GRASS VALLEY-NEVADA CITY CULTURAL DISTRICT

Welcome to Culture Connection

Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's newsletter, featuring the events, stories, and people of our community

STAY SAFE. STAY STRONG. STAY CREATIVE.

Important American Rescue Plan Grant Funding Available to Creative Sector Organizations in Nevada County!

Community Resiliency Grants Program – with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act the County of Nevada seeks grant applications from community-serving institutions and programs that respond to the negative economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are designed to increase resiliency, support recovery, and provide relief. Read the County of Nevada's press release, which includes nominal instructions and contact information, here>> **Make sure to attend the County's virtual applicant's conference on August 11 at 2pm.** To join this special Microsoft Teams meeting, click here or call in on (530) 414 9282 (Conference ID 228035286#).

MORE INFO

NEA's American Rescue Plan Grants to Organizations – applications for which are due in mid-late August, offers one-time grants to eligible organizations including, but not limited to, nonprofit arts organizations, arts service organizations, federally recognized tribal communities or tribes, and a wide range of other organizations that can help advance the goals of this program. See Eligibility for more information, listen to this recording of the NEA's own webinar, as well as a PDF of its PowerPoint presentation, or a recording of our own locally-led Q&A of last week.

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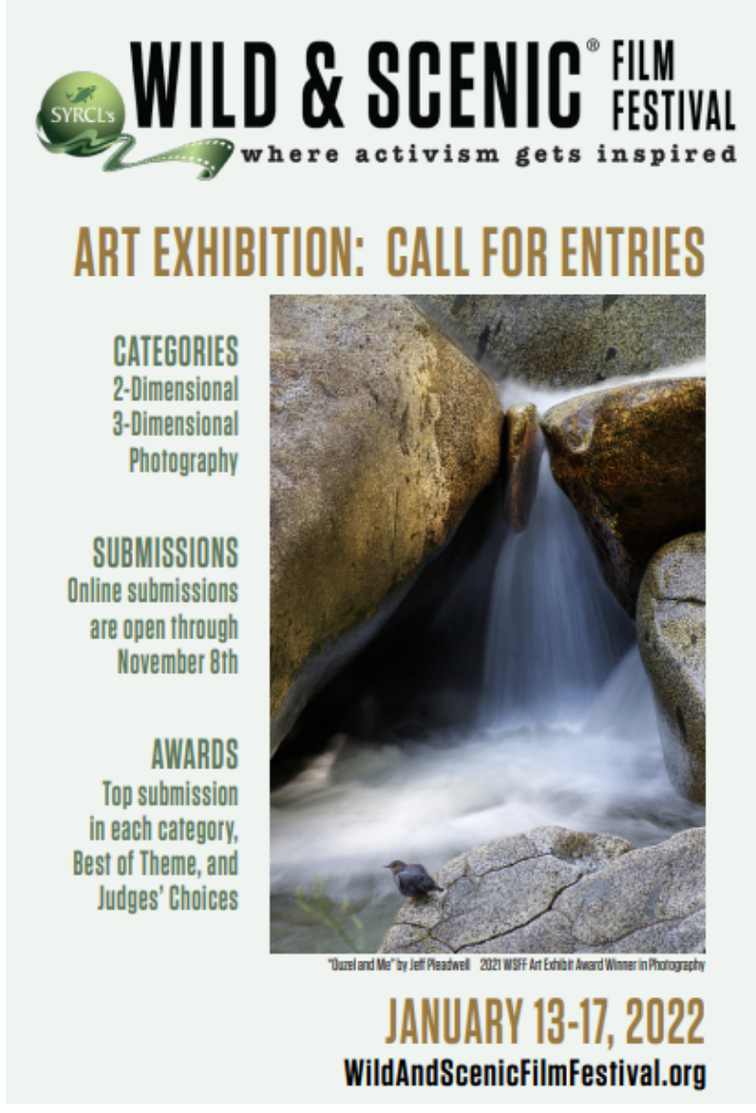

Submissions are open for the Wild and Scenic Film Festival Art Exhibit

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival (WSFF), in collaboration with Nevada County Arts Council is once again inviting artists to submit their environmental artwork for possible inclusion at the **20th annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival, taking place January 13-17, 2022.**

Throughout the Festival, juried art will be displayed at venues in both Grass Valley and Nevada City, and attendees can meet the artists during the Art Strolls. Our twin cities have been designated by California Arts Council as Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District (one of 14 cultural districts in the state) for their thriving cultural diversity and unique artistic identities.

Artists are encouraged to submit pieces that will inspire environmental activism through art and highlight the beauty of the natural world. Artwork is not required to adhere to this year's theme of "Currents of Hope", but there will be an award for Best of Theme. Artists may submit up to three pieces in the following categories:

- **2-D**: Paintings, prints, collages, mixed media, and panels with 1.5 inches or less of depth variation

- **3-D:** Sculpture and pieces with depth variations greater than 1.5 inches
- **Photography:** All photography, including digital and film, color, and black and white

Selected artists are eligible for honors awarded by our 2022 Art Judges:

Joshua Harrison is a filmmaker, educator, and co-director of the Center for the Study of the Force Majeure, bringing together artists, scientists, engineers, planners and visionaries to design regenerative systems and policies that address climate change. Harrison leads the Living Forests Project, a multidisciplinary group working to build a systems approach to the fire and water crises in California. He is co-founder and artistic director of the St Barth Film festival, now celebrating its 25th season, and an early advisor to Nevada County Arts Council's FOREST⇌*FIRE* project, the culminating exhibition for which runs concurrently to the 2022 WSFF.

Consuelo (Chelo) Montoya is an artist, educator, and cultural producer. She is the Assistant Vice President of Adult Education and Public Programs at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art where she oversees the music, film, docent and public programs. She previously served as Director of Education and Public Programs at the California African American Museum. She was the founding administrator and faculty member in the Master of Public Practice program at Otis College of Art and Design, contributing to the development of the program over the course of a decade. Chelo received her undergraduate degree in Fine Art from the University of California, Santa Cruz, her M.A. in Public Art Studies from the University of Southern California, and an MFA in Graphic Design at Otis College of Art and Design, with much of her work dedicated to issues of water and climate change. She has worked with local artists to produce the SELA Arts Festival in Southeast Los Angeles since it began in 2018. Chelo sits on the Board of Trustees executive committee of the Vincent Price Art Museum and is a council member for the California Arts Council.

John Natsoulas is the owner of The John Natsoulas Center for the Arts in Davis, California, the longest running gallery in the region. Established over three decades ago, the gallery has earned numerous honors, supported emerging artists, and advanced fine art with its dynamic and forward-thinking concern. Today, the Center continues in this direction, producing historical and high-profile exhibitions, publishing hundreds of artists' catalogs and books, hosting educational conferences, and spearheading the country's first Transmedia Art Walk in downtown Davis, with its fifty plus sculptures and murals by local artists. John Natsoulas is also a curator, lecturer and expert on the Beat Generation and Funk Art Movement. He runs the largest art book publishing company on the west coast, John Natsoulas Press, as well as being the founder of the annual California Conference for the Advancement of Ceramic Art (CCACA) and the annual Art of Painting in the 21st Century Conference.

Important 2021-2022 Dates:
September 15: Early Deadline, $20
October 25: Regular Registration Deadline, $30
November 8: Extended Deadline, $45
December 15: Notice of acceptance
January 13: Art Exhibition and Film Festival begins

To submit online, visit https://www.nevadacountyarts.org/wild-scenic-art

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Below are highlights of the many community events happening this month. For a full list of upcoming events, please see the Nevada County Arts Councils' Arts Calendar**. Submit your event for the calendar** here**>>**

Early Bird Tickets! Nevada City Film Festival August 27th - September 3rd

Nevada City Film Festival **is in-person this year, and right around the corner.** Kicking off on August 20-September 3, the Festival has just extended its Early Bird ticket deadline to August 9th. This year's lineup of movies, filmmakers, panels, workshops and, of course, parties looks pretty amazing, and reminds us of why Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District earned its stripes. A celebratory blend of indoor and outdoor events, with screenings at the historic Nevada Theatre, new state-of-the-art The Center for the Arts, exquisite Onyx Theatre, and always fun Pioneer Park, there will be 100+ films, 50+ filmmakers, after parties, filmmaker happy hours, in town hikes, family films, late night horror, scavenger hunts, producers retreat, and so much more.

Early bird tickets on sale through August 9th. Purchase tickets and learn more at: nevadacityfilmfestival.com

TICKETS

Community Involvement Day
August 2nd

Participate in Community Involvement Day on **August 2nd, 2021, 1pm – 6pm, at the Main Street Center at the Nevada County Fairgrounds.** Make a donation to one of the participating organizations, and receive coupons for buy one $7 Fair admission ticket and get one free. Donate Blood and receive a free admission ticket to the Fair.

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BLUR: Ruth Chase Exhibit
August 6th - September 11th

The Granucci Gallery at The Center for the Arts is excited to present **BLUR: Unraveling the Feminine, Masculine, and Everything In-between**, the gallery's first solo exhibition of artist Ruth Chase's work. On view from August 6 – September 11, 2021, this exhibition consists of portraits and figurative paintings, video, an art film, and a public engagement piece. The show is a collaboration between Ruth and more than sixty volunteer participants.

Exhibition Dates: August 6 – September 11, 2021
Opening Reception: Friday, August 20, 5 – 7 PM
Artist Talk: Thursday, September 9, 5 – 7 PM
Gallery Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 12 – 4 PM
Location: Center for The Arts | The Granucci Gallery, 314 W. Main St., Grass Valley, CA

Image credit: Ruth Chase

EXHIBIT INFO

Nevada County Fair
August 11th - 15th

The Nevada County Fair is back with five days of excitement and fun planned for Fairgoers! The Nevada County Fair is the perfect opportunity to enjoy musical entertainment, delicious food, carnival rides, animals, and exhibits in a community-friendly environment and at affordable family prices!

Dates: August 11 – 15, 2021
Location: Nevada County Fair Grounds,
11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley, CA 95949

(530) 273-6217

Maps and Directions to the Fairgrounds

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EVENT INFO

Creatives Meetup at the Miner' Foundry
August 12th

Join us on Thursday August 12th at 5:30pm for our first in-person Creatives Meetup of the year at the Miners Foundry. Co-hosted by Nevada County Arts Council and Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District.

Please bring a mask, whether vaccinated or not, and join us in the Foundry's bar area for safe companionship, news from the field, and a conversation about creative sector recovery in service to the broader community.

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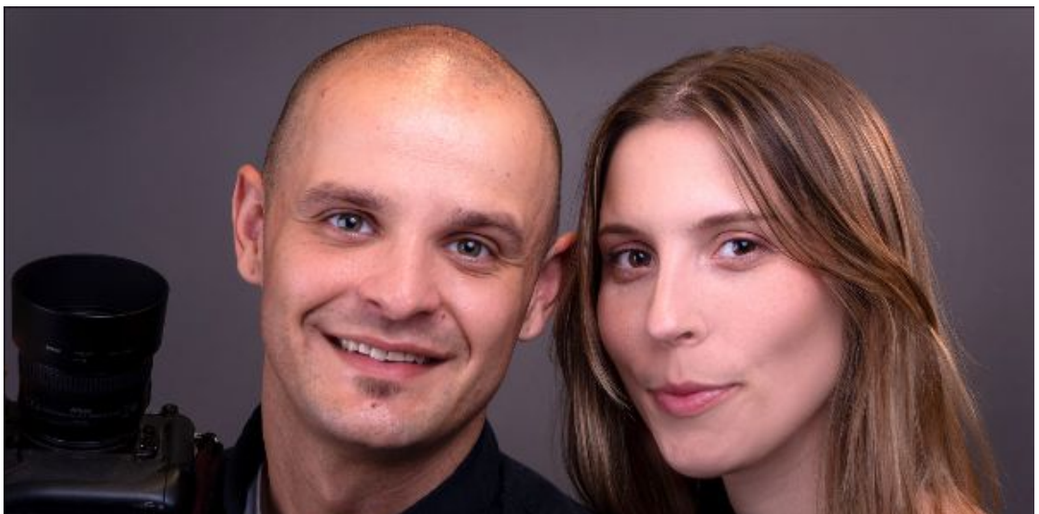
LOCAL SPOTLIGHT



Local Artist/Business Spotlight: Nathan Anglin & co. Contemporary Fine Art Portrait Studio

Nevada County's Newest Fine Art Portrait Studio is open! In February of this year, Nathan & Samantha Anglin opened their first portrait studio in Grass Valley amidst a pandemic. They decided it was time to take on a new venture and pursue Nate's dreams of becoming a professional portrait photographer because there was no better time than the present.

We asked Nathan and Samantha: What made you decide to make Nevada County the home for your business?
We chose this area to open our portrait studio because we have been long time locals and we love the people in this area. Both Samantha and I moved here as young children and we have deep roots in the community.

Location: 2428 Nevada City Highway, Grass Valley, CA. All are invited to stop by to see.
Email: anglinportraits@gmail.com
Phone: (530) 802-2210
Website: https://www.nathananglin.com/
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Local Business Spotlight: Fieldmouse Press

Fieldmouse Press, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit comics press located in Grass Valley, was established in 2019, and is best known for their online literary magazine SOLRAD. The mission of the organization is to advance the comics arts through the publication of criticism, essays, and art for the benefit of the public.

We asked Fieldmouse Press President, Daniel Elkin: What made you decide to make Nevada County the home for your organization?
I've lived in Nevada County for over two decades and I've always been impressed with the passion and innovative mindset of our creative community. When we decided to form Fieldmouse Press as a nonprofit publisher and advocate for the comics arts, locating our business in Nevada County made perfect sense. The dynamism of the arts community here and their willingness to share ideas and resources could only support us in our endeavors. Additionally, while the awareness of comics, in general, has exploded in recent years, the types of comics arts we advocate for, small alternative press and self-published work, did not have a voice in Nevada County. We knew, given the enthusiasm for the arts here, our mission would fit right in the greater arts ecosphere of the area. And we were right! Since our formation, we have been fiscally sponsored by the Nevada County Arts Council and have been invited to present on the comics arts at a number of local events. As we continue to grow as an organization, we know that Nevada County will always be there, helping us to spread the awareness and appreciation of the amazing, powerful, and important art form we champion.

Fieldmouse Press is currently working with Ariel Bordeaux, the creator of Deep Girl, No Love Lost, and Raisin Pie, to publish her new graphic memoir through Kickstarter. Please consider supporting *Clutter: A Scatterbrained Sexual Assault Memoir,* which is Fieldmouse Press's first Kickstarter. The Kickstarter campaign ends Sunday, August 11. Kickstarter website here>>

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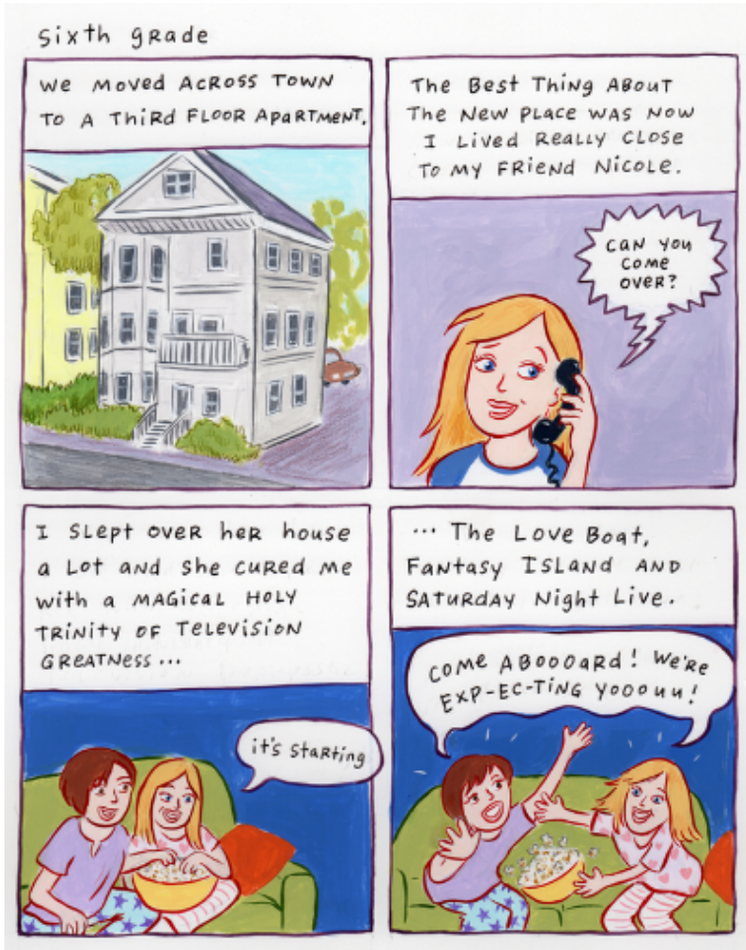
Photo of the Month - #GVNCCulturalDistrict on Instagram

Grass Valley-Nevada City is one of 14 districts selected by The California Arts Council to serve as California's inaugural state-designated Cultural Districts. Each one of us is an ambassador of our community, so **please help us celebrate our heritage and the people, places, traditions and events that contribute to the quality of life here by sharing your photos on Instagram with** #GVNCCulturalDistrict

Each month we select one photo to share here, but there are many more artists and businesses to check out!



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ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CALI Catalyst Grants for Changemakers

The Center for Cultural Innovation (CCI) **is offering unrestricted grants through the** CALI Catalyst program **of up to $5,000 to California changemakers** whose bold actions are shifting the arts and culture sector in ways that give underrepresented populations—Black, Indigenous, people of color, LGBTQIA+, and people with disabilities—more power and influence.

CALI Catalyst applicants/nominees can be individuals or teams of individuals. Applicants must be an artist or arts works and a full-time resident of California. **Applications are due by 5 p.m. PT on the 15th of every other month,** with a one-month response turnaround. For the 2021 award cycle, the remaining application deadlines (and notification dates) are:

September 15 (notification by October 15)
November 15 (notification by December 15)
Applications will be accepted online ONLY through CCI's submittable platform.

An informational webinar will be hosted by CCI on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM . The webinar will provide an overview of the application, helpful tips, and a live Q & A. If you are unable to attend the webinar, a recording will be made available on CCI's website.

APPLY

UPDATED!!! COVID-19 Resources for the Creative Community

Nevada County Arts Council has put together a directory of the most current news and resources for the creative community and the community at large. This directory, which is updated regularly, includes information about funding, staying connected and virtual entertainment opportunities. Check out the resources directory for information that supports individuals, organizations, small businesses and more.

COVID-19 RESOURCES DIRECTORY

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