



**19th Annual
Prairie Lakes Regional
Juried Art Exhibition**

April 28 - June 10, 2011

Carnegie Art Center
120 South Broad Street, Mankato

Gallery Hours:

Thursday, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Friday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 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, MN.

A Note from Brenda Byron, Executive Director

We are pleased to present the 19th 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 147 artists who entered the exhibition. We appreciate the artists' continued interest and support for this annual exhibition. A total of 236 works of art were submitted for the exhibition and the juror selected 93 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 19th 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 fourth 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 6th 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

Strong and diverse work was presented for this exhibition. How uplifting that such art permeates the very heartland of the country. In the work I selected, I find several threads: form and content support each other; mystery of some sort is present in the work; the artist takes risks in the development and/or the execution of the work; and the artist is a good craftsman—in other words, the artist is articulate and sure of his or her chosen medium(s). Each piece engages me as a viewer—I want to explore it further. I find art takes a long time to see, and I hope you, as viewer take the time to look at the work in this exhibit and discover the visual richness and surprise here.

Jill Ewald

Jill Ewald serves as Director of Flaten Art Museum at St. Olaf College. Following studies in Minnesota, Mississippi, and Germany, she earned a B.A. from St. Olaf College and a M.F.A. in visual art from the Vermont College. Ewald has exhibited in local, regional, national and international venues. Ewald has received cash awards and juror's awards, as well as Career Opportunity Grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council. She served on the Artists Panel, MAEP, Minneapolis Institute of Arts and is a member of the Association of College and University Museums and Galleries; the American Association of Museums, and the Upper Midwest Conservation Association. She has experience as artist-in-residence and regularly serves as juror, critic, and lecturer in painting and on Museum issues.

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CASH AWARDS

(\$1,200 total)

First Place (\$200)

Mika Negishi Laidlaw, Mankato - "Breathless", Clay Sculpture

Second Place (\$150)

Arnoldus Grüter, Mankato - "Quo Vadis 06", Mixed Media

Third Place (\$125)

Jon Knecht, Mapleton - "Loss", Mixed Media

Fourth Place (\$100)

Pam Bidelman, St. Peter - "Three Figures With Flowers", Oil Painting

Fifth Place (\$75)

Ann Kronlokken Widness, North Mankato - "Listen", Mixed Media



MERIT AWARDS

(\$50 each)

Kim Bovee, Henderson – "Partners", Graphite Pencil Drawing
Debra Evans-Paige, LeSueur – "Perpetual", Porcelain Jewelry
David Hyduke, Kasota – "Three Medium Sections", Steel Sculpture
Rochelle Koberoski, Mankato – "Bolted", Digital Photography
Dale Looft, Montgomery – "Ice Globes", Photography
Eric Ouren, Kasota – "Self Portrait w/Fish", Mixed Media
Janice Tanner, Janesville – "Dragon Fly", Mixed Media
Mark Traxler, Mankato – "Konya Rug circa 1800", Fibers
Brad Widness, North Mankato – "Sibley Place . . .", Intaglio, Chiné Colle
Abra Wooldridge, Mankato – "The Loft", Acrylic

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (\$50)

Will be announced at the Opening Reception, May 15, 2011

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Kaitlin Baumann, Mankato
“Signal Dark”, \$400, Oil

Charles Benson, Mapleton
“Paradoxically Clean”, NFS, Cast/tooled Dirt, Paper

Pam Bidelman, St. Peter
“Three Figures with Flowers”, \$700, Oil
FOURTH PLACE

Lisa Bierer, Mankato
“Session Bass”, \$150, Acrylic

Kim Bovee, Henderson
“Partners”, \$75, Graphite Pencil
MERIT AWARD

Pat Branstad, St. James
“Castle Kitchen - Marksburg on Rhine”,
\$145, Photography

“Path to the Wieskirche”, \$145, Photography

Marianne Carlson, Mankato
“Inferior Conjunction #2”, \$125, Mixed Media

Michael Cimino, Mankato
“Ferric Chloride Study #1”, \$75, Ceramic
“Ferric Chloride Study #7”, \$75, Ceramic

Garrett Clause, St. Peter
“The Runner”, NFS, Bronze

Theresa Crozier, Mankato
“Bay Ruins”, \$50, Acrylic

Ron Davison, Fairmont
“Carmen’s Bowl with Apples”, \$400, Acrylic
“Late Afternoon Ice Fishing”, NFS, Acrylic

Leo Derkowski, Sleepy Eye
“Winter Vines”, \$700, Acrylic

Karen Drummer, Nicollet
“Saddle Vase”, \$60, Stoneware

Laurie Evans, Mankato
“Female head & torso in RYB”, \$100, Pastel

Debra Evans-Paige, LeSueur
“Perpetual”, \$1778, Porcelain Jewelry
MERIT AWARD

Joe Flannery, Mankato
“FPS”, \$1,000, Oil

Judith Forster-Monson, LeCenter
“Cat Family with Imposter”, \$250, Mixed Media

Jesse Frederick, Madison Lake
“Early Settlers’ Homestead ‘1862’”, NFS, Mixed Media

Rosemary Froen, Lake Crystal
“Bickel Block Detail”, \$175, Ink

Ken Gansen, St. Peter
“Hoar Frost”, \$95, Linoleum Reduction Print

Arnoldus Grüter, Mankato
“Green Model with Bowl of Fruit”, \$285, Mixed Media

“Quo Vadis 06”, \$275, Mixed Media
SECOND PLACE

Alan Hairsine, Gaylord
“Morning Highlight”, \$125, Photography

Joel Hansen, Mankato
“Possible Montana”, \$1,200, Monotype Print

“The Recursive Mod Guy”, \$700, Monotype &
Linoleum Print

Lauren Hartman, Mankato
“Portals”, \$160, Photography

Allison Henline, Mankato
“Untitled”, \$250, Watercolor

Andrew Hill, Mankato
“Just Dot It”, NFS, Pencil & Ink

Eileen Hines, Eagle Lake
“March Snow”, NFS, Woven Fibers

Jane Horton, Mankato
“Cordelia. Number One in a Series”, \$950, Water-soluble
oils & applied foil

Gina Hunt, Good Thunder
“As Slack and Soft as Worn Denim”, NFS, Acrylic,
Oil and Iron Oxide

David Hyduke, Kasota
“Three Medium Sections”, NFS, Steel
MERIT AWARD

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Cindy Jacques, Lake Crystal
“Hidden Beauty Modified Twill”, NFS, Fibers

Tim James, Good Thunder
“Dutch Harlem”, \$850, Mixed Media

James Johnson, Mankato
“Untitled”, NFS, Mixed Media

Ann Judkins, North Mankato
“Weather Imbalance”, \$450, Mixed Media

Kelsey Kennedy, North Mankato
“Grown Too Strong”, NFS, Mixed Media

Tod Klotz, Sleepy Eye
“Cross Examination”, \$40, Photography

Jon Knecht, Mapleton
“Blocked”, \$60, photography

“Loss”, \$400, Mixed Media

THIRD PLACE

Rochelle Koberoski, Mankato
“Bolted”, \$50, Digital Photography

MERIT AWARD

“Waiting”, \$50, Digital Photography

Gretchen Koehler, St. Peter
“Centered”, NFS, Ceramic

Ann Kronlokken Widness, North Mankato
“Listen”, \$500, Mixed Media

FIFTH PLACE

“Traveler”, \$550, Mixed Media

Virginia La France, St. Peter
“Pieces”, NFS, Monotype

Nicole Lecy, St. Peter
“Ava Jean”, NFS, Charcoal

Dale Looft, Montgomery
“Ice Globes”, \$75, Photography
MERIT AWARD

Anna Martin, Mapleton
“The Gift”, NFS, Collage

Gerald Martin, Wells
“Claudia Queen of the Amazon”, \$180,
Mixed Media

“Hi Ya’ Cowboy”, \$150, Mixed Media

Jill McKeown, Mankato
“I can still hear the music”, \$125, Photography

Gail McKissick, Mankato
“Love from Moline”, NFS, Mixed Media

“The Poultry Barn”, NFS, Mixed Media

Humerio (Chico) Mendez, St. Peter
“Fist”, \$3,500, Bronze with Black Patina

“Mask of a Man”, \$1,200, Bronze with Black Patina

Carole Milner, Mankato
“Autumn Twilight”, NFS, Acrylic

Essie Mostaghimi, LeSueur
“Maneejae”, NFS, Acrylic

Mika Negishi Laidlaw, Mankato
“Breathless”, \$800, Clay

FIRST PLACE

Eric Ouren, Kasota
“Self Portrait w/ fish”, \$375, Mixed Media

MERIT AWARD

Sheryl Paulson, Mankato
“Peacock Fancy”, \$560, Ceramic

Liz Peltola, Mankato
“Prophetic Gatekeeper”, NFS, Ceramic

Hannah Peterson, Winthrop
“Sunsets in Tiberias”, NFS, Photography

Joelle Pipal, Mankato
“Milano Square”, \$85, Holga Silver Gelatin Print

Joellen Preston, Mankato
“Telling Myself Stories 1”, \$200, Mixed Media

“Telling Myself Stories 2”, \$200, Mixed Media

Allison Roberts, Mankato
“Looking Inward”, \$375, Fiber

Mitch Roberts, Mankato
“New Life”, \$50, Photography

EXHIBITING ARTISTS

Colin Ruff, Mankato

“Bunker Down”, \$120, Mixed Media

“Frozen upon Entry”, \$90, Mixed Media

Patti Ruskey, Mankato

“milk money”, \$425, Mixed Media

“fall from grace”, \$425, Mixed Media

Edith Schmierbach, St. Peter

“In Thought”, \$300, Linocut with Chine Collé

Windy Schultz, Mankato

“Whale Rider”, NFS, Watercolor

Dan Stark, St. Peter

“Vision from a Journey in Wax”, \$350, Digital
Photography

Carol Stott, North Mankato

“DreamWeaving Hands”, \$700, Watercolor

Marilyn Sween, Mankato

“Safe Harbor, Nova Scotia”, NFS, Watercolor

Janice Tanner, Janesville

“Dragon Fly”, \$1,900, Mixed Media

MERIT AWARD

Hope Thier, Mankato

“Kay”, \$350, Acrylic

Broc Toft, Mankato

“Please Wind Your ‘New’ Sound Machine”, NFS,
Mixed Media

Mark Traxler, Mankato

“Konya Rug circa 1800”, NFS, Fibers

MERIT AWARD

Brad Widness, North Mankato

“Sibley Place ...”, \$550, Intaglio & Chine Collé

MERIT AWARD

Stephanie Williams, Mankato

“The Quin Abbey”, NFS, Photography

Steve Wilson, North Mankato

“The Map I Rarely Look At”, NFS, Mixed Media

Randy Wood, Mankato

“Lily Pad Tree”, \$125, Photography

Abra Wooldridge, Mankato

“New Beginnings”, NFS, Acrylic

“The Loft”, NFS, Acrylic

MERIT AWARD

Patricia Wovcha, Sleepy Eye

“Untitled”, \$350, Fiber & Ink

Jacob Zeiher, Mankato

“Red Head”, \$125, Ceramic

“Teapot Set”, \$75, Wood-fired Ceramic

Carnegie Art Center, Mankato

The Carnegie Art Center is south central Minnesota’s largest visual art gallery featuring the work of regional artists. The mission of the Carnegie Art Center is to enhance the quality of our community culture through the creation, understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the visual arts. The Carnegie maintains the integrity of our historic building which is used as galleries, studio spaces, a gift shop and meeting areas. The Carnegie Art Center curates two 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.

The Carnegie strives to provide opportunities for its many audiences to experience, appreciate and participate in the arts at whatever level they choose. From preschool to lifelong learners, casual observers to art enthusiasts, the Carnegie engages visitors, artists and students with its gallery exhibitions of today’s artists, open studio workshops, and community-based exhibits. The Carnegie is a volunteer-driven, nonprofit organization. Volunteer Board members include Becky Carmody, Curt Germundson, Rosemary Froen, Kay Brandt, Laurie Evans, Keith Luebke, Joe Metzen, Brad Widness, and Jake Zeiher.

For program information, call 507-625-2730. Stay informed by visiting our website:
www.thecarnegiemandato.com and on Facebook: Carnegie Art Center Mankato

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 2011 Prairie Lakes awarded 196 grants ranging from \$400 to \$7,000 for a total of \$383,000.** State Grants were \$69,000, McKnight Foundation Grants \$39,000; and Arts & Cultural Heritage Grants (new sales tax funding) \$275,000. About 25% 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 Prairie Lakes Board of Directors 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, 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. 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

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OPENING RECEPTION

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 2011

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

2:30 p.m. Awards Program

Introduction and Presentation of Awards

Brenda Byron, PLRAC Executive Director

Cindy Lewer, PLRAC Program Manager

People's Choice Award

Voting for the People's Choice Award will take place during gallery hours from April 28 through May 15th and between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. at the Opening Reception.

Please fill out a survey and vote for your favorite - only one ballot per adult.

Look for the basket to place your ballot and survey 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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