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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.

Applications Open for Nevada County Artist Relief Fund

As 2020 draws to a close, Nevada County Arts Council is inviting professional artists whose livelihoods have been impacted by the COVID-19 public health crisis, to apply for relief funding.

Eliza Tudor, Executive Director at the Council, says: "We are grateful that, with the support of our coalition of local arts organizations, we have now reached a critical sum from which to launch the application phase of the Nevada County Artist Relief Fund, and we invite artists in all disciplines to apply for a micro-grant."

To apply for relief funds from Nevada County Artist Relief fund, artists must meet the following three criteria:

- Must reside in Nevada County, California. Evidence of primary residence in Nevada County must be provided.
- Must work professionally or vocationally in local arts. Artists will have been an active participant in the arts community (those whose life's work is the arts, regardless of the income derived from work in the arts) and has experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19 because of: cancelled performances, exhibitions, programs, classes, organizational closures, or loss of non-arts supplemental income or job. Actors, artists, choreographers, costumers, craftspeople, curators, dancers, designers, directors, exhibit preparators, musicians, stage technicians, writers, and others employed in arts & culture professions are eligible to apply.
- Must be 21 years of age or older.

The deadline for applications to the Nevada County Artist Relief Fund is Friday, January 15th, 2021.

APPLY

The Center for the Arts Presents
Funktastic New Years Eve with The Gold Souls

This New Year's Eve, you can join The Gold Souls and The Center for the Arts for a Funktastic New Year's Eve. **This is a free public broadcast that will stream on** YouTube **and** Facebook **on Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 7:00pm Pacific time.** Donations are appreciated to help compensate the artists and the crews working hard behind the scenes to bring art and music into your home during this challenging time.

The Gold Souls will bring the driving grooves of funk, the rich textures of soul, and the compelling storytelling of the blues. Drawing from a wide range of influences and experiences, they deliver captivating lyrics and fresh arrangements over a vintage sound.

This video will be available to watch any time after its premier on The Center's YouTube channel through January 1st, 2021.

RSVP

Applications Open for California Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grants on December 30th, 2020

Starting Wednesday, December 30th, 2020, small businesses in California can apply for grants of up to $25,000 through the state's Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.

Grant amounts will vary from $5,000 to $25,000, depending on the applicant's annual gross revenue. Nonprofits are also eligible to apply.

A total of $475 million will be available in two rounds. **The first round of grants opens at 8:00am on December 30th, 2020, and closes at 11:59pm on January 8th, 2021, with approvals announced starting January 13th.**

More information about the grants is available here.

APPLY

Nevada County Arts Council's "Shopping with Artists"

Shopping with Artists provides a fabulous, local, online shopping experience as we close out 2020 and welcome in a new year. It also supports local professional artists during challenging times, as we navigate a global pandemic with devastating impacts on our local creative economy. It is an initiative of Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District, led by Nevada County Arts Council in collaboration with its partners, as inaugural districts within the coveted California Cultural District Program.

More information about the Shopping with Artists Initiative is here.

SHOP

Nevada County CARES for the Arts

Nevada County Arts Council, as State-Local Partner with the California Arts Council, has this week awarded much needed funds to six local organizations that, through arts programming, support communities of color hard hit by COVID-19:

- **California Heritage Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP)** will receive $3,000 to support general operations.
- **Color Me Human** will receive $3,000 to support its Intimate Stories from the Shadows series, initially sharing stories from three black women.
- **Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra (CATS)** will receive $3,000 to support its production of Amy Tan's The Joy Luck Club, with monies funding expenses related to the show's postponement from earlier this year to 2021, including director, designer, and actor stipends, rents for the Nevada Theatre and rehearsal space, completion of the set and costumes, and marketing.
- **Trails & Vistas** will receive $1,600 to its support stipends for African American, LatinX, Filipina and Washo artists and presenters as part of its virtual field trip film, *The Dreaming Tree*
- **Neighborhood Center of the Arts** will receive $1,500 in support three developmentally disabled or intellectually challenged adults of color, whose participation has been severely hampered by Covid, and will be used to purchase art supplies and teaching artists to support these students.
- **Grass Valley Taiko** will receive $500 to support rent to preserve space for classes supporting a centuries old Japanese art form, which originated in China and Korea, and which was later refined in Japan.

Photo: Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra (CATS)

Photo Credit: David Wong

Wild & Scenic Film Festival Tickets Now on Sale

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival **will take place January 14th through January 24th, 2021** - with more than 100 environmental and adventure films, including 13 world premieres.

This year's festival will be an entirely virtual experience over the course of eleven days and will feature activist workshops, an art exhibition, and youth programs - as well as opportunities to interact with filmmakers and special guests. The complete film guide is available here and the virtual catalog is available here.

The catalog is your go-to location for exploring the various themed tracks and sessions that will be a part of the 2021 event. Visit the catalog to explore the film sessions, see which films are included in each, and pre-order the ones you plan to watch. The catalog is also where you will return to watch the sessions when they go live on January 14th.

PURCHASE TICKETS

January Virtual Creatives Meetup

Join Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District, Truckee Arts Alliance, Nevada County Arts Council **and** Nevada City Film Festival **for our first Virtual Creatives Meetup of the year on Thursday, January 14th, 2021, at 5:30pm.**

Let's celebrate new beginnings, hear from one another with our local creatives news, and share important opportunities for our local creative sector, including upcoming grants, fresh resources and new calls to artists. Don't forget to register in advance here., after which you will receive an email with a link to join the gathering.

REGISTER

InConcert Sierra's Third Sunday Virtual Concert

On Sunday, January 16th at 2:00pm, InConcert Sierra **will present Spencer Myer (piano) and Mario Diaz-Moresco (baritone) as part of their Third Sunday Virtual Concert series.** Spencer Mer, a former American Pianist Association Fellow, has performed for InConcert many times. In November, 2015, he brought his partner, baritone Mario Diaz-Moresco, and wowed the audience. This concert is a recording of that performance.

Program:
An die Ferne Geliebte, Op. 98 - Beethoven
Drei Intermezzi, Op. 117 - Brahms (solo piano)
L'Invitation au Voyage - Duparc
Jeux d'eau - Ravel (solo piano)
Songs of Travel - Vaughan Williams.

The concert can be viewed on InConcert Sierra's webpage or YouTube channel.

MORE INFO

FOREST⇌FIRE Launches Online Campaign

Nevada County Arts Council's groundbreaking project, FOREST⇌FIRE is a multi-partner project to raise awareness for the forests we live in and the connection between their history, their current management and health, and the health of our watersheds and air. **FOREST⇌FIRE has now launched an online campaign to match state and local funds for the project.**

Michelle Amador, Nevada County Arts Council's Fund Development Chair, says, "Every dollar given via our GoFundMe campaign for FOREST⇌FIRE, will be matched with funds leveraged via state and local sources. The problems this project addresses have urgency for us all, and every cent contributed brings us closer to broad community awareness and real solutions."

FOREST⇌FIRE addresses the fact that much of California is faced with the threat of catastrophic fire. This year four million acres have burned in California, the most in recorded history, while choking smoke has at times blotted out the sun. If scientists' warnings and predictions hold, this year may soon seem mild by future comparisons.

The Council is working with local creatives, Michael and Heather Llewellyn, of Llewellyn Studio, who introduced UC Berkely's Sagehen Creek Field Station as a leading partner for FOREST⇌FIRE. Sagehen has a long history of collaborating with artists, and hosts an artist-in-residency program in partnership with the Nevada Museum of Art – Center for Art + Environment.

Llewellyn says: "FOREST⇌FIRE invites science-based solutions to catastrophic fire and an economically sustainable, hopeful future. It exposes the public to the 13,000-year history of our forest ecology, its relationship to fire, and the human role within that relationship. Our goal is to create a common understanding of our fire-adapted, forest ecology and a shared vision for the future of our forests."

More information on FOREST⇌FIRE can be found here.

DONATE

Nevada County Reads and Writes "The Round House" by Louise Erdrich

The Nevada County Community Library and the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools present Nevada County Reads and Writes, 2021. The project, developed in 2005, is designed to deepen engagement in literature through reading and discussion. Everyone in the community can participate: read a book, share perspectives, attend a program, engage on social media and build a stronger community together. This year's book is "The Round House".

"The Round House" is a winner of the National Book Award for fiction. Author Louise Erdrich - a brilliant chronicler of Native-American life— transports readers to the Ojibwe reservation in North Dakota. It is an exquisitely told story of a boy on the cusp of manhood who seeks justice and understanding in the wake of a terrible crime.

Nevada County Reads & Writes will feature a full calendar of events including book discussions for all age groups and several Storywalks featuring Nisenan and Native storybooks. Writing workshops will be held virtually to encourage adults and teens to reflect on their own narratives. The library will also be hosting several virtual Nisenan cultural programs and tours so the community can all learn more about the history of our area.

Copies of "The Round House" are available now at all library branches for curbside or front door pickup, and local bookstores have copies in stock.

MORE INFO

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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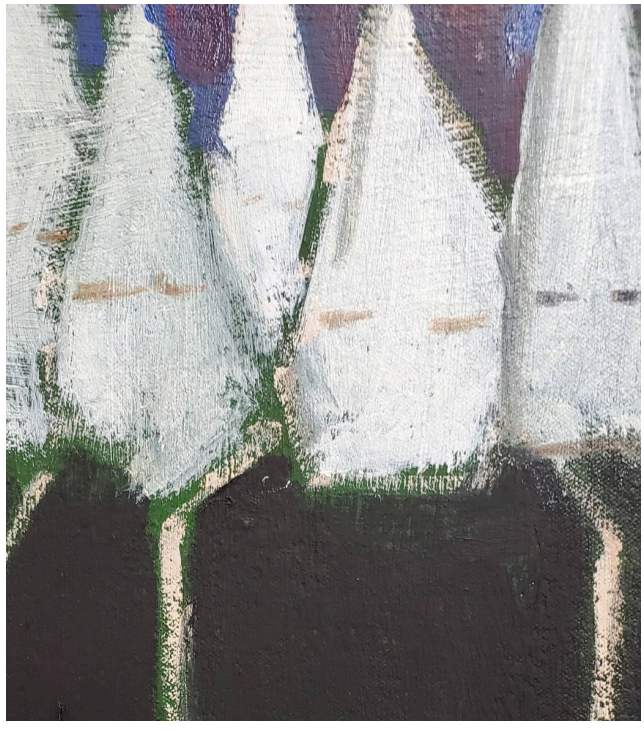

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