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Welcome to Culture Connection

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

April Creative Meetup and Opening Reception for Art in Public Spaces

Thursday, April 10
4:00 - 6:00pm

Eric Reed Administrative Building
950 Maidu Drive, Nevada City, Nevada County

Welcome to the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's April Creative Meetup, a relaxed and fun connection that will bring together artists along Brunswick Road in Grass Valley, and in Downtown Nevada City, to share updates, ideas, and upcoming opportunities in arts and culture.

Art in Public Spaces is an emerging collaborative curation and art advisory committee that includes Nevada County Arts Council, Nevada County Cultural Collaborative, Grass Valley Downtown, Leaning Pine Arboretum, and Nevada County Cultural Commission.

Along with photographers of the pandemic, paintings by Rex Ronald, creations by Nevada County artists will be on display. Free parking is available in the parking lot behind the Eric Reed Administrative Building. Refreshments will be served. Please bring your ideas, questions, and curiosity to share.

Our monthly Creative Meetups are a great way to make connections with fellow artists, find out about upcoming opportunities, and get inspired!

Artist Spotlight
Mayana Kahn

Mayana is a dancer and accompanist and an avid photographer. She has been a member of the board of the Sierra Poetry Festival, serving as of this year as President of the board. She is also a member of emerging artists "Dark of moon and earthy."

Mayana thinks about her creative process and preferred medium as follows: "I'm both spontaneous and planned in the arts and creativity. I'm artist-life, from my dancing, my photography, my cooking, my dress and my home and garden." These interests have already the preferred formula of inspiration as she's chosen her next project.

"Nothing has been quite as compelling and life-sustaining as this little plot by her." Janeen Kahn, Mayana's mother, has been a gardener for many years, and Mayana's interest in her mother's garden and her mother's interest in photography have come together. Mayana has described Janeen to be an artist. "Flowers are her medium, and she has a real talent for it. She has created a multifaceted botanical heaven, with, which, she has planted, tended to feed, for and enjoy as a family. It has been a place of inspiration for me, and I'm so glad that I can share it with my mother and that it has a little bit of her in it. It's a place of beauty, and it's a place of peace, and it makes a long amount like day."

We asked what inspires Janeen and her artistic angle. In a text, Mayana said, "Mom's inspiration is her garden. Nature. The world inspired by the world of other artists. I'm inspired by my mother, my family, my friends, my community. In fact, when I was in Nevada City, I was inspired by the artist, the artist, and, no matter what I listening to music, looking at photography, looking at the people around me, looking at the trees and all of the artistic, going to the theater, going to the dance, going to the music, going to the art, going to the artist's breathes free, go to management and get the artist's breathes free, go to the theater, go to the dance, go to the movies and go to the art, go to the art, and let us process that response that we will have."

Mayana's artistic career with dance has spanning the most and has enriched of personally and keeps that inspiration for her. Mayana's dance has been a feature in the power of creative creations. Dance has gained those very well based on her creativity, and guest those who have seen her dance. Mayana's photography has been a feature of her creative creations, and she has been a photo, shaped, do some freelancing in some photography, and photography has been a feature of her creative, in many. Crazy, that with her dance and photography, she has been a feature of her creative, and go to the Cosmetics and Sugar Cookies, and go to the Cosmetics and Sugar Cookies, and go to the Cosmetics and Sugar Cookies

Panel & Breakout Sessions: Dive deep into sustainable housing

Live Music, Workshops, Networking, Revolutionary Conversations, Catalyze Connections Food & Drinks

Mud + Glory

Saturday, April 27
9:00am - 7:00pm

The Curious Forge
13024 Bitney Springs Road, Bldg 9,
Nevada City

Mud & Glory is not just an event; it's a gathering of like-minded individuals in the surrounding area who are passionate about ceramics, from beginners to advanced practitioners, including the general public. Whether you're looking to participate in fun competitions, showcase your work, learn from demonstrations, or even sell your pieces, there's a place for you at Mud & Glory.

Here's what you can look forward to:

- Competitions: Engage in friendly contests designed for different skill levels. Show off your talents and have fun in some silly competitions ie. blindfolded challenges, collaborative competitions.....maybe even one involving musical chairs!
- Demonstrations: Learn new techniques, tips, and tricks from experienced ceramists. Whether you're just starting out or looking to refine your skills, there's something for everyone.
- Show and Tell: A platform to present your art, share your ceramics or pottery journey, and inspire others with your creations.
- Vendor: An opportunity for vendors to sell their unique ceramic pieces to an audience that appreciates the craft.
- Masterclass: TBD a mover and shaker in the ceramics world, will include seminar and demonstration. Let us know what West Coast ceramicist you would love to see and learn from at this event.
- Family Activities for the Kids: We will have some fun activities to keep the kiddos busy and engaged. There will be volunteers helping the children complete projects on their own.
- Food Truck & Beer/Wine/Saki: We will have a lot of great food & drink choices to choose from while you are experiencing this event.

Mondays with the Maestro

Richard Strauss - The Last Romantic

Monday, April 1, 7:00pm
Online via Zoom

Music in the Mountains Presents a free online lecture on composer Richard Strauss with Maestro Ryan Murray. Discover more about composer Richard Strauss's life and career including his early influences and education, greatest achievements, and romantic compositions with a free educational lecture presented by Music in the Mountains (MIM).

"Music in the Mountains offers our high-level educational series as a part of MIM's dedication to music education," notes MIM's Donor Services Manager, Kevin Ross. "We are supported by local community sponsors and donors whose contributions allow us to invite the community to participate in this program for free."

Strauss enjoyed a high reputation as a composer and conductor throughout his lifetime. He was awarded numerous honors and accolades, including National Prize in Arts and Sciences, Order of Merit of the Bavarian Crown, Gold Medal for Music and received honorary doctorates from Oxford, Cambridge and Vienna as recognition of his profound impact on the world of music.

"Richard Strauss was known for his rich orchestration, new harmonic ideas, and storytelling through music," remarks MIM Board Member Nancy McRay. "He was greatly inspired by earlier Romantic composers like Robert Schumann and Franz Liszt. We invite the public to join Maestro Ryan Murray to learn more about this influential composer."

The lecture is free and accessible online. Interested individuals are asked to RSVP via MIM's website to secure access to the event link.

Pay What You Want - Suggested Price $10

It Never Ends

April 13 - May 11
Opening reception:
Saturday April 13, 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Winnie Superette
315 Commercial Street,
Nevada City

Winnie Superette is pleased to present *It Never Ends*, a showcase of new drawings and paintings from Northern California-based artist and graphic designer Jon Hioki. These collected works from 2021 to the present feature his newly explored "tangle" motif. The tangles, one continuous line intertwined and weaved into itself, have come to represent the artist's mental state. Hioki equates these tangles as maps of mental stresses, intrusive and repetitive thoughts, and the circular nature of all things.

April is Arts, Culture & Creativity Month – a month of free events, resources, and advocacy opportunities across the state with the goal of engaging arts advocates and raising awareness of the impact of the arts within communities.

This year's ACCM programming and activations are shaped by the theme "Art Work is Real Work." Artists play an essential role in our daily lives with critical contributions across a variety of impact areas including health, education, housing, climate, youth development, and the economy. Help us amplify the message that artists and creatives are essential to California's well-being and economic prosperity.

We'll be going to the Capitol for the 2nd annual Arts & Culture Summit and Arts Advocacy Day to learn about the cutting edge ways we can support our creative community. Artists play an essential role in our economy and our health with critical contributions across a variety of social impact areas but often are without the services and conditions they need to thrive due to the ongoing undervaluing of their work.

Arts, Culture & Creativity Month

REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO APRIL 4th at 5pm PST

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