



**18th Annual
Prairie Lakes Regional
Juried Art Exhibition**

April 28 - June 10, 2010

**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.**

This exhibit is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) and is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008 and Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield.

A Note from Brenda Flintrop, Executive Director

We are pleased to present the 18th 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 159 artists who entered the exhibition. We appreciate the artists' continued interest and support for this annual exhibition. A total of 249 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.**

This 18th Annual Exhibition is coordinated by the staff of the Carnegie Art Center, Mankato; as the recipient of an Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant for this exhibit. "This activity is made possible by a grant provided by the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council (PLRAC) and is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008."

For the third year we are hosting school tours with the Prairie Ecology Bus, a hands-on learning center which will take four groups of 5th grade students to Rasmussen Woods on May 7th and conduct a nature art class with students; after they have toured the art exhibit at the Carnegie. A grant was received from Prairie Ecology Bus Center, Lakefield, to offer this field-trip and also provide bus stipends to several area schools to attend the 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

The 18th Annual Prairie Lakes Regional Art Exhibition represents a diverse, exciting and creative range of ideas, process and media. It was a pleasure to view and a challenge to jury.

For me, the works that distinguished themselves from the group were strongest in five criteria. First, they were inventive and engaging - inviting repeat exploration, discovery and appreciation. Second, they exhibited strong compositional elements. Third, they had a clear and well-executed concept or idea. Fourth, they showed a skillful command of the media. And fifth, they were presented in a professional manner showcasing craftsmanship and sensitivity to the visual image.

Ultimately, I feel that the works selected are well done, interesting and memorable from both a distance and upon closer inspection. They are thought provoking and engage the viewer in multiple capacities.

Leah Hughes

Leah Hughes is the Children and Youth Program Director for the Minnetonka Center for The Arts. She received her BFA in printmaking from Minnesota State University, Mankato and her MFA in printmaking from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After moving back to the Twin Cities, she taught and exhibited at various art centers, colleges and universities in and around the Twin Cities area. Leah is a printmaker and a bookmaker whose work incorporates three-dimensional multi-media techniques. Leah exhibits her work locally and regionally.

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CASH AWARDS

(\$1,200 total)

First Place (\$200)

Ann Judkins, North Mankato - "The Fifth State of Matter: Laqua", Crayon Drawing

Second Place (\$150)

Yoko Hattori, Mankato - "Mnemonic Trace", Digital Print & Transparency

Third Place (\$125)

Erin Gergen Halls, Mankato - "Tiger Balm", Colored Pencil Drawing

Fourth Place (\$100)

Ryan & James Pedersen, Mankato - "Untitled (#1)", Copper/ Steel/ Brass

Fifth Place (\$75)

Joseph Doherty, Mankato - "Waiting Study: #1", Acrylic Painting (Diptych)



MERIT AWARDS

(\$50 each)

Lisa Bierer, Mankato - "Guitar Guy", Acrylic Painting

Cheryl Casteen, St. Peter - "Mudra", Digital Photograph

Matt Johnston, Mankato - "For the People of Rome", Photograph

Colin Klimesh, Mankato - "G-11", Silkscreen Print

Ann Kronlokken Widness, North Mankato - "Bounty", Cotton Thread

Antje Meisner, Madison Lake - "Tranfiguration", Silver Gelatin Print

June Newburg, New Ulm - "Rodeo Rose", Graphite Pencil Drawing

Liz Peltola, Mankato - "Free Loaders", Clay Sculpture

Patti Ruskey, Mankato - "the empty bigtop", Mixed Media

Brad Widness, North Mankato - "Road In ... & Out", Etching, Chine Colle Print

PEOPLES' CHOICE AWARD

(\$50)

Will be selected and announced at the Opening Reception, May 16, 2010

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Florence Appel, Sleepy Eye
“The Old Mill”, NFS, Watercolor Painting

Juana Arias, St. Peter
“Orange Pillow, Vienna from the Samurai Series”
\$700, Embroidery Floss on Muslin

Althea Ballard, Mankato
“Lillian”, NFS, Sewn, Hand-dyed Fiber

Mark Barens, Waseca
“The Window”, \$400, Pastel Drawing

Pam Bidelman, St. Peter
“les totems dans le soleil”, \$895, Oil Painting
“The Gift”, \$325, Oil Painting

Lisa Bierer, Mankato
“Guitar Guy”, \$270, Acrylic Painting
MERIT AWARD

Bruce Birkemeyer, Mankato
“Cripple Creek, Idaho Picture Jasper”, \$399, Rock

Alia Bostaji, St. James
“Golden Shadow”, \$800, Swarovski Crystals,
14K Gold Wire, Ribbon

William Bukowski, Mankato
“Petite Garden #2”, \$400, Oil Painting

Geri Callahan, LeSueur
“Cattail at Night”, NFS, Photograph

Elsbeth Carlstrom, Madison Lake
“undermining of subcutaneous tissue”, \$150,
Watercolor Painting

Cheryl Casteen, St. Peter
“Mudra”, \$375, Digital Photograph
MERIT AWARD

“Vitruvia”, \$375, Digital Photograph

Garrett Clause, Mankato
“In Memory of Dustin Lemke, MEHS 2009”,
NFS, Bronze Sculpture

Amanda Crary, Mankato
“We Intertwine”, NFS, Oil Painting

Ron Davison, Fairmont
“Willow Creek Reds”, \$225, Acrylic Painting

Joseph Doherty, Mankato
“Waiting Study: #1”, \$50, Acrylic Painting (Dptych),
FIFTH PLACE

Joe Flannery, Mankato
“Roadscape”, \$200, Oil Painting

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

Ken Gansen, St. Peter
“Full Moon”, \$120, Linoleum Reduction Print

Erin Gergen Halls, Mankato
“Tiger Balm”, NFS, Colored Pencil Drawing
THIRD PLACE

Amanda Gullixson, Eagle Lake
“Art Schools of America”, \$1,250, Mixed Media
“Pacific Grotto”, \$1,200, Mixed Media

Joel Hansen, Mankato
“Backtop Slumber”, \$750, Monotype
“Wall Undone”, \$600, Collagraph

Yoko Hattori, Mankato
“Mnemonic Trace”, NFS, Digital Print & Transparency
SECOND PLACE

Kay Helms, Mankato
“Blessed Be the Hands That Have Served”, NFS,
Digital Photograph

Andrew Hoffman, Mankato
“El Hombre Invisible”, \$40, Etching

Monica Ihrke, Mankato
“A Brief Look at 2009 Through Prints”, NFS, Relief Print
“Alpine Lake at Dawn (Sierra Nevada), \$100, Relief Print

Tim James, Good Thunder
“Metora”, \$900, Mixed Media

Jason Jaspersen, New Ulm
“Fault”, \$1,000, Plaster
“The Boy from Fond Du Lac”, NFS, Mixed Media

Cameron Johnson, Mankato
“Hello, Stranger”, NFS, Oil Painting
“Self Portrait: A Battle with Blue”, NFS, Oil Painting

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Matt Johnston, Mankato

“For the People of Rome”, \$75, Photograph

MERIT AWARD

“Mankato’s Economy Heats Up”, \$100, Photograph

Andrew Judkins, North Mankato

“Blue Earth River”, \$600, Oil Painting

Ann Judkins, North Mankato

“eMERGENCY Series: Structural Remains”, \$125,
Photograph

“The Fifth State of Matter: Laqua”, \$350, Crayon Drawing

FIRST PLACE

Michelle Kaisersatt, St. Peter

“Creations Gift”, NFS, Ink Drawing

“Remembered”, NFS, Ceramics

Christopher Kanyusik, Mankato

“Untitled”, NFS, Ceramic Sculpture

Steven Kleinschmidt, Mankato

“Scotty’s Castle, Death Valley”, \$250, Photograph

“Totem Pole, Monument Valley”, \$350, Photograph

Colin Klimesh, Mankato

“G-11”, \$50, Silkscreen Print

MERIT AWARD

Rochelle Koberoski, Mankato

“Blues Interrupted”, NFS, Digital Photograph

Dave Kolter, Henderson

“Indian Chief”, NFS, Intarsia

Ann Kronlokken Widness, North Mankato

“Bounty”, \$500, Cotton Thread

MERIT AWARD

“Fullness”, \$500, Cotton Thread

Ian Laird, New Ulm

“People v. Creatures”, NFS, Mixed Media

Jonathan Larson, Mankato

“Progress Report”, \$350, Sculpture (Table)

Dennis Loucks, Mankato

“Duality/ Hypocrisy Series: Coffee Pot”, NFS, Ceramics

Stephen Martin, Wells

“Smiley Face & Stuff”, \$500, Drawing/ Rubbing

Jackie May, North Mankato

“High Country II”, \$600, Acrylic Painting

Mary McClellan, New Ulm

“Earth Study One”, NFS, Mixed Media

“Global Warming”, NFS, Acrylic Painting

Barbara McKee, New Ulm

“A World Apart”, \$325, Crayon & Gel Pen Drawing

Gail McKissick, Mankato

“Way Past Midnight”, NFS, Mixed Media

Antje Meisner, Madison Lake

“Betrothed”, \$150, Silver Gelatin Print

“Transfiguration”, \$200, Silver Gelatin Print

MERIT AWARD

Joel Moline, St. Peter

“Sculptor at Work”, \$80, Pen & Ink Drawing

Essie Mostaghimi, LeSueur

“Mother and Child”, NFS, Mixed Media

Nora Myers, Mankato

“The Girl, the Bunny & the Bird”, \$49, Mixed Media

Tom Myers, Mankato

“Pentative v. 5.4”, \$200, Mixed Media

“Pentative v. 5.5”, \$200, Mixed Media

June Newburg, New Ulm

“Denim and Leather”, \$1,500, Graphite Pencil Drawing

“Rodeo Rose”, \$500, Graphite Pencil Drawing

MERIT AWARD

Ryan Nosbush, New Ulm

“Democracy Under Arrest RNC/2008”, \$200, Photograph

“Untitled”, \$200, Photograph

Josh Osborne, St. Peter

“More Machine Than Man”, NFS, Sculpture

“Opened Oak”, NFS, Sculpture

Ryan & James Pedersen, Mankato

“Untitled (#1)”, \$595, Copper/ Steel/ Brass

FOURTH PLACE

“Untitled (#2)”, \$545, Copper/ Steel/ Brass

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Liz Peltola, Mankato

“Free Loaders”, NFS, Clay Sculpture

MERIT AWARD

“A New Outlook”, \$150, Clay Sculpture

Donald Priem, Waseca

“Queen Chicken”, \$250, Watercolor Painting

Allison Roberts, Mankato

“Urban Breeze”, \$375, Fiber

Patti Ruskey, Mankato

“prairie II”, \$200, Mixed Media

“the empty bigtop”, \$450, Mixed Media

MERIT AWARD

Wayne Schmidt, North Mankato

“Soccer Game”, NFS, Photograph

“Wind Energy”, NFS, Photograph

Wendy Schultz, Mankato

“Mr. Fish Goes to Market”, NFS, Watercolor & Acrylic Painting

Jon Smithers, St. Peter

“Split Rock Sunrise”, \$450, Photograph

Dan Stark, St. Peter

“Ida - Print from Images in Wax”, \$350, Mixed Media

Emily Stark, St. Peter

“Fog on the Minnesota River”, \$25, Photograph

“Lake Superior Sunrise”, \$25, Photograph

Carol Stott, North Mankato

“Naptime”, \$550, Watercolor Painting

“Shady Refuge”, \$350, Watercolor Painting

Marilyn Sween, Mankato

“Delft, Holland Canal”, NFS, Watercolor Painting

“Original Lake Washington Club”, NFS, Watercolor Painting

Janice Tanner, Janesville

“Butterfly/ Sky I”, \$2,000, Mixed Media

Peggy Tauer, Sleepy Eye

“A Touch of Orange”, NFS, Watercolor & Charcoal

“Rough Necks”, NFS, Acrylic & Charcoal

Geraldine Tostenson, Mankato

“Autumn Rust”, \$195, Watercolor Painting

Karen Verburg, Kasota

“Serenity”, \$300, Watercolor Painting

Faith Wicklund, St. Peter

“Earth Friendly”, NFS, Raku

“Good Carbs”, NFS, Raku

Brad Widness, North Mankato

“Plain/ Line - Memory”, NFS, Collograph

“Road In ... & Out”, \$400, Etching/Chine Colle

MERIT AWARD

Michael Wiechmann, North Mankato

“The Truthless Sunny Day”, \$250, Oil Painting

Matthew Willemsen, North Mankato

“Signified Notion Series”, \$400, Digital Print

Robert Williams, Vernon Center

“Country Scratching”, \$600, Oil Painting

Sherry Williams Sullivan, Madison Lake

“Lakeshore Sentinel”, \$85, Watercolor & Colored Pencil

Betty Winkworth, Mankato

“Inner Wave”, NFS, Woven Brass Sculpture

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. **In FY 2010 Prairie Lakes awarded 200 grants ranging from \$460 to \$8,000 for a total of \$385,200.** State Grants were \$61,200, McKnight Foundation Grants \$34,000; and Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants (new sales tax funding) \$290,000. About 24% 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 over 200 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 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 with a population 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. 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.

Board Members

Blue Earth County	Rachael Hanel, Madison Lake
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Carnegie Art Center, Mankato

The Carnegie Art Center is south central Minnesota's largest visual art gallery featuring the work of regional artists. In 2009 the Carnegie celebrated 30 years of documenting and presenting our contemporary culture through the visual arts, craft and design. The Carnegie Art Center curates monthly exhibitions of fine arts by local and regional visual artists in many disciplines including painting, sculpture, ceramics, mixed media, printmaking, fine craft, and photography. Carnegie Art Center volunteers also coordinate educational programs, artist studio rentals downstairs, and a gift shop featuring local artists.

The Carnegie Art Center is a nonprofit, volunteer organization committed to enhancing the cultural life of the area through promoting artistic endeavors and restoring the beautiful, historic Carnegie library built in 1901. Volunteer Board members include Becky Carmody, Curt Germundson, Rosemary Froen, Julie Boertje, Kay Brandt, Laurie Evans, Keith Luebke, Joe Metzen, Brad Widness, and Jake Zeiher. For program information, call 507-625-2730.



OPENING RECEPTION

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2010

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Awards Program

Introduction and Presentation of Awards

Brenda Flintrop, PLRAC Executive Director

Cindy Lewer, PLRAC Program Manager

Guest: Leah Hughes, 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 guests who attend the reception may vote - only one 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 the Artwork

The majority of artworks in the exhibition are for sale. If you are interested in making a purchase, please contact a Carnegie gallery volunteer. **Prices are listed in this brochure and those pieces not for sale are denoted by NFS.** The Carnegie Art Center deducts a 30% commission from the listed price for each work of art sold through the Gallery Program. At the conclusion of the exhibition, the Carnegie will issue a check to the artist equivalent to 70% of listed price and will mail it to the address on the artist's registration form. All art work purchased will remain in the exhibit until its conclusion and the purchaser may make arrangements for pickup on or after June 10th with a Carnegie volunteer.



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