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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

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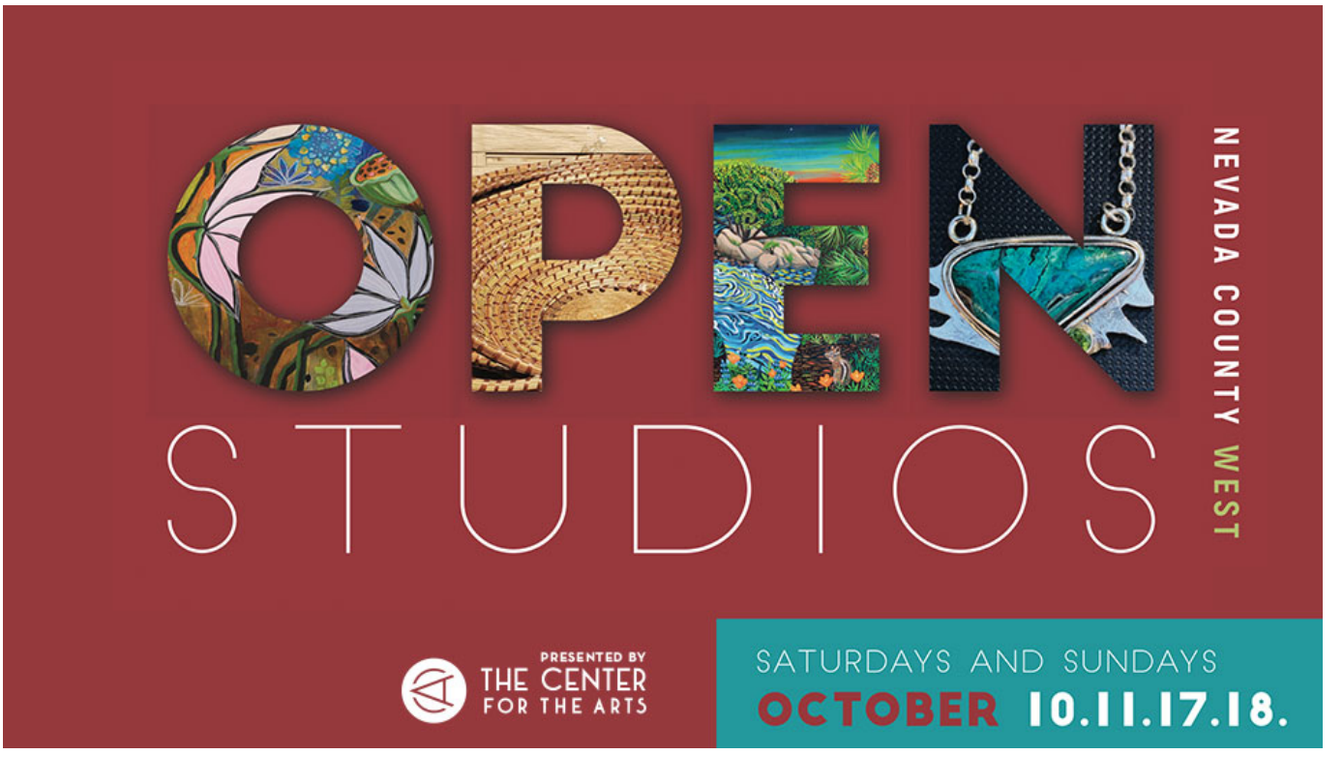


Final Weekend for

Nevada County West Open Studios Tour 2020

The Center for the Arts presents the 2020 Nevada County West Open Studios Tour, with 45+ participating artists. Work from each artist/studio is on display in the Granucci Gallery in The Center for the Arts at 314 W. Main Street in Grass Valley.

The Open Studios Tour **final weekend will be October 17th and 18th from 10:00am to 5:00pm.** The tour features a multitude of classic and contemporary art for every taste and includes sculptors, printmakers, photographers, painters, jewelers, illustrators, woodworkers, designers, and much more! This tour is an opportunity to meet the artists, view new pieces and works in process, watch live demonstrations, and buy original art in a wide range of mediums. Open Studios is a chance to experience first-hand how, where, and why art is created. More information is here. You can download the complete tour guide and map here.

TOUR GUIDE AND MAP

Bear Yuba Land Trust Presents Annual Conservation Hero Awards

Each year Bear Yuba Land Trust recognizes two Conservation Hero Awards: the William Nickerl Award for Conservation Leadership and the John Skinner Sierra Outdoors Recreation Award.

Shelly Covert is recognized with the William Nickerl Award for Conservation Leadership for her tireless commitment to conservation and dedication to enriching the community's connection to the ancestral homelands of the Nisenan Tribe. Debra Weistar is recognized with the John F. Skinner Sierra Outdoors Recreation Award for her lifelong commitment to educating and mentoring youth through nature programming and documentary filmmaking.

Covert and Weistar will be presented their awards at BYLT's annual fundraiser, Open Spaces & Wild Places Gala and Conservation Awards, on Friday, October 16th, from 6-7:30pm.

JOIN FREE EVENT

InConcert Sierra's Third Sunday Virtual Concert: "Composers Project" with Mark Vance

On Sunday, October 18th, at 2:00pm, join InConcert Sierra to celebrate the music composed by thirteen students of the Composers Project, brought to life by eighteen local and regional professional musicians.

The 2019-20 "Composers Project with Mark Vance" class began their coursework in September 2019. For nine months during the school-year, CP students learned about music theory, harmony, notation, music history, and writing for instrument families. They met and worked with renowned musicians and composers who performed for the InConcert Third Sunday Series.

In February 2020, the students' first concert, "Poetry in Song," featured their compositions written for voice and instruments and performed by professional musicians for a live audience. In March 2020, as the pandemic shut down normal activities, ICS

Education Director Mark Vance kept his class together and working, albeit virtually.

Via a collaboration with the local non-profit, Sierra Harvest, the students gained inspiration for their final compositions through field trips (prior to the COVID-19 shutdown) to Sierra Harvest farms and events. Titles such as “Interconnected,” “The Life of a Strawberry Plant,” “The Water Cycle,” and “The Garden’s Lullaby,” are just examples of the works that came out of the students’ experiences through Sierra Harvest.

The students’ hard work and dedication culminate in Sunday’s concert presenting their final pieces from the 2019-2020 course.

Links for the free InConcert Sierra Orchestra Live Concert Stream:
InConcert Sierra Facebook page
InConcertSierra youtube channel
InConcert Sierra Website

MORE INFO

Artist Wendy Spratt at Nevada City Winery

Wendy Spratt's painting exhibit, "Flora and Fauna" is on display at Nevada City Winery, 321 Spring Street, Nevada City, through November 15th, 2020.

The winery is open Thursday and Friday, from 2:00pm to 10:00pm, Saturday from noon to 10:00pm, and Sunday from noon to 7:00pm.

Private Art Tours with the Artist are available by appointment. Contact Andrea Baruch de la

Pardo at andrea@ncwinery.com

Sierra Stages Presents "Shirley Valentine"

Sierra Stages will present a spoken-word production of "Shirley Valentine" outdoors at The Foundry Bar on Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th. The bar opens at 5:00pm and the show begins at 6:00pm. The production features Lois Masten and is directed by Sharon Winegar.

"Shirley Valentine" was a Laurence Olivier Award winner for Best New Comedy in 1988 and Tony Award nominee for Best Play, It is filled with gems of wisdom, a good dose of laughter and a lot of poignancy. The story follows a middle-aged Liverpool housewife who finds herself in the rut of her dull daily life and in a loveless relationship. When her best friend wins a trip for two to Greece, she packs her bags, leaves a note on the kitchen table, and sets off on an adventure in search of her own life and soul.

Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. Reservations are free; there is a 2-drink minimum (prepaid with your reservation). Make reservations for Friday, October 23rd here. Make reservations for Saturday, October 24th here.

Seating is at socially-distanced cabaret tables on a first-come, first-served basis each evening. Seating at each table is limited to 4 individuals from the same family or household or COVID pod/bubble.The Miners Foundry COVID-19 safety procedures are followed and may be reviewed here.

RESERVATIONS

Great Halloween Window Contest 2020

Ben Franklin Crafts & Frames, Nevada City Chamber of Commerce & Grass Valley Downtown Association have teamed up to promote their downtown shops and merchants with the Great Halloween Window Contest 2020.

Local shops are encouraged to get into the holiday spirit by decorating their windows, and between October 23rd and 30th folks can vote for their favorite local merchant's window display. On October 31st a winner for Nevada City and Grass Valley will be announced and each will be awarded $250.

To vote for your favorite shop windows, beginning on October 23rd, visit www.nevadacitychamber.com or www.downtowngrassvalley.com.

This year's contest is generously sponsored by Ben Franklin Crafts & Frames. The family-owned and operated shop reminds us that creativity knows no boundaries.

SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Art Exhibition
2021 Call for Entries Now Open

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival, in collaboration with Nevada County Arts Council, is once again inviting artists from far and wide to submit their environmental artwork for possible inclusion at the 19th annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival, kicking off virtually January 14, 2021.

Accepted artists will have the opportunity to exhibit their work in front of a wide virtual audience of environmental filmmakers, celebrities, social activists, and thousands of attendees from around the world. Each artist will have a page on the Wild & Scenic platform dedicated to them and their works, with opportunities for extended patron engagement, including sales. There will also be a gallery of all selected works for attendees to virtually stroll through during the event. Selected artists will be eligible for awards for the top three selections in each category (2-Dimensional and Photography) as well as a Best in Theme award. **The final deadline to apply is November 16th, but discounts are available for earlier submissions.** More information here.

SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK

Nevada County Artist Relief Fund

Arts events, concerts, and productions have been cancelled in venues across the county due to the effects of COVID-19 - and professional artists whose livelihoods are dependent on these events are facing insurmountable losses.

In response, Nevada County Arts Council **has formed a coalition of local arts organizations to create an emergency initiative to offer financial and informational resources to artists within Nevada County.**

Now is the time to give back to our artists who contribute so much to the quality of our lives and the wellbeing of our community. Funds will be distributed as micro relief grants to eligible artists once our fund has reached a critical level.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY! Your tax-deductible donation goes directly toward the support of professional artists in all disciplines whose livelihoods have been affected by the public health crisis. **The fund has already received very generous $500 donations from both** Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra (CATS) **and** Sierra Nevada Brewing

Company, **and hopes to raise $40,000 for our local artists.**

DONATE

Fire Season Resources

We are now navigating the full force of wildfire season in our beautiful mountain home. Nevada County Arts Council has created a Resources and Assistance page for the creative community including local updates and critical planning tools .

They have been working with the County on a special "Find Your Five" downloadable card for creatives. You can download the card now to help prepare for current and future threats by sharing your emergency plan with five trusted Emergency Allies. The more connected we are, the more likely we are to get accurate information in a timely manner and survive an emergency.

RESOURCES and ASSISTANCE

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

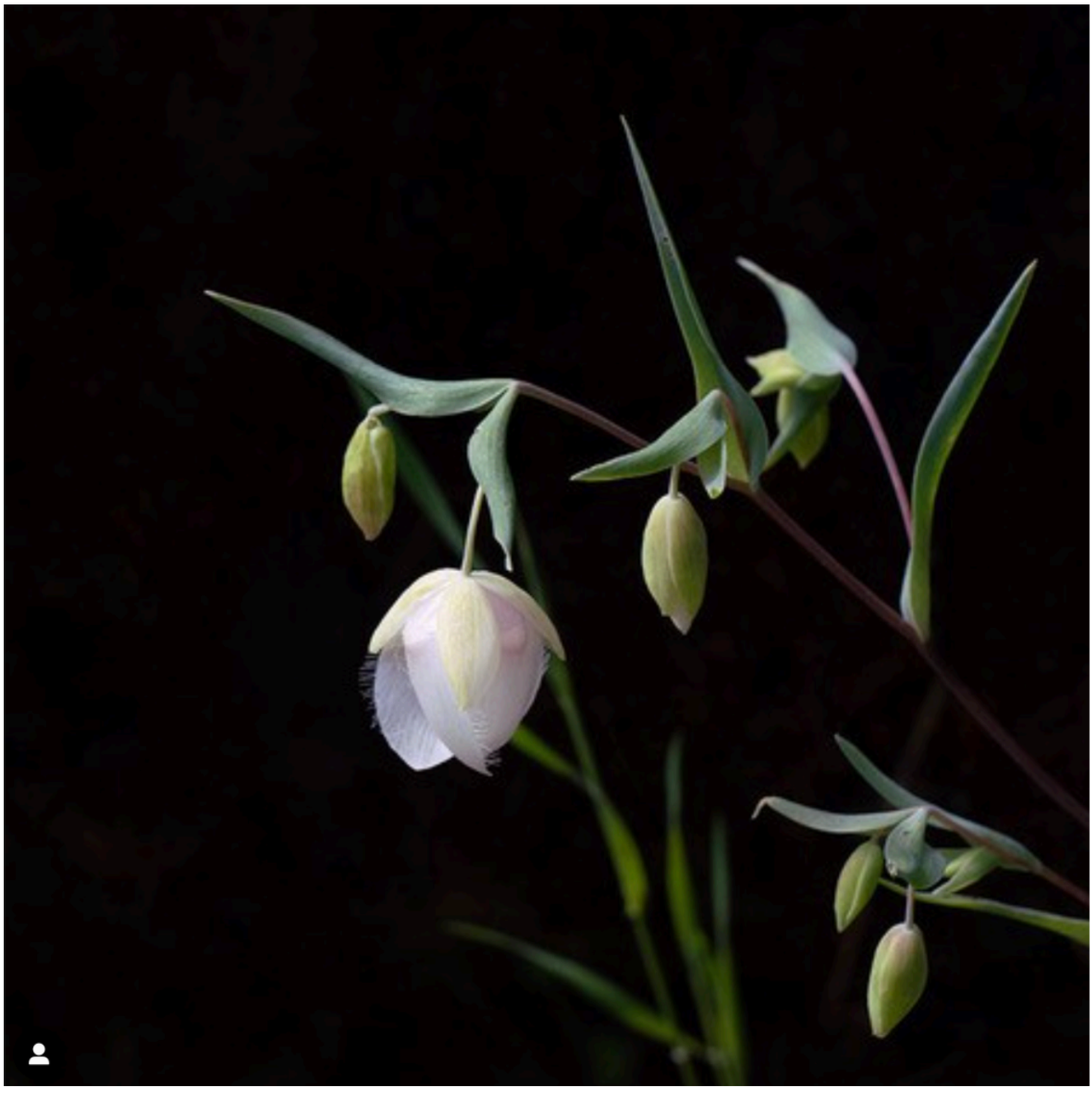
COVID-19 RESOURCES DIRECTORY

#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.)

#NevadaCityFarmersMarket



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