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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.

Live Broadcasts from The Center for the Arts

On select Friday nights, The Center for the Arts invites you to tune in from home to enjoy live streaming shows. These special broadcasts will be available online at thecenterforthearts.org.

On Friday, November 27th, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm, The Center will present Golden Shoulders. A long-tenured band from Nevada City, they are known for their freewheeling mix of scrappy indie rock, power pop, and folk as well as a constantly fluctuating lineup which centers around the melodic songwriting of leader Adam Kline. Opening for Golden Shoulders will be Paige Lucille. RSVP here.

On Friday, December 4th, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm, Alasdair Fraser **and Natalie Haas will perform**. The musical partnership between consummate performer Alasdair Fraser, "the Michael Jordan of Scottish fiddling", and brilliant Californian cellist Natalie Haas spans the full spectrum between intimate chamber music and ecstatic dance energy. Over the last 20 years of creating a buzz at festivals and concert halls across the world, they have truly set the standard for fiddle and cello in traditional music. RSVP here.

MORE INFO

#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Giving Tuesday is December 1st

Nevada County Arts Council, together with the Cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City, and the Greater Grass Valley and Nevada City Chambers – encourages generosity of spirit this Giving Tuesday. Never have the arts held more meaning for the future health of our community, and we remain proud of our designation as one of the state's fourteen inaugural California Cultural Districts. Please give generously to our local arts community on December 1st.

"Diverse Perspectives" Book Club

The Madelyn Helling Library will host Diverse Perspectives Book Club on Tuesday, December 1st, 2020, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm. The book club provides the opportunity to learn about various cultures, ideas, and new perspectives. It is half book discussion & half activity. The book club meet sthe first Tuesday of every month to discuss the book and also to participate in an activity such as local author talks, short films, cooking and learning new cuisines, and getting to know local organizations!

Each month has a dedicated theme. December 1st is World AIDS Day. The book pick this month is Don't Call Us Dead by Danez Smith.

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CARES Act Grant Opportunity

The Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 recognizes that the nonprofit creative sector is an important part of America's economy. In response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, the National Endowment for the Arts awarded 40 percent of its CARES appropriation directly to state and regional arts agencies. As a state agency, the California Arts Council is distributing its share of funding to those among its State Local-Partners (SLPs) who elected to opt in.

Nevada County Arts Council, as SLP for Nevada County, will distribute $12,630 among eligible applicant organizations or groups who serve socially vulnerable populations and, particularly, communities of color, impacted by COVID-19. **The deadline to apply is December 11th, 2020.**

This opportunity is called "Nevada County CARES for the Arts." It aligns with both the California Arts Council's public mission and commitment to racial equity, and Nevada County Arts Council's own cultural equity principles, which respect and value diverse life experiences and heritages and ensure that all voices are valued and heard.

GUIDELINES and APPLICATION

Victorian Christmas 2020 in Nevada City

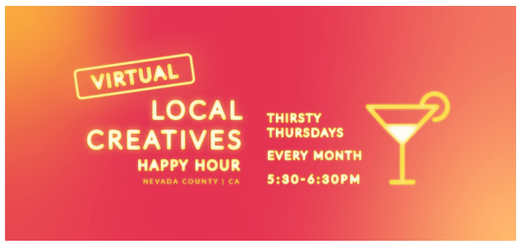
Due to COVID-19, the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce's annual Victorian Christmas will be reimagined as a hometown Victorian holiday.

In keeping with public health and safety guidelines, there will be no street closures, large crowds, or street vendors. Instead there will be an emphasis on showcasing Nevada City's charming retail shops and restaurants, along with the town's beautiful and festively decorated streets, homes, and buildings.

Beginning Friday of Thanksgiving weekend and running through the end of December, shops and restaurants in downtown Nevada City will extend their hours to 8pm on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

On Wednesdays and Sundays, which would have typically been Victorian Christmas, participating downtown businesses will offer shoppers dressed in Victorian or other festive attire a 10% discount. Father Christmas will make his annual appearance on Sunday afternoons. Craft vendors from the popular Nevada City Craft Fair and other favorite long time Victorian Christmas vendors will create a unique artisan's market selling "Nevada City Made" goods at the former City Council Coffee building located at 233 Broad Street. For those wishing to do curbside pickup from their favorite local small business, ten-minute parking spots will be designated for quick pick-ups and drop offs. For those who'd prefer to do their shopping online, participating merchants will offer an online tour of their shop via their website and social media, where you can then either purchase goods from their online store or call the shop directly. These and many more COVID compliant activities will be offered throughout the month of December.

MORE INFO



December Local Creatives Happy Hour

Nevada County Arts Council, Nevada City Film Festival, together with representatives from the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District, including the Cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City, our Chambers of Commerce and Truckee Cultural District will be hosting a VIRTUAL version of their popular monthly happy hour for creatives on **Thursday, December 3rd, from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.** This is a free event held via Zoom.

Together, we'll take a moment to do a quick "year in review" – then a positive, forward-thinking look at the year to come. What would you like to share with us, whether you are a creative, a cultural worker, or the owner / manager of a creative business, in terms of your aims for 2021? We want to hear from you – please join us!

You will need to register in advance, after which you will receive a confirmation email containing a link to join us.

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Nisenan Heritage Month

November is Nisenan Heritage Month and Nevada City Rancheria has made a creative decision to combine their annual Nisenan Heritage Day Cultural community event and their annual Harvest Dinner fundraiser into a month-long cultural and educational opportunity.

During the month of November, this event will feature weekly offerings of digital content in reflection of the work California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP) has done over the last decade. They will also share the history of Nisenan people and the story of the Nevada City Rancheria through interviews, photos, video, song and a premiere of CHIRP's new podcast/vlog.

Thanks in part to a Local Impact grant from the California Arts Council, Nevada County Arts Council and Nevada City Film Festival are partnering with Nisenan Tribal members and CHIRP to raise visibility through film. The first episode of Nisem K'auwak' - We Are Here, and other film moments will be presented throughout Nisenan Heritage Month.

CHIRP remains steadfast in its mission to Preserve, Protect and Perpetuate Nisenan Culture. In the spirit of reciprocity, join us in making this a community endeavor!

DONATE

WHAT A RELIEF!

In Summer 2020 Nevada County Arts Council launched the Nevada County Artist Relief Fund in response to the devastating impacts of COVID-19 on the working lives of our artists. It continues to lead this relief effort in partnership with Nevada County's myriad arts organizations, as well as the online arts festival called WHAT A RELIEF!.

Now, from the many submissions of fresh, original footage we received during the summer, Nevada County Arts Council, has edited a shorter audio visual montage so that we can keep adding to our relief fund for artists. They invite you to enjoy and share this delightful film, and to encourage others to give generously. You can view this video montage here.

During the Giving Season, Nevada County Artist Relief Fund continues to accept gifts through its online campaign for WHAT A RELIEF! You can donate at the link below.

WHAT A RELIEF! is supported by generous contributions from Sierra Nevada Brewery, the Robertson Family Foundation, Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra (CATS), Nevada City Film Festival and Coldwell Banker Grass Roots Realty Commercial Division, and a complete list of individual donors please can be found here.

DONATE

Nevada County Artist Relief Fund

Arts events, concerts, and productions have been cancelled in venues across the county due to the effects of COVID-19 - and professional artists whose livelihoods are dependent on these events are facing insurmountable losses.

In response, Nevada County Arts Council has formed a coalition of local arts organizations to create an emergency initiative to offer financial and informational resources to artists within Nevada County.

Now is the time to give back to our artists who contribute so much to the quality of our lives and the wellbeing of our community. Funds will be distributed as micro relief grants to eligible artists once our fund has reached a critical level.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY! Your tax-deductible donation goes directly toward the support of professional artists in all disciplines whose livelihoods have been affected by the public health crisis. **The fund has already received very generous $500 donations from both Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra (CATS) and Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, and hopes to raise $40,000 for our local artists.**

DONATE

Fire Season Resources

We are now navigating the full force of wildfire season in our beautiful mountain home. Nevada County Arts Council has created a Resources and Assistance page for the creative community including local updates and critical planning tools .

They have been working with the County on a special "Find Your Five" downloadable card for creatives. You can download the card now to help prepare for current and future threats by sharing your emergency plan with five trusted Emergency Allies. The more connected we are, the more likely we are to get accurate information in a timely manner and survive an emergency.

RESOURCES and ASSISTANCE

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, including:

- Funding for organizations
- Funding for individual artists
- Virtual entertainment from around the globe in all disciplines - including dance, film, kids activities, literary arts, music, podcasts, theatre, and the visual arts
- Staying connected via the best of social media
- Arts education
- Preparedness in the arts and for creative businesses
- State and local government updates
- Arts advocacy
- Artist calls for Nevada County Artists in all disciplines
- Calendar of both virtual and place-bound events

COVID-19 RESOURCES DIRECTORY

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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.**

Follow these local artists and businesses who are already sharing their images and video: (Click on the name to view their Instagram page; click on the image to view that specific photo on their page.)

#YubaRiverPeople

#NevadaCityRancheriaNisenan

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