



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.



Black Lives Matter

"It's early summer in Nevada County and all around us is quiet. Yet, across the nation there is devastating unrest and suffering which we cannot ignore. At [Nevada County Arts Council](#) we are deeply shaken and saddened by the violence toward, and murder of, black people. We stand in solidarity with their communities in support of equity and justice. Because we recognize that our silence implies complicity, we want to clearly voice this solidarity now.

At the same time, we would like to share with you our commitment to a pledge we took early last year in joining [OFBYFOR ALL](#)'s Change Network. Through joining this network, we are continuing to educate ourselves, hold ourselves accountable, and hold open dialogue about systemic barriers to equity, diversity and inclusion within our organization and our community.

During our first year, we partnered with the [Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe](#) whose Culture is critically endangered. Together with [Nevada City Film Festival](#), we successfully applied for funding from the [California Arts Council](#) to create a film - led by the Nisenan - about the recovery of the Tribe's all but lost language and the fight to have their Federal Recognition restored. This work continues and you can learn about it [here](#).

But we need to do more. Looking ahead, Nevada County Arts Council pledges a space for meaningful conversations on understanding and preventing racism, and unlocking best practices in cultural equity. We commit to working with you, our community, and with our many partners in the creative sector and beyond, to dismantle structural barriers and fight for racial equity. For now, we acknowledge the pain, frustration, fear, and sadness of black and brown people, and the racism that our own black and brown community members experience daily. We see you, we hear you, we stand with you.

In the coming days and weeks you will be hearing more from us as we invite you to reflect with us what this moment of reckoning means for the beautiful community in which we reside, and how we can make it a better place to live and visit for black people and people of color."

Eliza Tudor, Executive Director, Nevada County Arts Council

Anti-Racism Information and Resources for Individuals and Organizations:

- Californians for the Arts [Anti-Racism Resources](#)
- JSTOR Daily's [Institutional Racism Syllabus](#)
- Of/By/For All's [Framework for Action in Response to Moments of Outrage and](#)

Crisis

- [Twenty Children's Books](#) that Discuss Race & Racism
 - An [Essential Reading Guide](#) for Fighting Racism
 - [29 Movies and Documentaries](#) about Racial Injustice
 - [Ted Talks](#) to help you to understand Racism in America
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Virtual Cultural Creatives Meetup

are Together we are witnessing a critical turning point in our lives - both globally, and right here at home in Nevada County. We have an obligation to hold challenging conversations with each other, and to cast a lens inward while listening with our hearts. As we move through these troubling times, we must accept accountability and be vigilant towards our socially vulnerable populations, within the larger picture of cultural equity and all that this implies. We can be better together.

Please join [Nevada County Arts Council](#)'s virtual meet-up this Thursday, June 11th, at 5:30 for a free-style conversation respectfully exploring ways to break down the barriers of entrenched racism.

This month's meet-up is a continuation of our pledge in joining [OF-BY-FOR ALL's Change Network](#). We offer this meetup as a partnership between [Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District](#) and [Truckee Cultural District](#), represented by [Truckee Arts Alliance](#).

ALL ARE WELCOME - Register here in advance:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpce-rqTMtH9wt5kH_b7Pdp6Mn6HGELr5

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meetup.

FREE REGISTRATION



Nevada County Relief Fund

The [Nevada County Relief Fund](#) has announced the first round of grantees. Grantees in the arts include:

- Juliette Morris Williams - Jewelry, Mixed-media, Nevada City, \$2,400
- The Nevada Theater, Nevada City, \$5,000
- InnerRhythms, Inc., Truckee, \$2,500

- Brad Henry Pottery, Truckee, \$2,500
- Word After Word Books, Truckee, \$2,500
- North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center, San Juan Ridge, \$5,000
- Art Works Gallery, Grass Valley, \$5,000
- Truckee Roundhouse Community Makerspace, Truckee, \$2,500
- Off Broadway, Nevada City, \$5,000

A complete list of first-round grantees is available [here](#).

The Nevada County Relief Fund was created through a partnership between the County of Nevada, Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital Foundation, Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, and the Sierra Business Council in consultation with the Center for Nonprofit Leadership and the Economic Resource Council.

The Nevada County Relief Fund will open a new round of applications each time they raise an additional \$100,000. Their hope is to have multiple rounds of grantmaking for as long as there are funds to disburse. Donations are welcomed.

DONATE



Food Love Farm Tours with Sierra Harvest

Did your kids miss their favorite farm field trip this spring? Now your family can experience the magic of [Sierra Harvest's Food Love Farm](#) with your very own "field trip!" Reserve the farm for 90 minutes and enjoy it at your own pace. Feed the chickens, play

worm bin BINGO, move through the pre-set activity stations, or just bring a picnic and enjoy it under the shade of the hops teepee. **Self-guided and farm educator led trips are both available beginning June 1st.**

For the self-guided field trips:

<https://calendly.com/emilysierraharv.../self-guided-field-trip>

For the farmer-led field trips:

<https://calendly.com/emilysierraharvest/farmer-field-trip>



The Aerial Lab Presents an Online Showing of "HerStory"

[The Aerial Lab](#) will present a virtual showing of their hugely successful Aerial Production from last year, "HerStory". Watch fascinating aerial artistry, creative performances and an inspiring story about the lives of women from the safety and comfort of your own home.

This will be hosted online at 7pm on Saturday June 13th, and there will be a Q&A after the show with performers on Zoom from 8:30-9pm.

The video will be released on Vimeo at 7pm. Register on their website

<http://www.theaeriallab.com/events.html>

and they will email you the link. This showing is by donation - if you have the means, please support their future artistic endeavors (suggested donation of \$10).

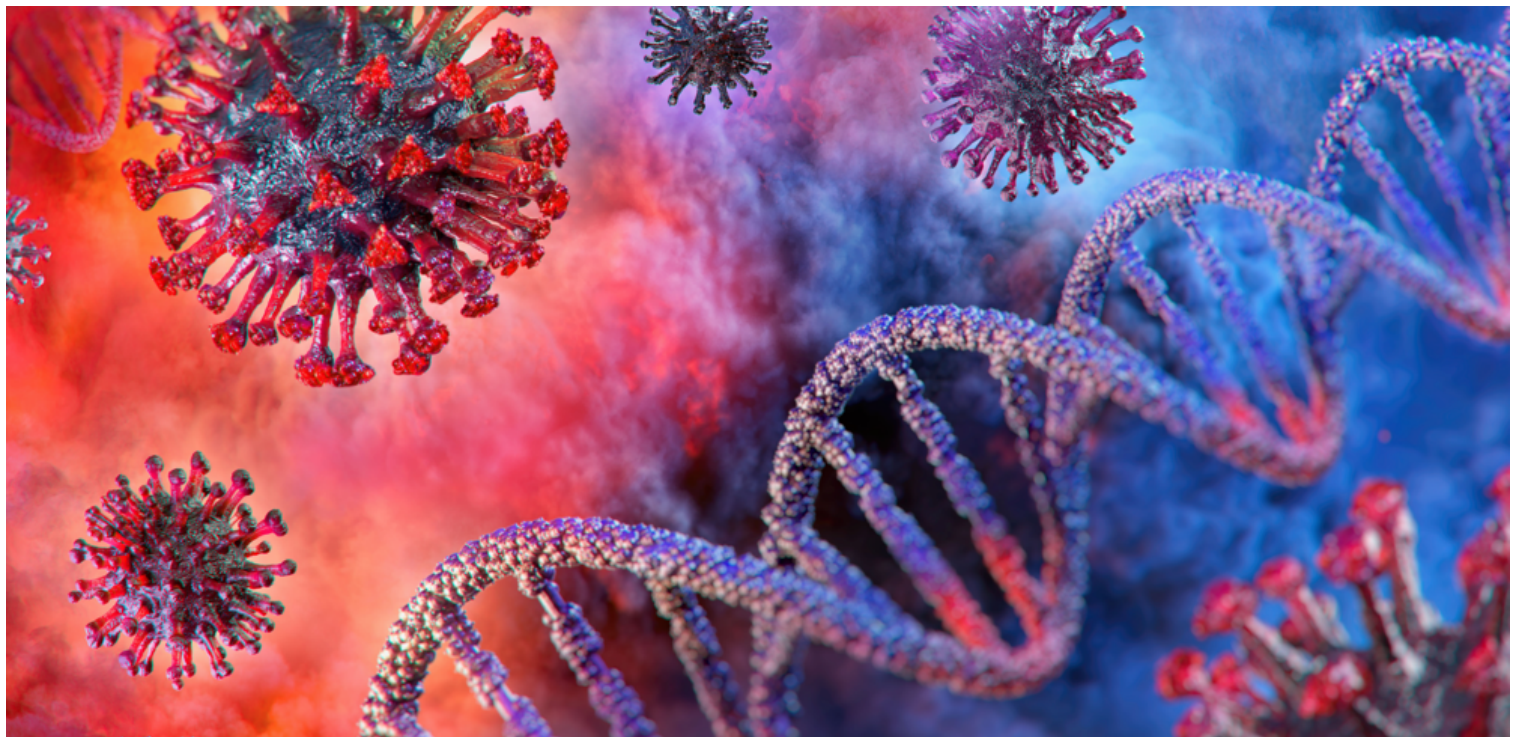


COVID-19 Resources for the Creative Community

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



COVID-19 Arts & Culture Early Impact Survey

[Nevada County Arts Council](#) issued a creative sector survey for individuals and organizations on March 28, 2020 to gather early data on the impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency. 257 submissions were received at the closing of this initial survey on April 18, 2020.

This report includes information about the devastating losses to our creative community, together with the stories of strength and resilience for which our sector is known. and which will help our communities to heal, recover and build long-term resilience.

[VIEW THE REPORT](#)



Nevada County Arts Council

Calendar for Virtual Events

Nevada County Arts Council's [online calendar](#) is a comprehensive resource for artists, residents and visitors. The calendar syncs automatically with [GoNevadaCounty.com](#) and from there is automatically integrated with many other calendars throughout the county.

Posted events will be promoted through our various social media platforms and newsletters.

Please post your VIRTUAL EVENTS as we navigate COVID-19. You are also encouraged to post events taking place in physical locations from June on, subject to change. If you post an event taking place in a physical location and it is canceled, we request you remove it from the calendar. In responding to state and federal guidance on COVID-19, please check with individual events and venues for current information.

POST YOUR EVENT



[#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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