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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.

Nevada County West Open Studios 2020
Tour and Opening Reception

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.

The Opening Reception **is tonight, October 8th, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm in the Granucci Gallery and you can meet the artists and view their work.** You can also enjoy socially distanced music, food, and drinks in the theater. Masks are required while you are in the building and an RSVP is recommended.

The Open Studios Tour **will take place on October 10th, 11th, 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

NEO Offers Free Beginning Photography Workshop

NEO will be offering a free in-person Beginning Photography Workshop on October 15th and 22nd, from 3:00pm - 6:00pm. This two-part workshop, covering the basics of photography, is open to ages 13 - 18. No experience is required and cameras will be available to borrow - or you can use your own camera or smartphone.

The workshop will be held at The Friendship Club building at 200 Litton Drive, Suite 308, in Grass Valley. For additional information, call 530.470.3869. **The deadline to register is October 13th..**

REGISTER

October Virtual Local Creatives Happy Hour

Nevada County Arts Council and Nevada City Film Festival will be hosting a VIRTUAL version of their popular monthly happy hour for creatives on **Thursday, October 15th, from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.** This is a free event held via Zoom.

This month they will be welcoming a cohort of artists who have collectively transformed business locations in our downtown areas as part of Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's latest initiative, Art in Storefronts. They will also be sharing an update on their coalition effort, the Nevada County Artist Relief Fund.

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Art in Storefronts 2020

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AMANDA GANONG AND JULIA ROSE

206 West Main Street, Grass Valley

"Linked to Nature"

(more information here)

A sculptural and interactive representation of my journey connecting with nature during the COVID-19 pandemic. "Our installation examines the deep human need to connect with nature, especially now that many social activities are on hold - and the sometimes unintended consequences of that interaction".

Photo Credit: Kial James

DAVID KING

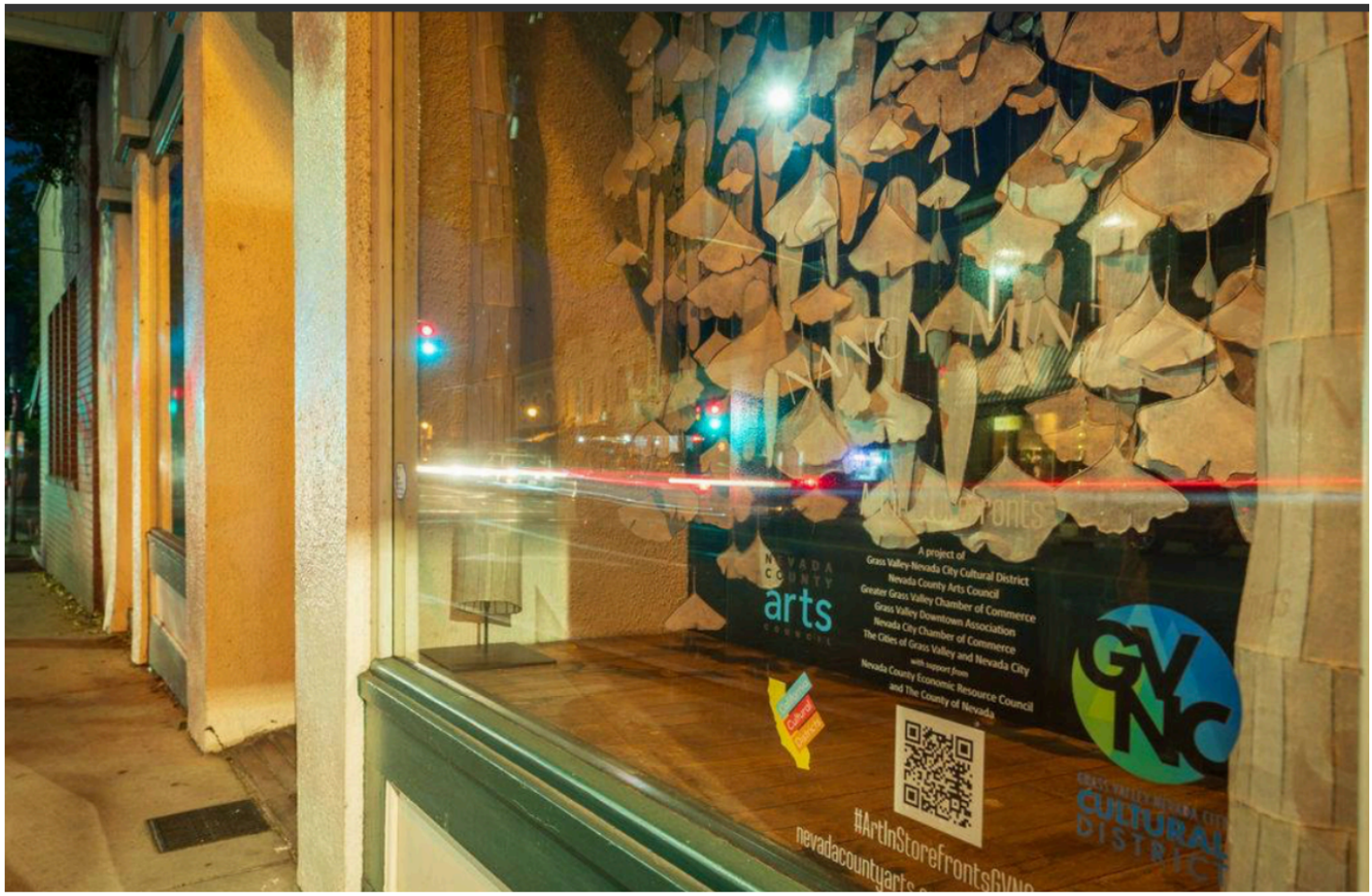
206 West Main Street, Grass Valley

"*Guiding Light"*

(more information here)

The star is often considered a symbol of truth, spirit and hope. They represent guidance, since the night sky has been regularly used as an orientation map. The star symbol embodies the notion of spiritual revelation in each of us. At this time in our lives we could all use more truth, hope, guidance and spirit."

Photo Credit: Kial James



NANCY MINTZ

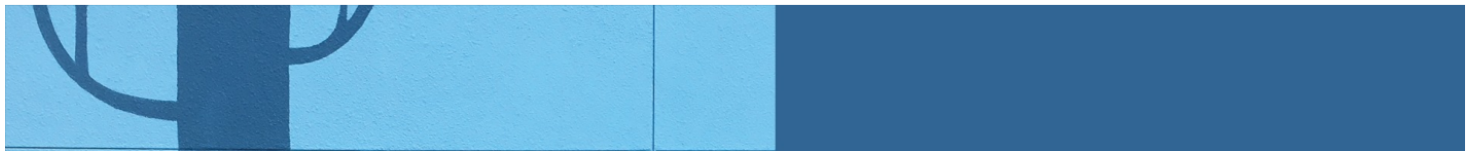
105 West Main Street, Grass Valley

"*Ghost Leaves"*

(more information here)

A sculptural installation made of brass, Japanese gampi paper, cordage., composed of numerous individual, translucent elements, which hang side-by-side in a curtain-like array. It intended to be displayed in a way that takes advantage of the passage of light (either natural or artificial) through the work. The sculptural elements hang freely, and are mobile if there is any air movement in the space.

Photo Credit: Kial James

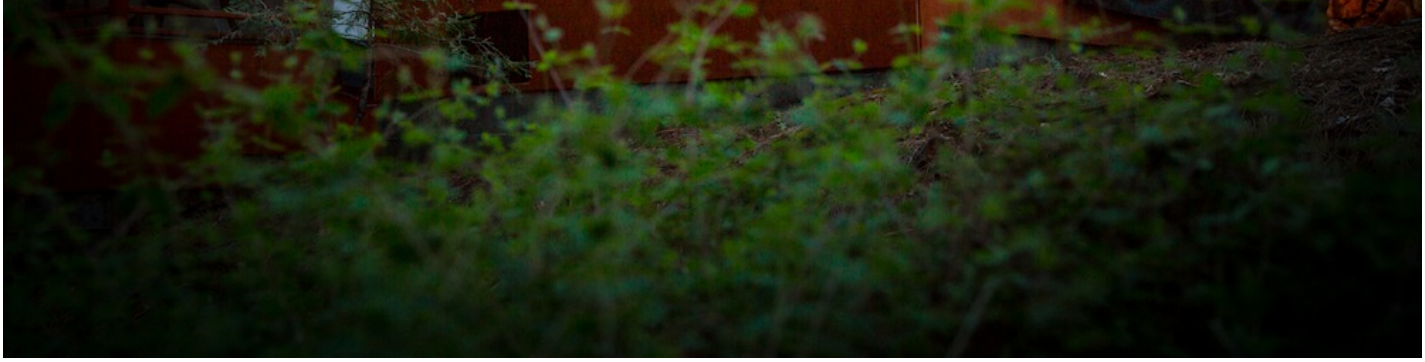


New Grass Valley Mural by Ursula X. Young

This mural on the side of Sourdough and Co. at 121 Neal Street in downtown Grass Valley had been in the planning stages for a few years and was scheduled to be painted in early Spring - then the pandemic hit and everything had to be rescheduled

The mural is now being painted by local artist Ursula Xanthe Young and features Lola Montez, a dancer and performer who lived briefly in Grass Valley.

Grass Valley is excited to add more art to downtown and is grateful to MEC Builds for sponsoring this mural, to Hills Flat Lumber Company for donating paint and supplies, and to Haven Caravelli and Downtown Grass Valley for their vision and perseverance to bring this mural to downtown.



Vote for Inn Town Campground to Win USA Today's "10 Best" Contest

Inn Town Campground **has been included in the** USA Today 10Best **for Campgrounds and RV Parks in the United States.** Let's show the world how much Nevada County loves and supports this treasured local business.

You can vote once per day until voting ends on Monday, October 12th, at noon ET. The 10 winning campgrounds will be announced on 10Best on Friday, October 23rd.

Please share with your friends and fellow camping aficionados!

Photo Credit: Kial James

VOTE

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:

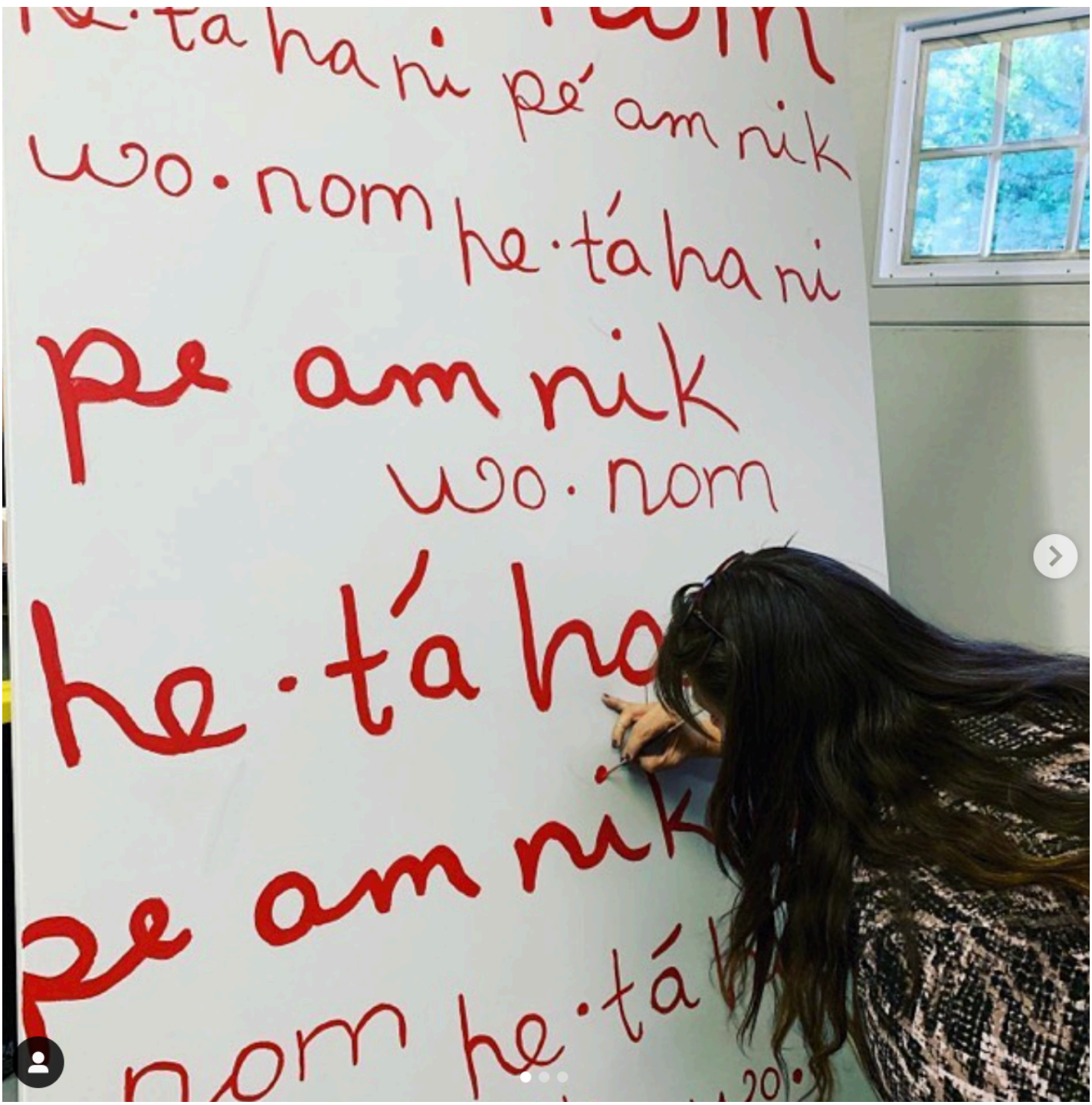
- Funding for organizations
- Funding for individual artists
- Virtual entertainment from around the globe in all disciplines - including dance, film, kids activities, literary arts, music, podcasts, theatre, and the visual arts
- Staying connected via the best of social media
- Arts education
- Preparedness 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.)



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