

Mural Will Leave A Lasting Impression

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An unveiling event held the evening of August 26th at the Blue Earth County Library was the culmination of a year's work by 25 Mankato Area youth of all ages. The event showcased the creativity of the youth--a 3-panel mural titled "Passage of Time" (pictured below)--depicting the past, present, and future of the Mankato Area. The youth painted the mural throughout the school year under the apprenticeship of renowned artist Marian Anderson. The youth were selected from a group of 76 students who participated in an art exhibit at the Library a year ago.

In Anderson's own words, she describes the youth's artwork as follows:

The three-section painting spells out the passage of time in our community. This passage of time is represented by the clock.

- *The left panel represents the past as we travel forward by foot, horse and buggy, boat and by train.*
- *The center panel represents the present. The Lady of Justice on the dome of our courthouse holds the scales of justice as a symbol of fair and equal administration of the law without corruption, avarice, prejudice or favor.*
- *The right panel represents the future as the American flag pulls memories of the past and reaches forward*

into the future. This panel reaches out holding the fragile future to the unknown as all colors salute proudly.

- *The Minnesota River serves as an artery strongly representing the life it brings to our community.*

The painting is on display in the Library's children's wing, where it will stay for years to come. The unveiling event can be viewed on Cable Channel 12 at 5:30 p.m. Sundays, 7 a.m. Tuesdays, 10 p.m. Thursdays and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays.

Midwest Wireless supported the final segment of the project, and provided funding to have professional prints made of the mural. Prints are available for sale at the Pages Past Bookstore in the Library for \$10 (print only) and \$13 (acid-free wrap on cardboard backing). Proceeds from the print sales will benefit future youth programs at the Library.

Pages Past Bookstore Hours:

Mon. 3-7 p.m., Tues. 1-7 p.m., Wed. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thurs. 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Fri. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



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- Audio Cassette Recorder: \$4.00/week
- Camcorder: \$20.00/day
- Closed Caption Decoder: Free/week
- DVD Player: \$15.00/day
- Multimedia Projector: \$100.00/day
- Opaque Projector: \$10.00/day
- Overhead Projector: \$6.00/day
- Phonograph Monaural: \$6.00/week
- Presentation Kit: \$8.00/day
- Projection Screen: \$10.00/day
- Portable Public Address System: \$15.00/day
- Slide Projector: \$15.00/day
- Super 8-mm Projector: \$10.00/day

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Wed.-Sat.: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
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10:00 a.m. Wednesdays
10 a.m. Thursdays

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Fri.: 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat.: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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104 First Ave.
Phone: (507) 524-3513

HOURS

Tues.: 1-5 p.m.
Wed.: 10 a.m.-noon;
1-5 p.m.; 6-8 p.m.
Thurs.: 1-5 p.m.
Fri.: 1-5 p.m.; 6-8 p.m.
Sat.: 10 a.m.-noon

STORY TIME & CRAFTS

10:30 a.m. Saturdays

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