



**17th Annual
Prairie Lakes Regional
Juried Art Exhibition**

April 29 - June 11, 2009

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.

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Carl & Verna Schmidt Foundation; and Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield

A Note from Brenda Flintrop, Executive Director

We are pleased to present the 17th 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 132 artists who entered the exhibition. We appreciate the artists' continued interest and support for this annual exhibition. A total of 212 works of art were submitted for the exhibition and the juror selected 105 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 \$12,000. 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 350 students and teachers to the exhibition. For the second 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 15th 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 & board members is listed on page 7.



Juror's Statement

This 17th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Art Exhibition represents an exciting, eclectic range of creative ideas and visual language. It was a joy to spend several hours with the work.

In the end, the works that distinguish themselves from the whole were strongest in four criteria. First, they were inventive, had a clarity of idea, or concept, and a sense of personal visual voice. Second, they had a fresh, confident handling of the media with close attention to craftsmanship. Third, they were works that were strongest compositionally with interesting color and value interactions, contained illusion or reality of textural variations, and had intriguing rhythmical elements. Fourth, they gave attention to neutral matting and framing that kept the focus clearly on the image.

The work chosen for this exhibition, from all the entries, was especially sensitive, intriguing and invited pondering and exploration by the viewer.

Jan Shoger

Jan Shoger, Northfield. Jan received her BA from the University of Minnesota in Studio Art and Art Education, and her MA from the University of Minnesota in Printmaking and Design. She was an Art Professor at St. Olaf College from 1981 to 2002. Her works have been shown at places such as the Bloomington Art Center, Concordia College, High Point Center for Printmaking, Northfield Arts Guild Gallery and St. Mary's University, Winona to name just a few. Jan Shoger has served as a judge for Prints at the MN State Fair Fine Art Exhibit; the MN Craft Council, judging regional printmakers, and has been a juror for several other art exhibits over the years. 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)

Charlie Putnam, St. Peter - "All that Glitters Is Not Gold", Acrylic Painting

Second Place (\$150)

Christopher Kanyusik, Mankato - "Untitled Man", Ceramic sculpture

Third Place (\$125)

Ryan Noshbush, New Ulm - "Cereal Killer", Photography

Fourth Place (\$100)

Trudi Remund, Waseca - "Ghosting", Watercolor Painting

Fifth Place (\$75)

Joel Hansen, Mankato - "West Sill", Collograph



MERIT AWARDS

(\$50 each)

Ken Gansen, Mankato – "Awakened", Reduction Print

Mark Hall, Kasota – "Blue Shell", Glass

Jane Horton, Mankato – "At the Lunch Counter", Graphite Pencil Drawing

Andrew Judkins, North Mankato – "Maple River Vista", Oil Painting

Catherine Lyons, Madison Lake – "Show Me the Autumn", Linoleum Block Print

Gail McKissick, Mankato – "At the Fair", Mixed Media

Antje Meisner, Madison Lake – "God Breathes My Way", Silver Gelatin Print

Wayne Schmidt, North Mankato – "Singing in the Sierra Leone", Photography

Sandra Walberg, North Mankato – "Whither", Acrylic Painting

Patricia Wovcha, Mankato – "Untitled", Fiber and Printing Ink

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (\$50)

Will be selected and announced at the Opening Reception, May 17, 2009

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Phillip Anderson, North Mankato
“Greater Mankato”, \$165, Digital Photography

Florence Appel, Sleepy Eye
“Tin Type”, NFS, Watercolor Painting

Mark Barens, Waseca
“Stonehenge”, \$400, Pastel Drawing

Pam Becker, Janesville
“The Curly Fries Went Straight to My Hips”
NFS, Fiber

Pam Bidelman, St. Peter
“Belle of Lima 1936”, \$895, Oil Painting
“Red Stool Yellow Cat”, \$895, Oil Painting

Barbara Bjelland, St. Peter
“Assisi Morning”, \$295, Oil Pastel Drawing
“Oslo, Norway”, NFS, Oil Pastel Drawing

Anders Bjorling, St. Peter
“Bateleur Eagles, Tarangire, Tanzania”
\$295, Photography

Dale Bohlke, New Ulm
“Flandrau Spring”, \$175, Photography
“Wisconsin Color”, \$175, Photography

Pat Branstad, St. James
“Heutige Vergangenheit (the past today)”
\$250, Photography

Matthew Bright, Mankato
“Simple Functions”, \$325, Ceramic
“Space Hang”, \$300, Ceramic

Jaelyn Bromeland, Mankato
“Streetlight People: Revolution Jesus”
NFS, Oil Painting

Cheryl Casteen, St. Peter
“Cabbages and Feet”, \$295
Digital Photography
“Of Cabbages and Kings”, \$295
Digital Photography

Samuel Castillo, Waseca
“Amazing Kidd”, NFS, Pencil Drawing

Amanda Deppe, Waseca
“Fearless Freedom”, \$200, Carved Step
Mushroom

Charles Duda, Mankato
“Cannon”, NFS, Acrylic Collage

Mike Eischen, Comfrey
“Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas”
NFS, Acrylic Painting

Debra Evans-Paige, LeSueur
“June”, \$968, Porcelain Jewelry

Judith Forster-Monson, LeCenter
“Farm V”, \$150, Acrylic/Mixed Media

Theresa Franta, Mankato
“Two Pigs”, NFS, Watercolor Painting

Kristen Frederick, Madison Lake
“Moment’s Rest”, NFS, Acrylic Painting

Rodney Furan, Lake Crystal
“Morning Shadows”, \$1,785, Acrylic Painting

Ken Gansen, St. Peter
“Accepted II”, \$95, Reduction Print
“Awakened”, \$95, Reduction Print

MERIT AWARD

LeAnn Gehring-Ryan, North Mankato
“Gray Matter”, NFS, Acrylic Painting

Matt Gorrie, Mankato
“Cumulonimbus”, \$300, Digital Photography

Craig Groe, Mankato
“Orb”, \$1,200, Acrylic Painting

Mark Hall, Kasota
“Blue Shell”, \$800, Glass

MERIT AWARD

Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake
“Illumination”, \$150, Digital Photography

Joel Hansen, Mankato
“Submit to the Vortex”, \$1,000, Collagraph
“West Sill”, \$800, Collagraph

FIFTH PLACE

Kay Helms, Mankato
“Dances With Leaves”, \$75
Digital Photography

Jane Horton, North Mankato
“At the Lunch Counter”, \$250, Graphite
Pencil Drawing **MERIT AWARD**
“Devouring”, NFS, Mixed Media

Tim James, Good Thunder
“Santorini”, \$950, Mixed Media

Michelle Johnson, Mankato
“Multi Variation 2”, NFS, Ink Drawing

Andrew Judkins, North Mankato
“Maple River Vista”, \$1,300, Oil Painting
MERIT AWARD

Ann Judkins, North Mankato
“eMERGEncy Series: Organic Rust”
\$100, Photography
“2009: Highly Precarious”, \$500
Mixed Media

Michelle Kaisersatt, St. Peter
“Spring”, \$175, Ceramic

Christopher Kanyusik, Mankato
“Crouching Man”, NFS, Ceramic
“Untitled Man”, NFS, Ceramic
SECOND PLACE

Christopher Kirksey, Mankato
“Beitil Shell”, \$500, Marker Drawing

Steven Kleinschmidt, Mankato
“Frosted Journey”, \$80, Photography
“God’s Radiance”, \$80, Photography

Colin Klimesh, Mankato
“Illuminated Nostalgia”, NFS
Ceramic & Metal

Gretchen Koehler, St. Peter
“Copper Shell”, NFS, Ceramic

Nathan Krier, Mankato
“Foreclosure”, NFS, Lithograph

Virginia LaFrance, St. Peter
“Last of Summer - Frost Tonight”
\$85, Mixed Media
“Sumac”, \$120, Linoleum Print

Ernie Lombard, Mankato
“Sunrise”, \$350, Photography

Catherine Lyons, Madison Lake
“Dream Water”, \$200, Linoleum Block Print
“Show Me the Autumn”, \$200
Linoleum Block Print **MERIT AWARD**

Liz Madsen, Mankato
“The Cathedral”, \$375, Printmaking

Barbara McKee, New Ulm
“Grace”, \$500, Crayon & Gel Pen Drawing
“Hope”, \$500, Crayon & Gel Pen Drawing

Gail McKissick, Mankato
“At the Fair”, NFS, Mixed Media
MERIT AWARD
“Front Street”, NFS, Paper Collage

Antje Meisner, Madison Lake
“God Breathes My Way”, \$125
Silver Gelatin Print **MERIT AWARD**
“I Come From the Sea”, \$850
Watercolor Painting

Joel Moline, St. Peter
“Iris II”, \$180, Wood Engraving
“Ken”, \$150, Drawing

Tom Myers, Mankato
“Mechanical Speed/Digital Maternal Homage”
\$250, Fiber
“Pentative Pixelation, P²-S0008”, \$150, Ceramic

June Newburg, New Ulm
“Fence Flowers”, \$300, Oil Painting

Ryan Nosbush, New Ulm
“Cereal Killer”, \$140, Photography
THIRD PLACE
“Fundance”, \$180, Photography

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Jeremy Osborne, St. Peter
“Pondering Penelope”, NFS
Colored Pencil Drawing

Liz Peltola, Mankato
“The Dreamer”, NFS, Clay

Nina Preheim, St. Peter
“Galaxy”, \$60, Porcelain

Charlie Putnam, St. Peter
“All That Glitters Is Not Gold”, \$300
Acrylic/Collage **FIRST PLACE**

Trudi Remund, Waseca
“Denizons of the Deep”, \$365
Chinese Watercolor Painting
“Ghosting”, \$180, Watercolor Painting
FOURTH PLACE

Allison Roberts, Mankato
“Journey”, \$450, Fiber

Mona Ruff Saer, Mankato
“From the Enchanted Forest Series #2”
\$250, Photography

Patti Ruskey, Mankato
“Thinking About”, \$375
Acrylic & Oil Stick Painting
“Tree Frog at Dusk”, \$175, Mixed Media

Courtney Schaefer, North Mankato
“Light in the Canyon”, \$125, Photography

Wayne Schmidt, North Mankato
“After the War”, NFS, Photography
“Singing in the Sierra Leone”, NFS
Photography **MERIT AWARD**

Dawn Schwartz, Waseca
“Whoa Nelly”, \$159, Pencil Drawing

Julie Snelson, Mankato
“Misty Sunrise”, \$120, Photography

Rosemary Stam, Mankato
“Lady Slipper”, NFS, Watercolor Painting

Carol Stott, North Mankato
“Steps of Riomaggiore, Italy”, NFS
Watercolor Painting

Marilyn Sween, Mankato
“French Doors”, NFS, Watercolor
Painting
“Minnow Catchers”, NFS, Watercolor
Painting

Zach Swenson, New Ulm
“Monica”, \$400, Permanent Marker Drawing

Janice Tanner, Janesville
“Cloud Drift”, \$900, Mixed Media

Nicole Larish Volk, Waterville
“By Moonlight”, NFS
Procion Dye & Wax on Fabric
“Cornfield”, NFS,
Procion Dye & Wax on Fabric

Hal Walberg, North Mankato
“Forged”, \$280, Mixed Media

Sandra Walberg, North Mankato
“Whither”, \$460, Acrylic Painting
MERIT AWARD

Mary Walsh, North Mankato
“Fields of Grass”, \$450, Fiber

Gregory Wilkins, Mankato
“Master’s Boy”, \$1,600, Mixed Media

Robert Williams, Vernon Center
“The Portage”, NFS, Oil Painting

Stephanie Williams, North Mankato
“Lone Oak”, \$250, Photography

Denice Woller, Mankato
“Perfect Creation”, NFS
Photography-Cyanotype on Canvas
“The Grove”, \$130, Photography

Abra Wooldridge, Mankato
“Essence of Awakening”, NFS
Acrylic Painting
“Homeless”, NFS, Acrylic Painting

Patricia Wovcha, Mankato
Untitled, \$450, Fiber and Printing Ink
MERIT AWARD



Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, Inc.

Prairie Lakes serves the nine county area in south central Minnesota. We are one of eleven Regional Arts Councils in 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 2008 Prairie Lakes awarded 83 grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,800 for a total of \$127,865.** State Grants were \$93,865 and McKnight Foundation Grants \$34,000; and about 32% of those activities focused on youth.

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 49%). In a given year, the board will review about 105 applications. Visual art projects and exhibitions compose about 20% of all funded activities, theater performances 16%, literary events 10% and dance is less common and represents about 5%. The board consists of fourteen 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, one at-large, 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. Our next plan is due May 15, 2009, for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The premise underlying the Regional Arts Council system is that local people should have both policy-making and grant-making power for developing the arts in their region. Brenda Flintrop has been the Director of the Regional Arts Council since 1989 and Cindy Lewer has served as Administrative Assistant for fourteen years.

Board Members

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Carnegie Art Center

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, Marianne Carlson, Becky Carmody, Laurie Evans, Rosemary Froen, Curt Germundson, Russ Rowcliffe, and Jake Zeiher. Carnegie gallery hours: Wed., Fri., and Sat. 1-4 p.m. and Thurs. 1-7 p.m. For information call (507) 625-2730.



OPENING RECEPTION

MAY 17, 2009

1:00-3:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Awards Program

Introductions and Presentation of Awards to Artists

Rachael Hanel, President of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

Brenda Flintrop, Executive Director

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.