

June 2011 – Calendar of Events

North Mankato Taylor Library – ArtSplash Art Festival on Sat., June 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Free event. Over 40 local artists will display and sell their wares while three local bands perform. Hot dogs from the Boy Scouts and DQ Dilly Bars will also be sold. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day.

Blue Earth County Library - Preschool story times on Tues. and Thurs. all month at 10:30 a.m.

Waseca Public Library – Registration for the summer reading program begins on June 8. The program is for kids ages 3-18. Reading prizes, crafts, and a variety of activities are available through the end of July for those who register. For more information call (507)835-2910.

St. Peter Public Library – Preschool story times on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. and first Saturday of the month at 10:15 a.m.

Blue Earth County Historical Society (BECHS)

- **Victorian Lawn Party** on Sat. June 4th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy lawn games, costumed characters, refreshments, a child's tea party, and more! Free and open to the public; but, admission is required for tours of the Hubbard House, which will be given by a costumed-tour guide. Cost for tours is \$5 for adults, \$2 for kids, and free for BECHS members/kids under 4.
- **Story time with the Hubbard Girls!** Join Katherine and Mary Ester Hubbard as they entertain children every Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. with stories, crafts and games on the Hubbard House lawn! Runs from June 17 through August 26 and is free and open to the public.

Dance Conservatory of SO MN - Dance Conservatory Spring Dance Concert featuring dancers from Waterville and the Mankato area. Show at noon and 4:00 p.m. on Sat., June 4. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$7 for kids ages 3-12. Kids under 3 are free.

Greater Mankato Growth's 2011 Songs on the Lawn Band Line-up

- June 2 - The Divers
- June 9 – The Ride
- June 16 – Dazy Head Mazy
- June 23 – Blue Ox Jazz Babies
- June 30 – The DW3

Songs on the Lawn takes place at Jackson Park in Mankato's City Center from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. each Thursday in June. Regional bands perform while local food vendors offer tasty treats. Free admission. For more info about the event contact (507)385.6640 or info@greatermankato.com.

Mankato Symphony Orchestra – Sat., June 4 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at the Mankato YMCA. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids. Join us for Handel Goes to Ireland, a great first concert experience! Young children are welcome to wander about the room during the performance. Treats, free t-shirts, and prizes are available at each performance.

Twin Rivers Council for the Arts – Arts by the River on Sat., June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sun., June 12 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Located in Riverfront Park, Arts by the River will include fine arts, live music performances in the amphitheatre, fabulous food and drink vendors, along with an area for children's activities to keep the whole family entertained. Visit www.artsbytheriver.com for updates!

Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota (CMSM) - Traveling Awesome Arts Dates – Partial Listing. See www.cmsouthernmn.org for the entire calendar and more info.

- Thurs., June 2 at Songs on the Lawn, Mankato
- Tues., June 7 at Winthrop Public Library
- Sat., June 11 and Sun., June 12 at Mankato Riverfront Park
- Tues., June 14 at St. James Public Library
- Wed., June 15 at Mapleton Public Library

Creative Play Place – St. Peter Community Center (Room 127) - Visit us at www.creativeplayplace.wordpress.com or on Facebook!