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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

STAY SAFE. STAY STRONG. STAY CREATIVE.

Call to Artists: The Center for the Arts 2021 Open Studios

It's time to apply for the 26th Annual Open Studios Tour of Nevada County West,

proudly presented by The Center for the Arts**.** This annual 4-day event features a multitude of classic and contemporary art for every taste and hosts 45+ sculptors, printmakers, photographers, painters, jewelers, illustrators, woodworkers, designers and much more! The tours will include both in-person and virtual options for participants.

Applications **are open through April 16, 2021.**

APPLY TODAY!

Nevada City Film Festival Call for Submissions: Due March 1st

Since 2001, the Nevada City Film Festival (NCFF) has brought top independent film, music and comedy, along with attracting thousands of attendees, international filmmakers, and industry guests to the historic town of Nevada City, California. Nevada City is known for its sophisticated and supportive arts and cultural scene, and makes screening a film here a positive, encouraging and exciting experience. NCFF is often referred to as the “Sundance of the Sierra” for its emphasis on fiercely independent cinema that showcases innovative, progressive and exciting new voices in film.

The 2021 festival will run from August 20 to September 3, 2021. Registration is open through March 1, 2021 (regular deadline) and April 1, 2021 (late deadline). Cash prizes range from $500 to $1,500 and local filmmakers living in Nevada, Placer, Yuba, Sierra or

Sacramento Counties can apply for a Local Filmmaker film submission waiver. Submit your film here>>

SUBMIT

Artist in Residency Opportunity: Warehouse Artist Lofts in Sacramento

The Warehouse Artist Lofts (WAL) project was developed by Ali Youssefi to provide working artists an affordable place to live and create art in the heart of Sacramento. Located in the Historic R Street district, WAL is proximate to many art-related businesses and galleries, including the WAL Residency artist studio at Verge Center for the Arts.

The Ali Youssefi Project was created by his family in 2019 to honor Ali Youssefi after his death. Ali was a proud Sacramentan and dedicated his work to harnessing the power of community and to uplift the city that he loved. The Ali Youssefi Project Artist in Residency aims to nurture artists from a diverse range of backgrounds and uplift the work of artists, with a particular focus on underrepresented perspectives and voices. The 3-month residency program welcomes all visual artists working with a wide range of mediums. The WAL residency is open to national applicants and will take place in Sacramento, California. The residency includes:

- furnished studio apartment at Warehouse Artist Lofts
- artist work studio at Verge Center for the Arts
- participation in WAL events and Verge programing
- $500 monthly stipend

- travel stipend of $500 available
- end of the year group show at Verge gallery

Learn more and apply here by February 16th.

APPLY

Nevada County Share the Love Campaign

This February, Grass Valley and Nevada City are encouraging folks to Share the Love over the next 28 days! A strong and healthy community is created by passionate people with a strong sense of a neighborhood pride who are dedicated to making their little corner of the world the very best it can be. Here are a few simple ways to show your community and the people in it some love.

28 Ways to Share the Love:

1. Read a book to a young person in your life.

2. Shop local. Eat local.

3. Give “local love” by supporting local businesses on social media. Leave a positive note or review or share with your friends.

4. Show yourself compassion...

See the full list here>>

#SHARETHELOVENEVADACOUNTY

Composers of the African Diaspora Lecture with Deborah Pittman

Join Music in the Mountains and guest speaker Deborah Pittman on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 7pm to discuss and listen to composers of the African Diaspora. Learn about composers like Chevalier de Saint-Georges, William Grant Still, and Florence Price, and listen to some incredibly beautiful music. Deborah is an emeritus professor at CSU, Sacramento, and was a member of both the Sacramento Philharmonic and the Music in the Mountains Orchestra.

Learn more and RSVP>>

RSVP

The Mother-Daughter Project Exhibit Opening

The Mother-Daughter Project **will be on display in The Granucci Gallery at** The Center for the Arts **from Thursday, February 18 through Friday, March 26, 2020.**

From the artists Amber & Linda Neely: "This project began as a collision of surrealist creativity. The mother is a professional artist with an MFA degree and an in-depth knowledge and love for surrealism in all its forms. She has given lectures and classes on surrealism and created a lot of it herself! One day she discovered her own daughter's exquisite, ethereal poetry! As she read it, her jaw dropped at the eerie phrases, nearly making sense and then. . . not. The mother was intrigued and, being an artist, imagery began popping and flowing into her head. She wondered what these poems would look like! The daughter wondered too and thus began the Mother-Daughter Project."

Art Opening: Thursday, February 18, 5 – 7 PM
Zoom Q&A: Wednesday, March 3, 4 PM
Gallery Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 12 - 4pm.
Masks are required when visiting The Center

RSVP

Sierra Master Chorale & Orchestra perform “The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace” by Karl Jenkins

Join InConcert Sierra **on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 2pm** for a performance of "The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace" by Karl Jenkins and performed by the Sierra Master Chorale & Orchestra. Originally commissioned by the Royal Armouries Museum in England for the Millennium celebrations in 2000, Sir Karl Jenkins dedicated “The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace” to the victims of the Kosovo conflict. A memorable plea for nonviolent resolution. Using extracts from Christian and Islamic traditions, as well as texts from authors Rudyard Kipling, Alfred Lord Tennyson, and Sankichi Toge (a Hiroshima survivor), Jenkins strives to promote dialogue and understanding in a clear, concise, and accessible musical style.

1:45 pm pre-concert conversation
2 pm concert presentation on InConcert Sierra’s YouTube channel

EVENT DETAILS

Art Marketing 101 with Patrick Storm

The Center for the Arts is hosting a **virtual conversation with Patrick Storm of Lemon Tree Agency on Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 4pm**. Patrick will discuss digital options to promote and sell art in 2021, including digital newsletters, e-commerce websites, best practices for social media, and virtual events. The "In Conversation With" series provides access to local celebrities exploring the topics of Nature, Food, Lifestyle and Art. From tattoo artists to mushroom hunters, naturalists to nutritionists, farmers to brew masters, this weekly series features the very best of Nevada County. Hosted by Jacob Freydont-Attie, each conversation provides an opportunity to interact with the experts in a Q&A via Zoom.

Patrick Storm is the co-founder and CEO of Lemon Tree Agency, LLC. Patrick is a regular guest speaker for public relations and communication classes at Sierra College, CSU Sacramento, and the University of the Pacific.

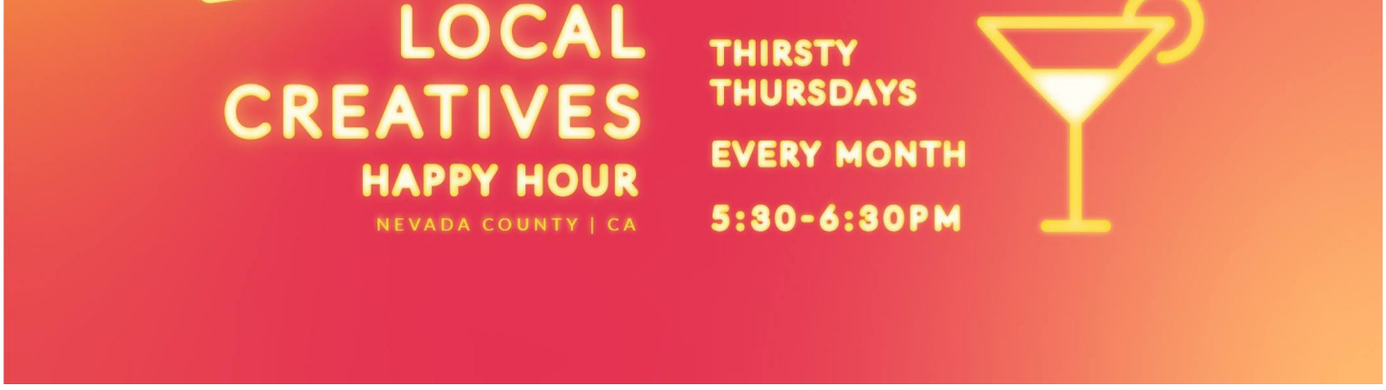
Tickets are Free to Members / Public $10

TICKETS

Unifying Our Voice for the Arts: Regional Conversation on February 26th

Nevada County Arts Council, Truckee Arts Alliance and leaders from the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District invite you to join us for a jointly hosted **Regional Conversation with** Californians for the Arts **on Friday, February 26 at 2pm.** Please join us to share your ideas, and voice your questions and concerns with the Californians for the Arts team. Learn about important state and federal advocacy efforts, with special guests to be announced soon. This is truly important moment for the arts – and we want to hear from you! Join us by registering here>>

REGISTER



Save the Date: Virtual Creatives Meetup on March 4th

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, March 4, 2021, from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.**

Registration details to follow.

MORE INFO

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

California Arts Council

Individual Artist Funding Opportunity

For the first time in 18 years, The California Arts Council returns to individual artist funding through a new fellowship program intended to recognize, uplift, and celebrate California artists as part of its 2021 grant opportunities.

The Individual Artist Fellowships will support artists from a broad spectrum of artistic practices, backgrounds, geographies and communities, whose work addresses themes such as race, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. In doing so, the CAC will showcase the centrality of artists' leadership in generating social impact and the evolution of our traditional and contemporary cultures.

The application and further details for the 2021 Individual Artist Fellowships opportunity can be found here. Applications are due April 1, 2021.

APPLY

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

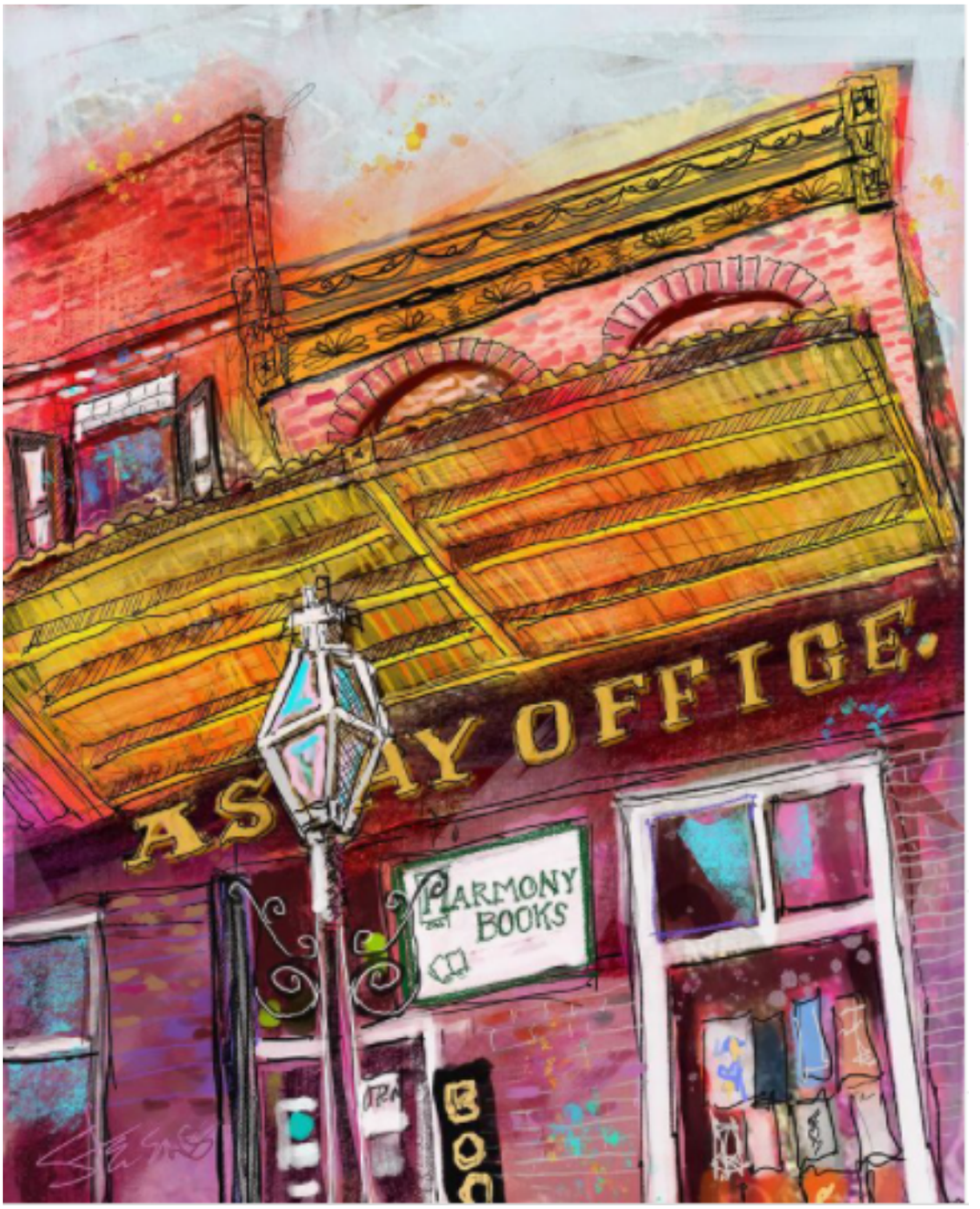
- Staying connected via the best of social media
- Arts education
- Preparedness in the arts and for creative businesses
- State and local government updates
- Arts advocacy
- Artist calls for Nevada County Artists in all disciplines
- Calendar of both virtual and place-bound events

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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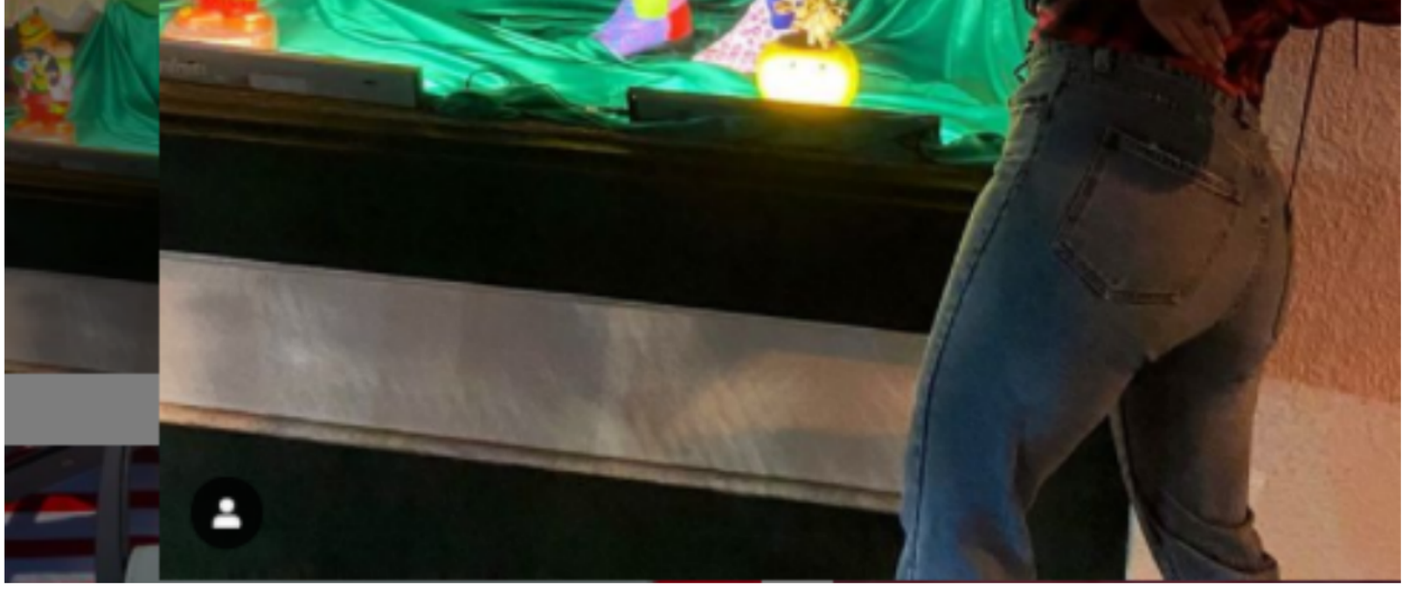

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