



9th Annual

## Prairie Lakes Artist Grantee Exhibit

# January 8 - February 7, 2019

**Tom Barna**, Eagle Lake

**Sheila Becker**, LeCenter

**Candace Black**, Mankato

**Bruce Blaisdell**, Mankato

**Rebecca Brooks**, Mankato

**Sara Buechmann**, North Mankato

**Denise Friesen**, North Mankato

**Craig Groe**, Mankato

**Kay Herbst Helms**, Mankato

**Sarah Houle**, Mankato

**Michelle Kaisersatt**, St. Peter

**Dick Kimmel**, New Ulm

**Teagan Knoblich**, Mankato

**Marjie Laizure**, Mankato

**Margie Larson**, Mankato

**April Malphurs**, St. Peter

**Stephen Mark**, Springfield

**Ann Obernolte**, Elysian

**Dana Sikkila**, North Mankato

**Geraldine Tostenson**, Mankato

**Joe Tougas**, North Mankato

**Robert Williams**, Vernon Center

Funding for this exhibit is provided by:

**THE MCKNIGHT FOUNDATION**

**Held at the Waseca Art Center**

**200 State Street North, Waseca, MN 56093**

Gallery Hours: Tues.-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sat. 12-3 p.m.

# Exhibiting Artists



## Sheila Becker, LeCenter

"1-2-3- Be Happy", Mixed Media - \$175  
"555 Little Girl", Mixed Media - \$175  
"Mexico Dreams", Mixed Media - \$175

## Bruce Blaisdell, Mankato

"Order Out Of Chaos", Wood - \$500  
"Vessel One", Wood - \$500  
"Vessel Two", Wood - \$500

## Denise Friesen, North Mankato

"Color of Water", Triptych, Oil - \$1,250

## Craig Groe, North Mankato

"Mother And Child", Oil - \$800  
"Mountain Spirits", Oil - NFS  
"The Farm", Oil - \$600

## Kay Herbst Helms, Mankato

"Deep Roots Of Prairie Plants Prevent Erosion",  
Digital Photograph - \$225  
"Moving Water Through Treatment",  
Digital Photograph - \$225  
"Would You Drink It In Flint?",  
Digital Photograph - \$225

## Michelle Kaisersatt, St. Peter

"Breaking Free", Sculptural Clay - NFS  
"Evaporating Into The Universe",  
Sculptural Clay - NFS  
"Mother Earth #MeToo", Sculptural Clay - NFS

## Marjie Laizure, Mankato

"Afternoon Tango", Oil - \$230  
"Late", Oil - \$275  
"Pamela at the Theater", Oil - NFS

## Margie Larson, Mankato

"Grey Winds On Easkey Beach", Oil and cold wax - \$450  
"The Still Country", Oil and cold wax - \$2,500  
"Vision Dance", Oil and cold wax - \$2,500

## April Malphurs, St. Peter

"Dancing In The Puddles" Glass - \$400  
"Shimmers of Gold" Glass - NFS  
"Splash!" Artwork documentation, Glass - NFS

## Stephen Mark, Springfield

"Star Mountains", Mixed Media - \$1,500  
"Wilderness Circle", Mixed Media - \$1,500

## Ann Obernolte, Elysian

"Black Eyed Susans", Watercolor - \$275  
"Rainbow Birch I", Watercolor - \$295

## Dana Sikkila, North Mankato

"Potholder Place", Mixed Media - \$300  
"Quilt", Mixed Media - NFS  
"Triangle", Mixed Media - NFS

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## Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

We are pleased to present the 9th Annual Artist Grantee Exhibition with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation, in Minneapolis. Fourteen visual artists are displaying their work, and three musicians and four literary artists will be featured in the reception January 13, 2019; noted Brenda Byron, Executive Director. We are happy to collaborate with the Waseca Art Center to host this exhibition. The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has a 26 year history of funding Individual Artists with grants with funding provided by the McKnight Foundation. Prairie Lakes serves the 9-county area in south central Minnesota and we provide programs for local artists, arts organizations, community groups, and schools.

In FY 2018 Prairie Lakes awarded 214 arts grants totaling \$409,330. These State art grants and Arts & Cultural Heritage grants were awarded to arts organizations, community groups, schools, and youth. The McKnight Foundation supports our Artist Grant Program which awarded \$44,000 to twenty-four artists in FY 2018. Details are on page 3.

A link to our monthly Newsletter and online applications is available on our website: [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).

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# Exhibiting Artists

## Geraldine Tostenson, Mankato

“Burgundy Iris” Colored Pencil - \$175

“Prairie Pasque Flower”, Colored Pencil - \$175

“Spent Zinnia”, Colored Pencil - \$175

## Robert Williams, Vernon Center

“730 Case”, Oil - \$300

“Dan and Dad”, Oil - \$1,500

“Irwin”, Oil - NFS

### **ARTWORK IN EXHIBIT IS FOR SALE**

If you are interested in making a purchase, contact the Waseca Art Center. The art center will receive a **Commission Fee of 30%**, which will be deducted from the price of any works sold during the exhibition. The buyer will pay the art center the listed price, and at the end of the exhibition they will send a check for 70% to the artist. **All artwork purchased will remain in the exhibit until its conclusion.** The purchaser may make arrangements for pickup after the exhibit ends.

### **Artist Grantees that are Writers and Musicians will Perform at the Reception on January 13, 2019.**

**Literature:** Tom Barna, Eagle Lake; Candace Black, Mankato; Rebecca Brooks, Mankato; and Teagan Knoblich, Mankato.

**Musicians:** Sara Buechmann, North Mankato; Sarah Houle, Mankato; Dick Kimmel, New Ulm; and Joe Tougas, Mankato.

## Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council

# Artist Grants

Artist Grants are for specific projects that contribute directly to an Artists growth and professional development in dance, music, theater or visual art. Funds may be used for art supplies, matting & framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, or studying with a mentor, etc.

### **Artist Grant Deadlines:**

**January 15, 2019 for \$1,000 Career Development**

**September 15, 2019 for  
\$3,000 Professional Mid Career Artist**

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has an online grant process. Go to our website [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org) and click on the applicant Login button.



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## **Thank You to the Waseca Art Center for hosting our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grantee Exhibit!**

We especially want to thank Rachel James, Executive Director of the Waseca Art Center, who assisted us in coordinating this exhibition and hanging the artwork.

The **Waseca Art Center** is a nonprofit organization that offers the opportunity for all people to understand and value the arts. Through exhibits and programs, we present a welcoming and diverse experience that encourages questioning, creativity, and critical thinking. We sponsor art classes, weekly art appreciation discussions and a spring concert series. The WAC has two gallery spaces which each host one exhibit per month. The WAC Exhibition Committee is currently seeking proposals for solo and group exhibitions for 2019-2020.

For further information contact: Rachel James, Executive Director, (507) 835-1701,  
[racheljames@wasecaartscouncil.org](mailto:racheljames@wasecaartscouncil.org), [www.wasecaartcenter.org](http://www.wasecaartcenter.org).

**Gallery Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday 12-3 p.m.**

# Opening Reception

**Sunday, January 13, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

1:15 p.m. **Program Begins**

**Introduction by Brenda Byron, Executive Director of Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council.** All artists will be introduced and briefly discuss their work or perform.

- 1:20 p.m. Sheila Becker, LeCenter  
1:25 p.m. Bruce Blaisdell, Mankato  
1:30 p.m. Denise Friesen, North Mankato  
1:35 p.m. Craig Groe, Mankato  
1:40 p.m. Kay Herbst Helms, Mankato  
1:45 p.m. Candace Black, Mankato - Writer  
1:55 p.m. Rebecca Brooks, Mankato - Writer  
2:05 p.m. Dick Kimmel, New Ulm - Musician, performing Bluegrass Music
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- 2:20 p.m. Michelle Kaisersatt, St. Peter  
2:25 p.m. Marjie Laizure, Mankato  
2:30 p.m. Margie Larson, Mankato  
2:35 p.m. April Malphurs, St. Peter  
2:40 p.m. Stephen Mark, Springfield
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- 2:45 p.m. Tom Barna, Eagle Lake - Excerpt from his Play "THE ASSUMPTION OF HOPE"
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- 3:15 p.m. **Intermission** (15 minutes) - Sandwiches and beverages provided for guests
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- 3:30 p.m. Dana Sikkila, North Mankato  
3:35 p.m. Geraldine Tostenson, Mankato  
3:40 p.m. Robert Williams, Vernon Center  
3:45 p.m. Teagan Knoblich, Mankato - Writer  
3:55 p.m. Sara Buechmann, North Mankato - Musician  
4:00 p.m. Joe Tougas, North Mankato - Musician and Songwriter, performing recent works.  
4:20 p.m. Sarah Houle, Mankato - Musician, performing with The Mostly Conical Brass Quartet?

**The Exhibit of Artwork takes place on first floor, which is handicapped accessible.** The Program will take place in the Schultz Auditorium on the second floor of the Waseca Art Center. Please note that this 2nd floor space is not handicapped accessible. However, we will Live Stream on Facebook the Artists Program to the first floor Lobby, which is handicapped accessible, for those that need it. Please contact the PLRAC office if you need an accommodation.

**This exhibit is made possible by funds Prairie Lakes received from the McKnight Foundation.**

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