November 2022 Newsletter

Artist Grants totaling $44,000 were Awarded to 22 Artists from the Area

We are pleased that twenty-two artists were each awarded a $2,000 Artist Development Grant. We are excited that these artists will be creating new works in a variety of media, and they include eleven visual artists, six literary artists, three musicians, one dancer, and one media artist.

Artists are using the funds for a variety of needs which may include art supplies, matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, using a mentor or an editor, artist creative time or living expenses, etc. We hope that other artists will be inspired and plan to apply for a future grant from Prairie Lakes, and the next deadline will be September 2023.

Artists represent six different counties, including 11 artists from Blue Earth County, 5 from Nicollet County, 2 from Brown County, 2 from Waseca County, 1 from Faribault County, and 1 from Martin County. The artists are listed below in alphabetical order along with their project descriptions.

Angela Anderson, New Ulm. Angela is a musician and will use the grant to perform her original music in the Mankato area and to record original songs for a CD or online streaming service.

Juana Arias, St. Peter. Juana is a visual artist and will use the grant to implement screen printing into her 3D ceramic process, including drawing, burning, and printing to prepare the transfers.

Vicki Beckendorf, Odin. Vicki is a visual artist and will use the grant to expand her skills in nature painting. She will experiment with watercolor and oil paint in both small and large sizes and combine multiple scenes into one fantasy design.

Virginia Bergerson, Janesville. Virginia is a visual artist and will use the grant to frame her original mixed media paintings and create prints of the work to accommodate selling then at larger shows and artisan fairs. She will also update her website.

Yvonne Cory, Easton. Yvonne is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a website to document the legacy of her fiber apron artistry and vintage apron program series called “Joys and Tears in the Apron Strings”.

Wade Davis, Mankato. Wade is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a series of multicolor woodcut and linocut prints that celebrate his youth and nostalgia about growing up in the 1980’s through relief printmaking.

Craig Groe, Mankato. Craig is a visual artist and will use the grant to create and exhibit two large scale paintings that will be 6 feet by 7.5 feet in size.

Connor Hopkins, Mankato. Connor is a musician and will use the grant to create a short album of original music titled “Where Are We Going”. He will also perform locally with a combination of recorded electronic sound and live instrumentation.

Rachael Jaeger, Mankato. Rachael is a writer and will use the grant to continue working with an editor to complete her book “The David Project: The Forgotten”.

Tinner Johnson, Mankato. Tinner is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a collection of twenty art dolls to be sold at the Mankato Makerspace Maker Market. She will learn new skills, upgrade her equipment, and launch a website.

Andrea Lynn, New Ulm. Andrea is a musician and will use the grant to complete an album with eight original songs. She will spend time creating the last three songs, recording the music in a studio, and creating a professionally produced music video.

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PLRAC/McKnight Artist Development Grants

**Artist Grantees** (continued from page 1)

**Jerry Mollenhauer, St. Peter.** Jerry is a writer and will use the grant to have the final edit completed for his World War II novel “The Death of Angels”, work on the 2nd draft of his crime novel “First Ice-Out”, and to work on a book-length compendium of short stories showing the adverse effects of climate change.

**Jim Muyres, Mankato.** Jim is a writer and will use the grant to develop as a fiction writer by creating four pieces varying in length. He will also take two classes at The Loft in Minneapolis, “Getting Your Word Out: Polishing, Submitting, and Marketing Your Writing” and “Submitting to Paid Literary Markets”.

**Charles Putnam, St. Peter.** Charles is a visual artist and will use the grant to create a series of ceramic and multimedia two-dimensional images to exhibit and sell, using a variety of relief printmaking techniques and potential digital applications.

**Tracy Ross, Mankato.** Tracy is a writer and will use the grant to make a transition from poetry to non-fiction. She will be writing “Ragged Edges of Reason”, a collection of essays exploring how the challenges in her life shaped her insights about the importance of nature, empathy, transformation, and expression.

**Evan Ryan, North Mankato.** Evan is a film maker and will use the grant to create fully-rigged, “game-ready” 3D humanoid models for use in film, game, simulation, and other new media applications over the next year.

**Colin Scharf, Mankato.** Colin is a visual artist and will use the grant to produce a series of enlarged prints of Polaroid photos that he took during the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown. He will exhibit the prints at multiple galleries in the region throughout 2023.

**Julia Snelson, Mankato.** Julia is a visual artist and will use the grant to attend two clay workshops; The Advanced Raku Workshop in Willamina, Oregon and the Weber Woodfire Workshop in Herber, Wisconsin. She will also share what she learns through a community education program.

**Molly Stoltz, St. Peter.** Molly is a dancer and will use the grant to take online classes from three master teachers in tap and flamenco dancing.

**James Sullivan, Mankato.** James is a writer and will use the grant to push his short story collection, “Harboring”, to publication. He will also submit individual short stories to journals and magazines.

**Robin Warburton, Janesville.** Robin is a visual artist and will use the grant to create six carved 6-inch flammulated owls out of wood. The series will show the steps she uses to create a wooden sculpture, with the six owls being at different stages of the artistic process. She will exhibit the series at the Waseca Art Center in April 2023.

**Jason Willis, Mapleton.** Jason is a writer and will use the grant to publish “The Alchemist’s Ring”, the third novel in his series.

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**Prairie Lakes Mission and Value Statements**

**Mission Statement:** The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council serves the artistic communities of the 9-county area of southcentral MN by supporting the creation and presentation of diverse art forms, fostering equitable access to arts opportunities, and integrating arts and culture to enhance quality of life in our communities.

**We value:** The Arts, Artistic Merit, Creativity, Community, Accessibility, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

**Value Statements:**

**The Arts:** We value all forms of artistic expression, and resist the notion that there is but one universal definition of art or one best type of art. Instead, we embrace all artistic disciplines, genres, and subgenres, and encourage work that uses imagination, emotion, and craft to communicate.

**Artistic Merit:** We value artistic merit that promotes growth and development of creative knowledge, skills and understanding.

**Creativity:** We value the dedicated pursuit of and engagement with the arts. Creative expression contributes to the health of individuals and communities alike.

**Community:** We value art that reflects a rich and expansive range of cultures, traditions, experiences, and perspectives. The art created by and supported by the community deepens our understanding of ourselves and each other.

**Accessibility:** We value arts programming and arts education that is available to everyone.

**Equity, Diversity, Inclusion:** We value an equitable, diverse, and inclusive community. We are committed to countering systemic inequities that exclude individuals and communities from access to the arts based on race, gender, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, class, age, and geography.
66 Area Students in grades 7-12 were Awarded Youth Art Scholarships for a total of $19,800

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council is pleased to announce that scholarships of $19,800 from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, which is funded by the Clean Water, Land & Legacy Amendment, have been awarded to 66 students in grades 7-12 throughout the region. They each receive $300. The Youth Scholarships will provide these students the opportunity to take lessons with an instructor over a period of months. A variety of lessons in cello, clarinet, dance, drums, figure skating, guitar, organ, piano, theater, viola, violin, visual art, and voice will be provided.

Youth Scholarship recipients live in nineteen different communities representing seven counties. We are excited about the wonderful arts activities these students will be involved in. They will be taking lessons and participating with many area arts groups including Dance Conservatory of Southern MN, Mankato Ballet Company, Mankato Playhouse, Mankato School of Music, New Ulm Figure Skating Club, New Ulm Suzuki School of Music, Spotlight Dance Company, and Waseca Art Center. Many independent music instructors throughout the area will also be providing lessons for these students.

Youth Scholarships, Grades 7-12, listed by County and Community

A total of $19,800 was awarded to 66 students for scholarships of $300 each; and they live in 19 different communities, representing seven counties.

**Blue Earth County - $4,800**
- **Mankato**: Eleanor Coons-Ruskey, Leo Harstad, Evie Johnson, Lucy Kelly, Mollie Kelly, Aubree Kuglin, Grace MacPherson, Price MacPherson, Rose MacPherson, Tyler Schmitz, Blake Thielsen, Amelia Valdez
- **Eagle Lake**: Anne Wersal
- **Lake Crystal**: Mathias Barents
- **Rural Lewisville**: Emily Kleidon
- **St. Clair**: Gracelyn Freitag

**Brown County - $4,800**
- **Hanska**: Jonathan Makela
- **New Ulm**: Elizabeth Borgen, Joshua Carlovsky, Nathaniel Carlovsky, Isaiah Correa, Calleigh Frederickson, Natalia Frederickson, Jonah Hermanson, Jamis Martens, Gabriella Smith, Isaiah Smith, Sebastian Smith, Bethany Spike, Ezza Spike, Karlee Stocker, Ainsley Tess

**Le Sueur County - $900**
- **Le Sueur**: Gabriel Roby
- **Rural St. Peter**: Julie Weber, Molli Weber

**Nicollet County - $4,800**
- **Lafayette**: Emma Hoffmann, Mathias Uher
- **North Mankato**: Marco Jakovich, Sasha Jakovich, Kyle Johnson, Sydney Johnson, Ian Kim, Kaitlyn Rudolf
- **St. Peter**: Henry Jacobs, Ruby Lindstrom, Adela Madson, Linnea Miller, Alexa Rassbach, Quinn Rassbach, Rebekah Roemhildt, Micah Stoll

**Sibley County - $1,500**
- **Gaylord**: Colten Kranz
- **Gibbon**: Estella Ortiz
- **Henderson**: Erin Kolter
- **Winthrop**: Gordon Matzke, Natalie Matzke

**Waseca County - $1,200**
- **Janesville**: Isaac Feldkamp, Joseph Feldkamp, Stella Ziemke
- **New Richland**: Alexis Olson

**Watonwan County - $1,800**
- **Madelia**: Karl Davis
- **Lewisville**: Adriel Martinez
- **St. James**: Isaiah Rete, Lydia Rete, Katelyn Runge, Keeley Runge

These Youth Scholarships are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

The next deadline for Youth Scholarships, grades 7-12, is October 1, 2023.

Nov. 1, 2022 is the deadline for grades 3-6 to apply for a $200 scholarship!
The Small Arts Project Grant is available to non-profit arts organizations and community groups sponsoring arts activities for their community. School Arts Project Grants are for public or private non-parochial schools K-12 for artist residencies, arts presentations, & arts related field trips. There is an application deadline the 1st of each month.

**BLUE EARTH COUNTY**
Betsy-Tacy Society, mural - $2,500
Deep Valley Book Festival, artist fees - $2,500
GSR Fine Art Festival, artist stipends - $2,500
Minnesota River Bend Brass Choir, concerts - $2,500
Minnesota State Univ., Mankato, chapbook - $2,496
Open Arts Minnesota, theater performance - $2,500
St. Clair Public School, music artist residency - $2,500

**BROWN COUNTY**
Hermann Monument Society, German festival - $2,000
Sleepy Eye High School, field trip - $2,140

**LE SUEUR COUNTY**
Park Elementary School, dance performance - $1,250

**MARTIN COUNTY**
Martin County Historical Society, mural - $2,310

**SIBLEY COUNTY**
City of Green Isle, town celebration music - $1,300
Christmas in the Country, festival - $1,500

**WASECA COUNTY**
American Indian Service Learning Project, classes - $1,500
Waseca Latino Cultural Celebration, music - $1,050
Waseca Marching Classic, band clinics - $2,070

**FY 2023 SMALL ARTS PROJECT and SCHOOL GRANTS**

Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grants Awarded in October Totaling $8,450

Our Small Arts Project and School Arts Project Grant program funds non-profit arts organizations, community groups, public organizations, or schools producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community or students. **Four Small Arts Project and School Arts Project grants were awarded totaling $8,450.**

We encourage applications for artistic performances or the sponsorship of quality arts activities in the 9-county region. This may include dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art, etc.

**Christmas in the Country (SA) - $1,500.** They will sponsor the “Christmas in the Country” event with music by the ThunderBird Carolers and art projects for all ages, December 10, 2022. Funds will be used for artist fees and art supplies.

**Martin County Historical Society (SA) - $2,310.** They will hire a local artist to paint murals on the walls of their new Interactive Room. Funds will be used for artist fees and supplies.

**Minnesota River Bend Brass Choir (SA) - $2,500.** They will present four holiday concerts during November and December, 2022 in local churches. Funds will be used for artist fees.

Sleepy Eye High School (SCH) - $2,140. They will have the High School Theatre Arts Class attend the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre’s production of “Footloose”, December 7, 2022. Funds will be used for ticket costs and transportation.

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**The Prairie Lakes Office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24-25 in honor of Thanksgiving.**
$148,000 in Arts and Cultural Heritage Grants Awarded in Fall 2022

A total of 22 arts organizations, community groups and schools were awarded Arts and Cultural Heritage (ACH) grants, totaling $148,000 in fall 2022 by Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council. The organizations are listed alphabetically.

The grants are for arts activities in all artistic disciplines. A variety of activities including instrumental and vocal music concerts, theater and dance performances, exhibitions, festivals, and classes for youth and adults are being funded. This fund was created by the people of Minnesota to support the arts and preserve our heritage. The Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment, passed by the voters in Nov. 2008, created new resources for land conservation, water conservation, parks and the Arts. The next ACH Grant deadline is February 1, 2023. Organizations can apply once per year for this grant.

Arlington Chamber of Commerce, ArliDazzle - $5,000.
Arts Center of Saint Peter - $7,000.
Blue Earth Valley Concert Association - $7,000.
DalekoArts, New Prague - $7,000.
Davori Productions, Mankato Playhouse - $7,000.
Fairmont Opera House - $7,000.
La Grande Bande, Gaylord - $7,000.
Mankato/North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer’s - $7,000.
Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra - $7,000.
Mankato Children’s Chorus - $5,000.
Mankato Makerspace - $7,000.
Martin Co. Preservation, Assoc. (Red Rock Center for the Arts) - $7,000.
Merely Players Community Theatre - $7,000.
Minnesota New Country School - $5,000.
Minnesota Valley Chorale - $7,000.
Musicorum, Mankato - $7,000.
New Ulm Figure Skating Club - $7,000.
Project G.E.M. - $7,000.
ProMusica Minnesota - $7,000.
South Central Service Cooperative - $7,000.
State Street Theater Company, New Ulm - $7,000.
Waseca Arts Council - $7,000.
**FY 2023 Arts and Cultural Heritage Grant**

**Deadlines are: August 1 and February 1**

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council will fund projects from non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations or those using a fiscal sponsor that are producing or sponsoring an arts activity in dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art. This includes arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **No specific cash match is required.**

**ACH Arts Project Grant.** Arts Programming and Access – maximum request $7,000.

Funds may be used for Arts programming that is in-person or virtual. Expenses may include artist fees, artist travel, salaries, equipment, technology, training, promotion, monthly rent (lease payments) and utilities.

**ACH Arts & Music Festivals Grant.** Maximum request $5,000. For non-profit tax-exempt 501c3 arts organizations that are sponsoring arts/music festivals and activities that represent diverse ethnic and cultural arts traditions.

**ACH Education Grant.** Maximum request $5,000. For arts education programs by non-profit community groups and schools. This may include arts classes, author reading, artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops, or arts related field trips for schools.

**ACH Youth Scholarship.** Youth Scholarship for Students (grades 7-12) – $300, and (grades 3-6) - $200. Students have the opportunity to study their chosen art with a practicing professional artist by taking lessons over a period of months. This is for all Art disciplines. **Deadline for grades 7-12 is October 1; and grades 3-6 is November 1.**

The applicant or organization must have an address and provide arts programming within the Prairie Lakes region; the counties are: Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, LeSueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, or Watonwan County.

**Small Arts Project Grant**

Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. The grant may be up to $2,500. BIPOC projects can apply for up to $4,000. Fundable activities include: arts and music festivals, community bands and choirs, theatre events, dance activities, literary readings, public art, visual arts exhibitions and classes, etc. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until April.**

**School Arts Project Grant**

Grants are for **schools K-12 public and private.** Grants up to $2,500 are available to fund Artist residencies, live art performances, mini-workshops or arts related field trips. **Deadline: July 1, and the 1st of each month until April.**

**Artist Development Grant $2,000**

Artist Grants are for a specific project that contributes directly to their artistic growth and professional development in dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art. Funds may be used for supplies, matting and framing, equipment, attending a workshop, studio time, studying with a mentor, artist time, and/or living expenses.

**Deadline: September 1**

Earliest start date: October 1

Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council, 105 22nd Avenue NE, Suite A, Waseca, MN 56093
plrac@hickorytech.net Online Application through our website, www.plrac.org.
FY 2023 PLRAC GRANT DEADLINES
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Organizational Grants - Non-profit arts organizations, community groups, schools, or public organizations producing or sponsoring arts activities for their community are eligible. Fundable projects may include: community choirs & bands, dance activities, literary readings, music presentations, theatre productions, visual arts classes and exhibitions, folk and traditional art, etc. Maximums for the Arts and Cultural Heritage grants vary, please check guidelines for details.

Small Arts Project Grant maximum is $2,500 and BIPOC cultural arts project may request up to $4,000. PLRAC is interested in receiving new applications for BIPOC cultural activities that engage the public.

Artist Grants - Are for specific projects that will advance your work and arts career.

Applications are available online at [www.plrac.org](http://www.plrac.org).

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A tutorial that explains the online process is on our website.

If any of the information in the grant guidelines is unclear, contact the Prairie Lakes office at (800) 298-1254, (507) 833-8721 or [plrac@hickorytech.net](mailto:plrac@hickorytech.net).

Upon request, Prairie Lakes grant application materials will be made available in an alternate format such as large print, computer flash drive, or on audiotape. Please call the Prairie Lakes office in Waseca at 1-800-298-1254. For TTY, contact the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.
Prairie Lakes has two Board Positions Open, Apply Now

The Prairie Lakes Regional Arts Council has two positions open on the Board for representatives from the City of Fairmont and Sibley County.

The deadline for submitting an application is Nov. 15th. Interested persons should contact Prairie Lakes to find out more about our board at plrac@hickorytech.net. You will find a Board Application and Board Member Duties (PDF) on our website, www.plrac.org. Click on About Us, then Board Meetings and Application.

This is a great opportunity to understand the workings of the granting process, to be more involved with the arts and artists of our region, and to enjoy camaraderie with others who appreciate the arts. The Council seeks to appoint people who represent a cross-section of art forms as well as various arts perspectives: Artists, teachers, and representatives of arts organizations. Since a primary function of the Council is to serve as a panel for arts project applications, members are chosen for their knowledge, expertise, and involvement in the arts in the areas of dance, literature, media arts, music, theater, visual art, folk and traditional art.

Board members can anticipate that their tasks will include reading and evaluating about 100 applications per year from artists, art organizations, community groups and schools.

Volunteer board members serve a three year term. Monthly evening meetings are typically held the fourth Thursday of the month in Mankato, at Bethany Lutheran College. The monthly meetings will be conducted as in-person meetings, with the option to join virtually. Attendance at several PLRAC funded arts events per year is required and board members are reimbursed for their mileage to meetings and arts events.

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WORK OF ART: BUSINESS SKILLS FOR ARTISTS

Springboard for the Arts Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists is a professional development curriculum designed to teach business skills to artists in all disciplines: visual, performing and literary arts. Artists can take the whole series, customized combinations, or individual workshops that best suit their needs, and the curriculum is available for people interested in leading the workshops and offering professional development resources.

Springboard offers The Work of Art Toolkit; available for Free as a digital download.

Read a brief description of all Work of Art: Business Skills for Artists topics and find upcoming Work of Art workshops, panels, classes or events on their website: https://springboardforthearts.org/professional-growth/work-of-art-program/
Arts Events and Opportunities
(An asterisk* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)

Nov. 1-4 Areca Roe’s “Symbiotic” Exhibit. Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/.

Nov. 1-6 A trio of focused exhibits from the Vilcek Foundation in New York City featuring Ralston Crawford’s “Torn Signs”, Oscar Bluemner’s “Sonnet Series”, and “Stuart Davies in Black and White”. Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom.

Nov. 1-11 Kelly Meyer’s Mixed Media Exhibit in the Beckman Gallery and Joseph Nino’s Photography Exhibit in the Great Hall Gallery. (Reception, Nov. 11, 5:30-7 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Nov. 1-20 Student Creative Suite ’22 Exhibit. Held at the Schaefer Gallery, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. https://gustavus.edu/art/schaefer.php or (507) 933-7200.

*Nov. 1-23 Stephanie Spencer’s Painting Exhibit. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Gallery hours: Tues.-Sat. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Viewing also available online in the virtual gallery. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Nov. 1-Dec. 9 Mark Krambeer’s Nature Art Exhibit, held in the Smallest Museum in Minnesota display case, outside The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

*Nov. 1-April 2023 The 2022 CityArt Walking Sculpture Tour artwork is installed in the city centers of Mankato and North Mankato. www.cityartmankato.com or (507) 388-1062.

*Nov. 2 U.S. Army Jazz Ambassadors Concert, 7 p.m. Free, but tickets are required. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 North State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statesstreetnewulm.org.

Nov. 2 Virtual author event with Lisa Napoli. She will discuss her group biography of the four women whose voices defined National Public Radio, “Susan, Linda, Nina, and Cokie: The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR”, 3-4 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.

Nov. 2-5 Annual Halloween Exhibition. Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com.

Nov. 2-23 Paul Burmeister’s Painting Exhibit. (Reception, Nov. 3, 7 p.m.) Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Nov. 3 Essayist, novelist, and short story author Chris McCormick will discuss his latest work, 6 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

Nov. 3-5 Day of the Dead Exhibit. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

Nov. 3-5 & 10-13 “A Christmas Carol” theater production, Nov. 3-5 & Nov. 10-12 at 7:30 p.m and Nov. 12-13 at 2 p.m. Adults $17, seniors over 65 and youth under sixteen $15. Held at the Ted Paul Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

Nov. 3-6 “TRAGEDY: a Tragedy” theater performance, Nov. 3-5 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 5-6 at 2 p.m. Held at Rob and Judy Gardner Laboratory Theatre, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. www.gac.edu or (507) 933-7353.

Nov. 3-13 Exhibit of new work by Charlie Putnam and Ben Determan. Held at the Carnegie Art Center, 120 S. Broad St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiecenter.com or (507) 625-2730.

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Look for upcoming events, grant deadlines, photos and other important information to be posted!
**Arts Events and Opportunities**

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Nov. 3-Dec. 29 Exhibit by the Prairie Star Quilters. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Gallery Hours: Tues. and Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or by appointment. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

*Nov. 4 The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Chris Silver performing original music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulum.com.

Nov. 4 Concert by Scottie Miller & Cierra Alise Hill, a unique blend of poetry and song rooted in blues and jazz music, 7 p.m. Tickets in advance $12, at the door $15, students $6. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

Nov. 4 Concert by Dustin Lynch with special guest King Calaway, doors open at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Tickets $35-$57.50. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Arena, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. Tickets available at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center Box Office, www.ticketmaster.com, or call 1-800-745-3000. www.mayoclinichealthsystemeventcenter.com

Nov. 4 & 6 “Proclaim the Wonders” WELS West Regional Choral Fest. Pops Concert, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. Sacred Concert, Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. Held at Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Nov. 4-6 “Annie Get Your Gun” musical theater performances. Nov. 4-5 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 6 at 2 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990.

*Nov. 4-6 & 11-13 Mankato Playhouse presents performances of “Chicago Teen Edition” Nov. 4-5 & 11-12 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 6 & 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets: adults $15 and students $12. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

*Nov. 4-6 & 11-13 Merely Players Community Theatre presents “Winnie the Pooh”, Nov. 4-5 & 11-12 at 7 p.m., and Nov. 6 & 13, at 2:30 p.m. Adults $17, seniors and youth 12 and under $15. At the Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St, Mankato. www.merelyplayers.com or (507) 388-5483.

*Nov. 4-Dec. 23 SHOP: A buy-and-take Exhibition by AJ Aburto, Shelley Caldwell, Randy Dinsmore, Rachael James, Shorty Johnson, Larissa McConnich, Charlie Putnam, and Emily Stark. (Reception, Dec. 1, 3-5 p.m.) Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Gallery hours: Wed.-Fri. 1-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun. 1-5 p.m. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Nov. 5 Children’s Author Chris Monroe will talk about how she makes a book, including where she works, where she gets ideas, how she brainstorms and writes, and how she does her cartooning, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Held at the Blue Earth County Library, 100 E. Main St., Mankato. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Nov. 5 A Very Diva Christmas concert, a classic Christmas tribute, 7 p.m. Tickets $15, available online at www.statestreetnewulum.org. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9990 or www.statestreetnewulum.org.

Nov. 7 Honor Band Evening Concert, 6:30 p.m., featuring Dr. James Patrick Miller, Dr. Heidi Miller, and Dr. Karrin Meffert-Nelson. Held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Nov. 9 Film screening and discussion of “Blood Simple” by the Coen brothers, 6:30 p.m. Hosted by The New Ulm Film Society. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulummn.gov/363/Library.

*Nov. 10 “Romantic Quartets” Concert by the La Grande Bande performing Baroque and Romantic era music with period instruments, 7:30 p.m. Tickets: Season pass for 4 concerts $32. Individual concert tickets in advance $10, students $5, available at www.lagrandebande.org/tickets, at the door $15. Come early, at 6:30 p.m., with your ticket and enjoy a pre-concert talk with Michael Asmus as he discusses the musical selections for the concert. A free open rehearsal time will be announced. Held at First Lutheran Church, 213 N. Hennepin St., Winthrop. www.lagrandebande.org or (507) 995-7086.

Nov. 10 Virtual author event with Bonnie Garmus. She will discuss her debut New York Times bestselling novel “Lessons in Chemistry”, 1-2 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. www.beclibrary.org or (507) 304-4001.
**Arts Events and Opportunities**

(An asterisk* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)

**Nov. 10-22** Exhibition by Installation Students. (Reception, Nov. 15, 6-8 p.m.) Held at Centennial Student Union Gallery, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight. [https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/](https://hss.mnsu.edu/academic-programs/art/galleries/current-season/) or (507) 389-6767.

**Nov. 10-Dec. 31** Holiday Boutique, unique handmade gifts created by local artists. Held at the Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 First St. N. Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or [www.artsandheritagecenter.org](http://www.artsandheritagecenter.org).

*Nov. 11* The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Ethan Keller performing folk and blues music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 North Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

*Nov. 11-12* Minnesota Valley Chorale will present their fall concert “Deep Peace”. Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. Tickets $10, available online or at the door. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. [www.minnesotavalleychorale.org](http://www.minnesotavalleychorale.org) or “Minnesota Valley Chorale” on Facebook.

*Nov. 11-12* Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Community Education sponsors Prairie Fire Children’s Theatre production of “The Wizard of Oz”, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 2 p.m., Tickets: adults $6 and students $4. Held at Lake Crystal Wellcome Memorial Secondary School, 607 Knights Lane, Lake Crystal. [https://www.isd2071.k12.mn.us/page/community-ed](https://www.isd2071.k12.mn.us/page/community-ed) or (507) 726-2673.

**Nov. 11** Blue Earth Town & County Players presents “Annual Meeting of the Bethlehem Animal Historical Society” theater performances. Nov. 11 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. Tickets $5, sold at the door. Held at the Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St., Blue Earth. Go to “Blue Earth Town & Country Players” on Facebook.

**Nov. 11-13** “You Can’t Take it With You” theater performance by students from Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, Nov. 11-12 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. Held at the State Street Theater, 1 N. State St., New Ulm. (507) 354-6851.

**Nov. 11-13 & 18-19** “The Adventures of Pinocchio” theater performance, Nov. 11-12 & 18-19 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. Held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or [www.blc.edu](http://www.blc.edu).

**Nov. 11-26** Patti Ruskey’s “What is Free” Photography Exhibit. (Reception, Nov. 11, 7-9 p.m.) Held at The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. [www.the410project.com](http://www.the410project.com).

**Nov. 12** Fall Band Concert, 1:30 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

*Nov. 12* “Weaving Our Stores Together” original show presented by Open Arts Minnesota and the United We Stand Players of New Ulm, highlighting stories from past and present members. Shows at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., pay as you wish donations at the door. Held at the New Ulm Community Center, 600 N. German St. (507) 779-6292 or wilburdfrink@gmail.com

**Nov. 12** Gustavus Symphony Orchestra Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu) or (507) 933-7013.

*Nov. 12-13* Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra’s Fall Music Concerts, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m., held at LeSueur Henderson High School, 901 Ferry St. Nov. 13, at 3 p.m., held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. [www.mayso.net](http://www.mayso.net).

*Nov. 13* The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Kristin Rebecca Meyer performing modern folk and harp music, 3-4:30 p.m., Members $7, non-members $10. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or [www.thegrandnewulm.com](http://www.thegrandnewulm.com).

*Nov. 13* Blue Earth Valley Concert Association sponsors Empire Wild, performing a fusion of classical, pop, jazz standards, folk and originals, 7 p.m. Tickets are sold as a four Concert Series package, adults $50, students $10, or family $110. Ticket holders can also attend four concerts sponsored by the Watonwan County Entertainment Association in St. James. Concert held at Blue Earth Area High School Performing Arts Center, 1125 N. Grove St. (507) 526-7186 or [www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com](http://www.blueearthvalleyconcerts.com).

**Nov. 13** Jazz Fall Showcase, 4:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or [www.gac.edu](http://www.gac.edu).

**Nov. 13** Mountain climber memoir author Jen Loeb will discuss her latest work, 4 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. (507) 345-5120 or [www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary](http://www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary).
*Nov. 13* Meet a Potter at the Open Clay Studio, 2-4 p.m. Come visit with a resident potter as they work. Observe a variety of techniques and approaches to creating in clay. Suggested fee $5. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Nov. 13 Maker Market, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Shop for truly unique items created by local artists. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. www.mankatomakersspace.org or (507) 514-2921.

Nov. 14 300th Anniversary of Bach’s Well-Tempered Clavier, with performances by students and faculty. 7 p.m., held at Christ Chapel, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Nov. 14-Dec. 2 Senior Show. Held at Conkling Gallery, Dept. of Art, MN State University, Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or https://hss.mnsu.edu/academie-programs/art/galleries/current-season/.

Nov. 15 Virtual author event with Kwame Christian. He will chat about his new book “How to Have Difficult Conversations About Race: Practical Tools for Necessary Change in the Workplace and Beyond.”, 11 a.m.-12 Noon. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Blue Earth County Library. (507) 304-4001 or www.beclibrary.org.

Nov. 15 Virtual author event with Patricia Briggs. She will discuss The Mercy Thompson and Alpha and Omega Series, 7 p.m. Contact the library to register and to receive the link. Sponsored by the Waseca Public Library. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

Nov. 16-19 “Last Summer at Bluefish Cove” theater production, 7:30 p.m. each day. Adults $10, seniors over 65 and youth under 16 $9. Held at Andraes Theatre, MN State University, Mankato. www.mnsu.edu/theatre/ or (507) 389-6661.

Nov. 16-Dec. 16 Waseca Art Center’s Juried Art Show. (Reception, Dec. 15, 5:30-7 p.m.) Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

*Nov. 17* View “Smoke Signals”, as part of the Art House Film Series. 7-9:30 p.m., free. Popcorn will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Held at the Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Nov. 17 Gustavus Concert Series with Masa Ishikawa’s jazz quintet performing Masa’s original music, 8 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Nov. 17 Author William Durbin will discuss his latest work, 6 p.m. Held at the North Mankato Police Annex Meeting Room, 1001 Belgrade Ave. Sponsored by North Mankato Taylor Library. www.northmankato.com/taylorlibrary or (507) 345-5120.

Nov. 17 Watonwan County Entertainment Association sponsors Jeeyoon Kim, performing classical piano music, 7 p.m. Tickets at the door $20. Held at Armstrong Auditorium, 500 3rd Ave. S., St. James. “Watonwan County Entertainment Association” on Facebook.

Nov. 18 Mankato Playhouse presents a concert by Good Morning Bedlam, performing folk music, 7:30 p.m. Tickets in advance $15 and at the door $20. Held at the Mankato Event Center, 12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 1700. (507) 508-6539 or www.mankatoplayhouse.com.

*Nov. 18* The Grand Center for Arts & Culture of New Ulm presents live music, featuring Machiko/Sarah and the Hooligans performing eclectic music, 7-9 p.m., free. Food and beverages will be available. Held at the Grand Kabaret, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Nov. 18 Gustavus Philharmonic Orchestra and Campus Band Fall Concert, 7:30 p.m., held at Björling Recital Hall, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. (507) 933-7013 or www.gac.edu.

Nov. 18-19 “The Best of Hank and Rita” Dinner Theater starring Joe Tougas and Ann Fee. Doors open at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the show at 7:30 p.m. each night. Tickets $45. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. www.katoballroom.com or (507) 625-7553.

Nov. 19 Ron Arsenaught and Pat Donohue, Minnesota singer-songwriters in concert, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults $10, kids $5. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Nov. 19 PK Mayo performing blues music, 7 p.m. Tickets: adults $25, seniors $20, youth $5, Veterans/Active Duty $12.50, available online at https://fairmontoperahouse.org/tickets/. Held at the Fairmont Opera House, 45 Downtown Plaza, (507) 238-4900 or www.fairmontoperahouse.org.

Nov. 19 Fall Honors Band Concert, 5 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

Nov. 20 Wind Symphony Concert, 3 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. (507) 766-1990.
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**Nov. 20** Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble Concert, 3 p.m. Held at Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium, Martin Luther College, 1995 Luther Court, New Ulm. “Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble” on Facebook.

**Nov. 22** Fall Honors Recital, 7 p.m. Held at Trinity Chapel, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

**Nov. 21-Jan. 27** “Making Your Mark: Prints and Drawings from the Hechinger Collection” Exhibit. (Reception, Nov. 21, 7-9 p.m.) Held at the Hillstrom Museum of Art, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter. Free & open to the public. Gallery hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. weekdays and 1-5 p.m. weekends. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finearts/hillstrom.

**Nov. 25-27** Mankato Opry Jamboree, classic country and traditional Christmas songs. Nov. 25 & 26 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. Buffet option Nov. 25 & 26 at 5:30 p.m. and Nov. 27 at 12:30 p.m. Tickets: Show only $27, show and buffet meal $45, sold at Rhapsody Music and Kato Ballroom in Mankato, Waseca Music, and Janesville Service Center. Held at the Kato Ballroom, 200 Chestnut St., Mankato. (507) 317-9534 or “Mankato Opry Jamboree” on Facebook.

**Nov. 25-Dec. 18** Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas” theater performances. Nov. 25-26 & Dec. 1-3, 8-9 and 15-17 at 7:30 p.m.; Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 at 2 p.m. General admission tickets $15, $20 or $25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; $15 are sold first, then $20, then $25, shop early for best price. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prague. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

**Nov. 26-27** 20th Annual GSR Fine Art Festival of professional artist vendors selling their locally made, one-of-a-kind work and musical performances. Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission both days. All sales go directly to the artist. Held at the Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato. www.gsrfineartfestival.com.

**Nov. 27** Advent/Christmas in Brass Concert by the Minnesota Riverbend Brass Choir, 7 p.m. Free will offering. Held at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 632 S. Broad St., Mankato. (507) 386-7003.

**Nov. 27-Dec. 20** Chris Smith’s “White Chrismith” original theater performances. Nov. 27-29 & Dec. 4-6, 11-13, & 18-20 at 7 p.m. General admission tickets $15, $20 or $25. There are a specific number of tickets at each price point; $15 are sold first, then $20, then $25, shop early for best price. Held at DalekoArts, 110 E. Main St., New Prairie. (952) 314-9077 or www.dalekoarts.com.

**Nov. 30-Dec. 9** Fall Semester Campus Art Show. (Reception, Dec.1, 7 p.m.) Held at the Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center Gallery, Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Drive, Mankato. Hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. (507) 344-7000 or www.blc.edu.

**ShopART Midwest** is a non-commission online gallery that connects Midwest artists to buyers. This is a service by Twin Rivers Council for the Arts for anyone to have access to handmade art. Search their ShopART gallery at: www.shopartmidwest.com.

**Area Wineries** have live musical entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings. Please contact them for times, musicians.

Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery, 1179 E. Pearl St., Kasota. www.chankaskawines.com or (507) 931-0089.


**Youth Opportunities**

**Nov. 1** Little Rembrandts Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-3, $10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project. This month will be amazing owls. Register at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

**Nov. 1** Club Picasso Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 4-6, $10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to complete a project. This month will be playing with paint. Register at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

**Arts Event Happening in Your Area?**

**Please submit the event information to us by the 15th of the prior month to be included in our newsletter!**

Email the date, time, location, ticket price, and a brief description of the event to: plrac@hickorytech.net.
Nov. 2 Cassatt Society Class, 4:30-6 p.m. Grades 7-12, $10. Students will use elements of art and principles of design to create a project. Meets first Wednesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Nov. 3 Nature Prints Class. 3:30-4:30 p.m., ages 4-7. Get crafty with autumn nature print projects. Held at the LeSueur Public Library, 118 Ferry St. (507) 665-2662.

*Nov. 5 Monoprinting Class with instructor Sarah Huttner. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, ages 12 and up, $30. Use natural materials, paper stencils and painting techniques, to create monoprints. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

*Nov. 5 Kidcasso, Open Art Studio. children of all ages, $5, 9-11 a.m. An open art studio experience for creative learners from high chair to high school. Explore and create a variety of open ended arts and crafts using a variety of fun supplies and embellishments. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration appreciated, however walk-ins welcome. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. www.redrockcenter.org or (507) 235-9262.

*Nov. 8 & 15 The Art of the Personal Essay Workshop with instructor Courtney Sieh. 7-8:30 p.m. each day, $25. Open to high school juniors and seniors. Learn about using the personal essay as a useful form of writing for college admission essays, scholarship applications, artist statements, and sharing personal thoughts and experiences. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Nov. 8 Craft Club. 4:30-6 p.m. Grades K-8, $10. Come in and have a fun time creating an assortment of crafts. This month will be creating different types of pumpkins. Registration required at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Meets second Tuesday of the month. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Nov. 10 Creative Kids, 3:30 p.m. Grades K-1. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

*Nov. 12 Letterpress 1 Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., ages 15 and up, $50. Introduction to letterpress printing, including key terminology, equipment, and tools. Working with others, you will print an edition of posters. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Nov. 17 Wacky Wonders, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 2-5. Class to focus on fun as we explore art, crafts, and STEM projects. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

*Nov. 19 Children's Learn to Paint Class with instructor Rhonda Johnson. 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Grades Kindergarten+; $25. Children will be taught step-by-step painting techniques while also being given the freedom to make the artwork their own. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

*Nov. 19 Letterpress Basics Using Metal Type Class with instructor Denis Crnkovic. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., ages 15 and up, $40. Learn the basics of printing using a small platen press. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Nov. 19, 21-22 Entry days for the ArtScape Juried Art Show, Nov. 19 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and Nov. 21-22 from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Up to 3 submissions per artist. The fee is $5 per submission for the student category grades 7-12 and $10 per submission for the adult category/ $5 per submission rate for adult members of The Grand. Exhibition dates: Dec. 2-23. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. or www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Nov. 22 Teen Tuesday, 4 p.m. Grades 6-12. Class to focus on fun as we explore art and crafts. Registration is required. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

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www.plrac.org lately?

Prairie Lakes has great information to share that is just a click away! Find the latest grant applications and guidelines, workshop videos, monthly newsletters and arts calendar, and more!
**Adult Opportunities**

*Nov. 1-11 Entry Days for the Waseca Art Center’s Juried Art Show. Artists are limited to 2 pieces, with an entry fee of $20 per piece, $10 per piece for members. Prizes awarded for first, second, and third place, and people’s choice. Exhibition Dates: Nov. 16-Dec. 16. Held at Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. www.wasecaartcenter.org or (507) 835-1701.

Nov. 1, 15 & 29 In Stitches Club. Join the knit and crochet club, bring a project you’re working on, 2-4 p.m. Held at the Martin County Library, 110 N Park St., Fairmont. www.martincountylibrary.org or (507) 238-4207.

*Nov. 1-29 Artist Meet-Up. 6-8 p.m., Tuesdays, free. Artists of all ages, mediums, and skill levels can share in the creative process. Led by artist, Maggie Schwab, the meet-up is an opportunity to create and collaborate with other artists. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Nov. 2 & 16 Needlework Group, self-directed time to work on projects including quilting, embroidery, crochet, knitting, etc. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Bring your own supplies. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or (507) 359-8334.

Nov. 2-16 Art Group, self-directed time for artists of all levels and abilities to join this adults-only group. Each artist should bring his/her own materials and ideas. All materials must be non-odorous. 2-5:30 p.m., meets every Wednesday. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library.

*Nov. 2-30 Stitch Witchery: A Weekly Drop-In Sewing Circle. Every Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. Join seamstress Bianca Wilson and sewing enthusiast Ann Rosenquist. Fee for this low-key, high-encouragement community studio experience. Bring your own sewing projects in progress, or just the spark of an idea and some fabric. We’ll provide machines, thread, shears, pins, irons, cutting/planning space, scrap fabric, and inspiration as needed. No registration required; drop-in fee $10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

*Nov. 5 Monoprinting Class with instructor Sarah Huttner. 9 a.m.-12 Noon, $30. Using natural materials, paper stencils and painting techniques, you will create and print your own monoprints. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.

Nov. 6-27 Virtual Drop-In Writers Lounge. Sundays, 1-3 p.m. This is a chance to work quietly while enjoying the fellowship of other writers. We will also provide breakout rooms for those who hope to chat with and bounce ideas off other writers. Pre-registration is required. Hosted by the Betsy-Tacy Society. www.betsy-tacyociety.org, (507) 345-9777, or info@betsy-tacyociety.org.

Nov. 7 Memoir Writing Group. Bring your own writing or a topic to write about and be inspired and share your stories, 10-11:30 a.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmmn.gov/363/Library or www.mankatosymphony.org/competitions.

Nov. 7-28 Inclusive Theater for All. Mondays, 6:30-8 p.m. Open Arts Minnesota and Waseca Public Library have partnered to bring this unique 4-week opportunity. Theater games, embodiment exercises, voice warm-ups, and more in a dramatic arts class. Free, registration is required. Held at the Waseca Public Library, 408 N. State St. (507) 835-2910 or www.wasecalesueurlibraries.com.

Nov. 12 Southern Minnesota Poet’s Society Monthly Meeting. 1-3 p.m. Free, visitors welcome. Bring your own lunch at 12:30 p.m. Held at Em's Creation, 523 S. Second St., Mankato. Sponsored by Southern Minnesota Poets Society. www.southernminneapoes.org or (507) 345-1174.

*Nov. 12 Letterpress 1 Class with instructor Erin Maurelli. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., $50. Introduction to letterpress printing, including key terminology, equipment, and tools. Working with others, you will print an edition of posters. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. www.thegrandnewulm.com or (507) 359-9222.
Arts Events and Opportunities

(An asterisk* denotes Arts Events funded by a Prairie Lakes Grant.)

*Nov. 12 Urban Sketching Class, 1-3 p.m. Join Michael Callahan to learn about the portability of watercolor and ink, while emphasizing speed and freshness over realism. Meets at the Arts Center first, then the group will hit the sidewalks. No registration required; drop-in fee $10. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. www.artscentersp.org or (507) 931-3630.

Nov. 14 Poetry Group. Each participant is encouraged to read aloud two or three poems, of their own or by others, and discuss them. 6:30 p.m. Held at the New Ulm Public Library Meeting Room, 17 N. Broadway. (507) 359-8334 or www.newulmlibrary.org.

Nov. 15-29 Holiday Rosemaling (Oil Painting) Class, 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays, $60. Paint along with instructor Marcedes Hayunga on a fun holiday project. Registration required at https://waseca.ce.eleyo.com. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

*Nov. 19 Letterpress Basics Using Metal Type Class with instructor Denis Crnkovic. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., $40. Learn the basics of printing using a small platen press. Registration required. Held at the Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. (507) 359-9222 or www.thegrandnewulm.com.

Nov. 19, 21-22 Entry days for the ArtScape Juried Art Show, Nov. 19 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and Nov. 21-22 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Up to 3 submissions per artist. The fee is $5 per submission for the student category/ grades 7-12 and $10 per submission for the adult category/ $5 per submission rate for adult members of The Grand. Exhibition dates: Dec. 2-23. Held at 4 Pillars Gallery, The Grand Center for Arts and Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. or www.thegrandnewulm.com or www.artscentersp.org.

*Nov. 21 The Makers Club, 6:30 p.m. Create Batiks with Char Kahler. Free, no registration required. Held at the Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. (507) 235-9262 or www.redrockcenter.org.

*Nov. 23 Open Knitting, 4th Wed. each month, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Bring your projects and make new connections. Held at the Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. (507) 931-3630 or www.artscentersp.org.

Nov. 29 Wreath Decorating Class, 6-7:30 p.m., $30. Held at the Waseca Art Center, 200 State St. N. (507) 835-1701 or www.wasecaartcenter.org.

Nov. Art for All Open Studio. The space has art supplies for the public to use. Wed., Thurs., and Fri. 2-7 p.m. and Sat. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Held at Sidetracked, 420 Park Lane, Mankato. sidetrackedmankato@gmail.com.

Adaptive Recreational Services offers a monthly “Painting with Rhonda Class” for teens and adults with disabilities, 6:15-7:30 p.m. Classes are free; however registration is required. There will be some canvases available for painting at home. For more information contact Adaptive Recreational Services Coordinator Karrie Borchert, (507) 217-0383, arsnu@newulmltel.net, or www.nuars.org.

Mankato Makers Space is offering art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Visit their website to view the list of classes and the restrictions for each class. Held at the Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

The Grand Center for Arts and Culture in New Ulm has an opportunity for artists, historians, and makers in all disciplines to curate a bi-monthly exhibit in “The Smallest Museum in Minnesota”. The museum cabinet is 31.75” wide, 32.75” high and 7.5” deep. The museum is located outside the front entrance at 210 North Minnesota Street, New Ulm. For more information visit www.thegrandnewulm.com/smallest-museum-in-mn.

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Prairie Lakes FY 2022 Grants Awarded
(October 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

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Prairie Lakes receives funding from the Minnesota Legislature through the Legacy Amendment from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, State General funds, and the McKnight Foundation.
Non-profit Art Centers

Arts & Heritage Center of Montgomery, 206 N. First St. Various events and monthly exhibits. Gallery hours: Thurs. & Fri. 2-5 p.m. and Sat. 9 a.m.-12 Noon. (507) 364-8107 or www.artsandheritagecenter.org.

Arts Center of Saint Peter, 315 S. Minnesota Ave. Monthly exhibits, an extensive variety of children, youth, and adult art classes and clay classes are offered at www.artcentersp.org/classes. Register online for classes at www.stpetercommunityedonline.com or www.artcentersp.org/classes/. Gallery hours: Tues. & Wed. 1-6 p.m., Thurs. 1-8 p.m., Fri. & Sun. 1-5 p.m. and Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. info@artcentersp.org, (507) 931-3630 or www.artcentersp.org.

Carnegie Art Center, 120 South Broad Street, Mankato. Artist studios, monthly exhibits and a unique Gift Shop featuring original art work by local artists. Wheelchair accessible. The Carnegie is closed one week each month for gallery installation. Gallery hours: Thurs. 1-7 p.m., Fri. 1-4 p.m. & Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. www.thecarnegiemankato.com, artctr@hickorytech.net or (507) 625-2730.

Mankato Makerspace, 1700 3rd Ave., Mankato. They offer art classes in ceramics, leather, glass work, metal sculpture, woodworking and more. Visit their website to view the list of classes offered. (507) 514-2921 or www.mankatomakerspace.org.

Red Rock Center for the Arts, 222 E. Blue Earth Ave., Fairmont. Hours: Tues., Wed., & Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and evenings & weekends by appointment. Monthly art exhibitions, artist receptions, workshops, various events for all ages and ballroom dances. www.redrockcenter.org, (507) 235-9262, or redrockcenter@frontiernet.net.

The 410 Project, 523 S. Front St., Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Hours: Wed.-Sat. 2-6 p.m. www.the410project.com or the410project@hotmail.com.

The Grand Center for Arts & Culture, 210 N. Minnesota St., New Ulm. Music will be promoted via our website and social media. Gallery shows held monthly, with virtual slideshows online. Gallery and gift shop hours: Tues.-Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m., office hours Tues.–Fri. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Smallest Museum in MN display case is located outside. Artist studios available for rent on third floor. www.thegrandnewulm.com, (507) 359-9222, or grand@thegrandnewulm.com.

Waseca Art Center, 200 N. State Street. Monthly exhibits and educational programs. Hours: Tues. & Wed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Thurs & Fri. 12 Noon-5 p.m. (507) 835-1701, www.wasecaartcenter.org, or info@wasecaartcenter.org.

College Galleries

Bethany Lutheran College, 700 Luther Dr., Mankato. Art exhibits are held at Ylvisaker Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours: Sun.-Thurs. 1-9 p.m. and Fri. & Sat. 1-8 p.m. www.blc.edu/art-exhibits.

Conkling Art Gallery, 139 Nelson Hall, MN State University, Mankato. Monthly exhibits. Hours: Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (507) 389-6412 or www.mnsu.edu/artdept.

Hillstrom Museum of Art, 800 W. College Ave., Gustavus Adolphus, College, St. Peter. Events are free and open to the public. Hours: weekdays 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and weekends 1-5 p.m. (507) 933-7200 or www.gustavus.edu/finarts/hillstrom/.

South Central College Lookout Gallery, Room C167, 1920 Lee Blvd., North Mankato. Gallery hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. To inquire about displaying artwork, email: michelle.johnson@southcentral.edu.

Student Union Gallery, lower level of the Centennial Student Union, MN State University, Mankato. Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. to 12 Midnight, Sat. 8 a.m. to 12 Midnight, and Sun. 10 a.m. to 12 Midnight.

Community Theaters

Curtain Call Theatre. Performances are held in different LeSueur County locations. www.curtaincalltheatre.net or (507) 744-8497.

Mankato Playhouse, 12 Civic Center Plaza Ste 1700, Mankato. www.mankatoplayhouse.com, (507) 317-1245 or (507) 338-5800.

Merely Players Community Theatre. Performances at Lincoln Community Center, 110 Fulton St., Mankato. info@merelyplayersmn.org, www.merelyplayers.com or (507) 388-5483.

Springfield Community Theatre. Performances are held at the Springfield High School, 12 Burns Ave. (507) 723-6315, go to “Springfield Community Theatre, Springfield, MN” on Facebook.

State Street Theater Company. Performances at their building, 1 N. State Street, New Ulm. (507) 359-9990, info@statetstreetnewulm.org, www.statetstreetnewulm.org.
Grant Opportunities

Nov. 18 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Writers. The Loft administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and five $25,000 fellowships are awarded to accomplished Minnesota writers in creative prose and children’s literature or older children. Go online to https://loft.org/awards/mcknight for more information. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/.

Nov. 21 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Fiber Artists. The Textile Center administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and two $25,000 fellowships are awarded to individual midcareer (and beyond!) fiber artists living and working in Minnesota. Go online to https://textilecentermn.org/2023mcknightappinfo/ for more information. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/.

Dec. 15 Fellowship Grant Deadline for Playwriting. The Playwrights Center administers fellowships on behalf of the McKnight Foundation and recognizes and supports mid-career playwrights living and working in Minnesota who demonstrate a sustained body of work, commitment, and attributes of artistic merit. The two fellowships include: a $25,000 stipend, an additional $2,500 to support a play development workshop and other professional expenses, and $1,400 in travel funds. Go online to https://pwcenter.org/programs/mcknight-fellowships-in-playwriting for more information. All McKnight Fellowship Programs can be found at https://www.mcknight.org/programs/arts/the-mcknight-artist-fellowships/.