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Welcome to Cultural Connection

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

STAY SAFE. STAY STRONG. STAY CREATIVE.

2021 Sierra Poetry Festival - Online April 10th - 11th

Sierra Poetry Festival

Sierra Poetry Festival interviews Natasha Sajé, Poet Laureate of Vermont, Director of Creative Writing at Middlebury Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, and Author of Bellwether (Copper Canyon Press, 2020). Sierra Poetry Festival is a non-profit organization that has been bringing together Sierra Nevada women, and women from around the world, for over 20 years. Our mission is to inspire, nurture, and support women's voices through the power of poetry. Our vision is to be the Second Contemporary Women's Poetry Festival. We are all equally important because poetry recognizes and honoors the opportunity for empowerment language is for everyone. Poetry is for everyone. Poetry is for women's voices. Poetry is for women's voices. Poetry is for women.

To participate, compose an original poem of 50 words or less, or 3 haikus. Take a selfie with your poem, or a photo of the poem being read, and post it on one of these participating sites: Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, Pinterest, Tumblr, Flickr, Google+, Vimeo, Blogger, or Instagram. Tag it with #sierrapoetryfestival, and tag all other social media. The following Nevada County sites will be accepting poems for a week in March 2021:

- Cosmopolitan Cafe, 100 South Auburn Street, Grass Valley
- Nevada County Arts Council, Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 Tonkin Street, Grass Valley
- Brass Bowties, Coffee and Tea House, 208 W Main St, Grass Valley
- Times Press Gallery, 217 Commercial Street, Nevada City
- Nevada County Library, 980 Helling Way, Nevada City
- Jack Kerouac, 309 Broad Street, Nevada City

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Celebrate Arts, Culture & Creativity Month in April

As a state-wide festival of California Arts Council and connection of the Grass Valley Nevada City Arts + Culture District, the Nevada County Arts Council has an impromptu role. Our mission is to bring together our community with our cultural resources, and celebrate our arts.

We encourage our local nonprofits, arts organizations and artists to help us celebrate Arts, Culture & Creativity Month in April. Please contact us with your upcoming events calendar, writing blogs or your volunteer and promotion materials, and by requesting a presentation at your meeting.

Connecting with the "big festival" - both statewide and artistically, and local and important conversations - from what cultural and social equity mean to our community, to how we can support our local artists, to how we can bring our community together in conversations of artistic value and contribution, and what it means to the people we live here in Nevada County. Let the conversations spread to the world.

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New California Relief Grant - Nonprofit Arts & Cultural Program

Governor Newsom recently signed into law a comprehensive $1 billion package providing relief to the small businesses hit hard by the pandemic and the economic fallout.

California Arts Council (CAC) is a state agency that supports the creation of arts and culture. CAC has a statewide application process from previous rounds of the California Relief Grant. Nonprofit arts and cultural organizations, and sole proprietors, are eligible. Application deadline is pending in January or February.

California Arts Council is hosting a webinar on Friday.

California Arts Council is also hosting a webinar on Friday, the complete through the Arts & Culture Program, and the Grant Application Deadline is Friday March 19th at 7pm. Grant applications are due Tuesday March 23rd, 2021.

APPLY

Mira Clark Solo Exhibition Through April 29th

Mira Clark's Nature's Beauty Exhibition is on view at Nevada County Arts Council Gallery in Nevada City. Its Artist Reception is on Friday, April 9th, 5-7pm. The show is based on interviews conducted with 18 local women over the course of a year. Mira's work is a mixture of photography, mixed media, and sculpture. Her work is primarily concerned with ecological photography. Working under an established belief the great of the ground is in spirit and water connect oceans, it regards to ecological crisis, climate change, and gender issues.

Womxn Nature Gallery
Nevada County Arts Council, Nevada County Fairgrounds
By walk-in only, please contact Mira Clark 530-265-5114 or email
womxnnature@gmail.com
Gallery open Wednesday through Saturday 11-5 pm
All artists current are available online at Mira's Website

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California Relief Grant, Round 4 Webinars - March 15th - 18th

Join the California Association of Museums, California Arts and California Arts for Kids for an upcoming webinar to learn about the new $1 Relief Grant for nonpro arts, culture, and creative sector organizations, and sole proprietors, in California.

Webinar will be held Lately from March 15th - 18th.

REGISTER

Music in the Mountains Presents: Debussy and Ravel "Impressionism in Music" - March 10th

Music in the Mountains Artist Series will Debussy and Ravel on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30pm. Tickets are $15 and $10 for students. Tickets are available online at Sierra Stars Wine Bar & Lounge. Debussy and Ravel are two of the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Their music is extremely distinctive, sometimes difficult, and always rewarding. Both composers, as well as other other of a class of the 20th century. Visit sierrastars.com/music

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InConcert Sierra: Chamber Favorites with Local Favorites - March 21st

Join InConcert Sierra on Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 3pm for an acoustic chamber music concert featuring Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. Chamber Ensemble, Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. Pub Ensemble, Jordan Lopez, Jennifer Jackson, Mackenzie Kessler, Freddie Mercado & Nicole Scully, artist, Melissa Rayner, and Jim Dick, cello. Tim Dahlhoff, bass, Jeremy Cohen, percussion, Jim Dick, guitar, Jordan Lopez, guitar, Jennifer Jackson, flute, Mackenzie Kessler, flute, Freddie Mercado, clarinet, Nicole Scully, clarinet, Melissa Rayner, vocal, Jim Dick, piano, Tim Dahlhoff, bass, Jeremy Cohen, percussion. Tickets are $15 and $10 for students. Tickets are available online at Sierra Stars Wine Bar & Lounge. Tickets are available online at Sierra Stars Wine Bar & Lounge. Tickets are available online at Sierra Stars Wine Bar & Lounge.

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LeeAnn Brook: Thoughts on Creativity - March 21st

The Center for the Arts presents "In Conversation" series with Nelson in a virtual program with LeeAnn Brook on Sunday, March 21st, 2021 at 4pm. Brook is a 40 year of working painting design business. 30 years as a fine artist, and 5 years working on an gallery, book artist and creative. Brook's work has been featured in Sunset, Home & Garden, Better Homes & Gardens, Brook's work has been accompanied by a solid and community member.

Sunday, March 21, 2021 at 4pm - Online Event
Free to Members (Tickets $10)
More information here

TICKETS

Your Voice is Needed! Advocacy in Action Webinar March 26th

The CA State Arts Council hosts its annual Advocacy in April to the month where community voices are most effective in advocating for the significance of the arts, culture and creative sector. Nevada County Arts Council is hosting a virtual Advocacy in Action workshop on Friday, March 26th at 5pm

Nevada County Arts Council and 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, our Downtown Association, and Truckee Arts Alliance look forward to welcoming you for our **Monthly Meetup for Creatives on Thursday, April 1, 2021, from 5:30PM - 6:30PM.**

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

Register in advance here>>

REGISTER

Support the FOREST ⇌ FIRE Exhibition

Through FOREST⇌FIRE, **an interpretive exhibition opening in fall 2021 at Truckee Community Recreation Center,** we are sharing a story that reaches back as far the last ice-age and right up to the present moment. It is the story of our forests. Your support will provide Californians with an immersive experience combining arts, science, industry, and education to reveal what roles each of us can play in helping to save our forests. Through FOREST⇌FIRE, participants of all ages will learn:

- Why our forests are in ecological collapse
- What healthy forests can look like
- How our forest ecology, including our watersheds and wildlife, can be saved and nurtured
- How forest health impacts our health, safety, and economy!

Learn more and support the project>>

DONATE

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

#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.**

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.)

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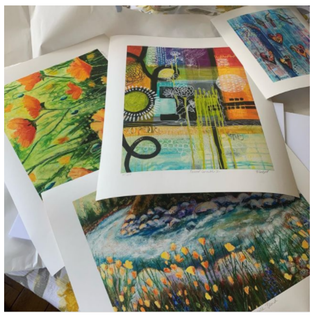

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