
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Arnoldus Gruter, Mankato
“Festiva 1”, \$250, Mixed Media

Miranda Hacker, New Ulm
“A Different World”, \$125, Oil Painting

Greg Hansen, Mankato
“To See Starry Night”, NFS, Acrylic Painting

Susan Hayes, Montgomery
“Zebra Jam”, \$200, Mixed Media

Kay Helms, Mankato
“Autumn Rain at 7 Mile Creek”, \$50, Photography

Jane Horton, North Mankato
“Global Melting”, \$200, Monotype Print

Cindy Jacques, Lake Crystal
“Four Seasons”, NFS, Fiber

Tim James, Mankato
“Bosporus”, \$675, Mixed Media
“Rhodes”, \$650, Mixed Media

Tyler Jensen, Mankato
“Separation; a Collaborative Manifesto”, NFS
Ceramic (MERIT AWARD)

Beth Johnson, Mankato
“Hierarchy”, NFS, Oil Painting
“Kandinsky Apocalypse”, NFS, Mixed Media

Cameron Johnson, Mankato
“Purple Stand Out”, \$1,000, Oil Painting
“Remote Access”, \$1,000, Oil Painting
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Matt Johnston, Mankato
“Laundry in Naples”, \$75, Photography

Todd Juberien, LeSueur
“Turkey Country”, \$750, Oil Painting

Ann Judkins, North Mankato
“e-MERGE-ncy Series: Radiator Falls”, \$125, Photography
“Superior Rock Rectangularity”, \$400, Crayon Drawing
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Michelle Kaisersatt, St. Peter
“We Are All Connected”, NFS, Pottery
“Weeping”, \$369, Pottery

Christopher Kanyusik, Mankato
“Untitled - Couple”, NFS, Ceramic
“Untitled - Seated Couple”, NFS, Ceramic

Heidi Karels, Blue Earth
“The Expense”, NFS, Oil Painting

Matthew King, Mankato
“Aerphloe”, \$300, Stoneware
(MERIT AWARD)

“Terbyne”, \$300, Stoneware

Tod Klotz, Sleepy Eye
“Winters’ Clutch”, \$250, Photography

Malia Krohn, Mankato
“Light & Contemplation”, \$1,000, Oil Painting

Les Laidlaw, Mankato
“High Society”, \$450, Ceramic

Mika Laidlaw, Mankato
“Rest”, \$2,000, Ceramic
(FIRST PLACE)

Ruth Lindemann, New Ulm
“Abandoned”, \$1,000, Collage & Watermedia
“Gooseberry Falls—Fall 2006”, \$800, Collage & Watercolor

Keith Luebke, Mankato
“Untitled I”, NFS, Mixed Media
“Untitled II”, NFS, Mixed Media
(MERIT AWARD)

Matthew Lundquist, Mankato
“What Is My Wattage Again?”, NFS, Mixed Media

Robert Mareda, Kasota
“Sleeping”, NFS, Oil Painting
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Stephen Martin, Wells
“107 1/2 S. Broadway Apt. 2”, \$300, Rubbage

Jackie May, North Mankato
“Urbanity”, \$400, Acrylic Painting
(FOURTH PLACE)
“Unsquared”, \$400, Acrylic Painting
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Barbara McKee, New Ulm
“Solomon’s Song”, \$400, Crayon and Gel Pen Drawing
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Gail McKissick, Mankato
“Moment in the Sun”, NFS, Monotype & Collage

Anna Melzer, New Ulm
“Layla”, \$400, Acrylic Painting

Joel Moline, St. Peter
“The Orange Sweater”, \$250, Monotype
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Tom Myers, Mankato
“Insight #147 (Hope)”, \$150, Porcelain

June Newburg, New Ulm
“Egghenge”, \$400, Oil Painting

Jon Nibbe, Ormsby
“Doorway Marked Horizon”, \$450, Ceramic
“Void I”, \$450, Ceramic

Harumi Okoshi, Mankato
“Door”, NFS, Collagraph

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Matthew Olson, Mankato
“Designing the Rocket Project”, NFS, Screen Print

Joellen Preston, Eagle Lake
“Games: 1 of 4”, \$350, Mixed Media
“Games: 3 of 4”, \$350, Mixed Media

Trudi Remund, Waseca
“Abstract I”, \$195, Watercolor Painting
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Dorothy Rittal-McIntyre, Mankato
“Pearls of Wisdom”, \$600, Mixed Media
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Allison Roberts, Mankato
“Partial Translation”, \$350, Mixed Media
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Kathleen Rosso, Mankato
“To Water”, NFS, Acrylic Painting

Colin Ruff, Mankato
“Assisted Living”, NFS, Ceramic

Mona Ruff Saer, Mankato
“Winter Landscapes No. 1”, \$300, Photography
(MERIT AWARD)

Patti Ruskey, Mankato
“Mama Bear, Mama Bear, Baby Bear”, \$375, Mixed Media
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Dave Ryan, North Mankato
“Dead Soldier (message from grandfather 1945”, NFS
Mixed Media

Wayne Schmidt, North Mankato
“Silent Procession?”, NFS, Photography

Roxanne Schoeb, St. Peter
“The Evil Man’s Noose Tightens”, NFS, Stoneware

Windy Schultz, Mankato
“Tiny Cities”, NFS, Mixed Media

Todd Shanafelt, Mankato
“Bionic Verticality”, \$400, Mixed Media
(MERIT AWARD)

Tiffany Shelton, Mankato
“Adolescent Code”, \$185, Mixed Media
“They Played Along”, \$95, Mixed Media

Rosemary Shephard, Mankato
“Goodbye Summer”, \$320, Acrylic Painting
(MERIT AWARD)

Marilyn Sween, Mankato
“Forest Kaleidoscope”, \$210, Watercolor Painting

Janice Tanner, Janesville
“Flying the River”, NFS, Mixed Media
(MERIT AWARD)
McKnight Artist Grantee

Ashley Terpstra, North Mankato
“Lonely Road”, \$200, Photography
(MERIT AWARD)

Hal Walberg, North Mankato
“Re: Elegies”, \$450, Mixed Media
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Sandra Walberg, North Mankato
“Montagu and the Wind”, \$400, Acrylic Painting
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Erik Waterkotte, North Mankato
“System of Explosions Over Complex”, NFS, Mixed Media
(THIRD PLACE)

Gina Wenger, North Mankato
“The Italian Chapel, Orkeny, Scotland”, \$200
Infrared Photography

Brad Widness, North Mankato
“Brick Shrine”, \$450, Mixed Media
(MERIT AWARD)
McKnight Artist Grantee

Robert Williams, Vernon Center
“The Best Spot”, NFS, Oil Painting

Steve Wilson, North Mankato
“Out of Place, Out of Time”, NFS, Photograph Collage
McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantee

Denice Woller, Mankato
“Turmoil”, \$100, Sabbattier Photography

Abra Wooldridge, Mankato
“A Melody of Spring”, NFS, Acrylic Painting
“Butterfly Vase”, NFS, Acrylic Painting



Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Inc.

Prairie Lakes serves the nine county area in south central Minnesota. We provide services and programs for the development of the local artists, arts organizations and art audiences. The council administers several grant programs with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature and the McKnight Foundation. Since 2003 our state funds have been cut by 30%. **In FY 2007 Prairie Lakes awarded 84 grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 for a total of \$101,580.** About 35% of those activities focused on youth. State Grants were \$67,010 and McKnight Foundation Grants \$34,570.

In our region we are fortunate to have a large variety of musical organizations and activities, both vocal and instrumental. This represents the largest art discipline we review and fund 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. The board consists of thirteen members who represent a variety of art disciplines and are actively involved in the arts in their community. One member is selected from each of the nine counties and one representative from each city over 10,000. Their primary function is to serve as a panel for arts funding applications and to make policy decisions. Every two years a biennial plan for the region is developed and is submitted to the Minnesota State Arts Board, to receive state legislative funding.

There is currently a board position open for Sibley County and interested individuals should contact the staff at the Prairie Lakes office. New board members will also be appointed at the annual meeting in August 2008; and several board members will be retiring after serving six years on the board. They include: Maureen Gunderson, Kevin Kroeber, Ann Nelson and Margaret Sinn. Brenda Flintrop has been the Executive Director for the past fifteen years and Cindy Lewer has served as Administrative Assistant for thirteen years.

Board Members

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City of New Ulm	Ann Nelson
City of North Mankato	Pat Potzler

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Carnegie Art Center, Mankato

The Mankato Area Arts Council owns and operates the historic Carnegie Art Center. The Carnegie Art Center is an all-volunteer non-profit organization, which provides monthly gallery exhibitions, educational programs, artist studio rentals and a gift shop. Board members are: Kay Brandt, Mary Ann Carlson, Becky Carmody, Laurie Evans, Rosemary Froen, Curt Germundson, Lu Mulder, Russ Rowcliff, Steve Wilson and Jake Zeiher. For information about programs call (507) 625-2730.



OPENING RECEPTION

MAY 18, 2008

1:00-3:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Awards Program

Introductions and Presentation of Awards

Maureen Gunderson, PLRAC Vice-President

Brenda Flintrop, PLRAC Executive Director

Guest: Wendell Arneson, Art Exhibition Juror

People's Choice Award

Voting for the People's Choice Award will take place between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. only.

Only those who attend the reception may vote, only 1 ballot per adult.

Look for the basket to place your ballot in. The winner will be announced at the 2:30 p.m. Awards Program.

Sale of Artwork

The majority of works in the exhibition are for sale. If you are interested in making a purchase, please contact a Carnegie board member. **Prices are listed in this brochure and those pieces not for sale are denoted by NFS.** The Carnegie Art Center's Policy is that a 30% commission will be deducted from the listed price for each work of art sold during the exhibition. At the conclusion of the exhibition, the Carnegie will make checks payable to the artist for 70% of the listed price, and mail it to the address on the registration form. Purchase Awards made by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council are not subject to the commission fee. Artwork purchased from the exhibition is denoted as a "Purchase Award" and will be donated to the Arts Center of Saint Peter for their permanent art collection. Funds were provided by the Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation and Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield.

McKnight/PLRAC Artist Grantees

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is highlighting the Artist Programs funded by the McKnight Foundation for the past fifteen years and we are also celebrating our 15 year Anniversary in 2008. At a reception on May 9th the Prairie Lakes board acknowledged all past board members and individual artist grantees. A total of 149 Artist Grants have been awarded since 1993. Several of those artists also have their art work in the current Regional Art Exhibition; and their nametags by the artwork denote if they have been a past artist grantee. We are proud of the contributions our artists have made to the arts community in the nine-county area and pleased to present this annual regional art exhibition that recognizes outstanding artists. We wish them continued success in their artistic career.