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

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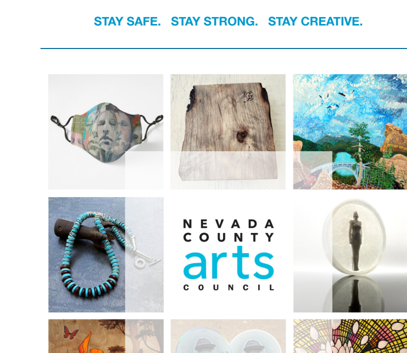

Nevada County Arts Council's "Shopping with Artists"

Nevada County Arts Council has created a webpage to support artists during the holidays, and to provide the community with a creative, local shopping experience.

More information about the Shopping with Artists Initiative is here.

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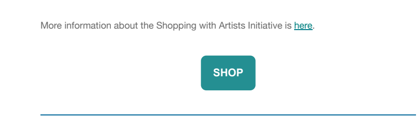

Wild & Scenic Film Festival Tickets Now on Sale

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.

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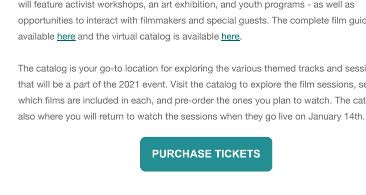

Nevada County Media Virtual Holiday Celebration

On December 16th at 6:00pm, Nevada County Media is teaming up with Hospice of the Foothills and Bear Yuba Land Trust to bring you a virtual holiday celebration.

Tune in to discover what these organizations do for the community and enjoy a bit of holiday cheer - with performances by Ken Hardin, Frankie McCabe, Ellen Johnson, and more. You can watch on nevadacountymedia.org or on Comcast channel 11. Donations are greatly appreciated.

MORE INFO

The Center for the Arts Holiday Art Market

On Saturday, December 19, and Sunday, December 20, shoppers and art lovers can make an appointment to peruse goods created by local artists at The Center for the Arts. The Center's Annual Holiday Art Market features ceramics, paintings, stone carvings and more from independent artists.

With everyone's health and safety in mind, The Center is limiting capacity, requiring masks and checking temperatures for all retail shoppers entering the building. In addition, social distancing will be strictly enforced inside and outside of the building.

Reservations help The Center to ensure limited capacity and a safe shopping experience. RSVP to reserve your one-hour time slot.

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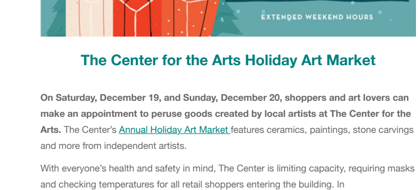

"Night of Giving" for Hospitality House

The 15th annual Night of Giving takes place on December 19th, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, as a virtual evening of entertainment to raise awareness and support for our homeless community.

This event includes new band performances, the best performances from years past, guest stories/testimonials, and a behind the scenes tour of Hospitality House.

For the most optimal experience, attendees are encouraged to stream directly from hhshelter.org. Additional viewing options include Facebook, YouTube, and a viewer-friendly version made just for Public Access Television: Comcast channel 11 or Suddenlink channel 16.

"This event is all about togetherness," said Mikail Graham, Event Host and Founder of Night of Giving. "What started as a small evening with friends has grown into what it is today—a community-driven musical benefit for those in need. Together, we're raising awareness and support for our homeless community, and we'd love for you to join us."

This event is FREE but a $25 donation is suggested. A triple match will also be offered during the event only – give during the show and have your donation TRIPLED by local donors.

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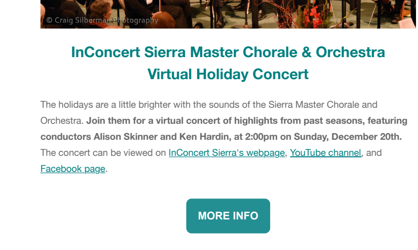

InConcert Sierra Master Chorale & Orchestra Virtual Holiday Concert

The holidays are a little brighter with the sounds of the Sierra Master Chorale and Orchestra. **Join them for a virtual concert of highlights from past seasons, featuring conductors Alison Skinner and Ken Hardin, at 2:00pm on Sunday, December 20th.** The concert can be viewed on InConcert Sierra's webpage, YouTube channel, and Facebook page.

MORE INFO

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.

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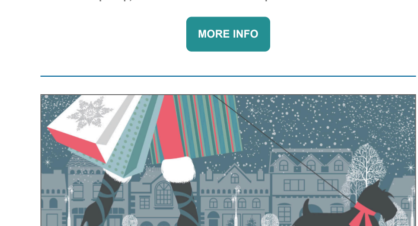

Downtown Holiday Markets in Grass Valley

Downtown Grass Valley is open for business! They are calling weekends their "Downtown Holiday Markets", and many stores and restaurants will be extending their hours on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 8:00 pm.

In keeping with public health and safety guidelines, there will be no street closures, large crowds, or street vendors, and the traditional Cornish Christmas holiday events will not be taking place this year. Instead Grass Valley will focus on featuring their retail shops, restaurants, and festively decorated downtown streets and buildings. The Mill Street downtown promenade, perfect for strolling, is closed to motorized traffic.

Downtown Grass Valley invites you to celebrate this Holiday Season by supporting local businesses, enjoying food and libations, and strolling Grass Valley's festive downtown. You can view a list of the 240 downtown businesses here.

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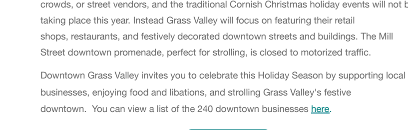

Hometown Victorian Holiday 2020 in Nevada City

Recently, Nevada City's annual Victorian Christmas was nationally recognized by popular travel website "Trips to Discover" as the "Most Festive Christmas Town in California" and Conde Nast Traveler magazine also named the event one of the "Best European-Style Christmas Markets in the United States".

Praised for the event's "warm and welcoming" and "festive" ambiance, the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce's annual Victorian Christmas will be reimagined due to COVID-19 as a hometown Victorian holiday with an emphasis on showcasing Nevada City's charming retail shops and restaurants, along with the town's beautiful and festively decorated streets, homes, and buildings. Father Christmas will make his annual appearance on Sunday afternoons.

For those wishing to do curbside pickup from their favorite local small business, ten-minute parking spots will be designated for quick pick-ups and drop offs. For those who'd prefer to do their shopping online, participating merchants will offer an online tour of their shop via their website and social media, where you can then either purchase goods from their online store or call the shop directly.

The Chamber has created a Gift Guide to showcase local small businesses and merchants.

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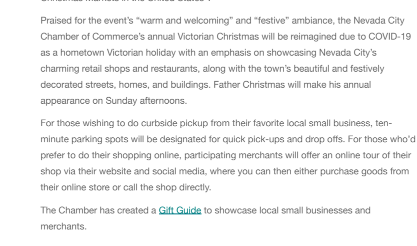

Nevada County Artist Relief Fund

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.**

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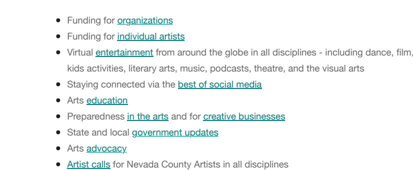


COVID-19 Resources for the Creative Community

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:

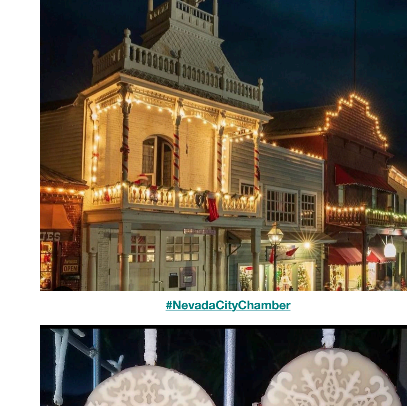
- Funding for organizations
- Funding for individual artists
- Virtual entertainment from around the globe in all disciplines - including dance, film, kids activities, literary arts, music, podcasts, theatre, and the visual arts
- Staying connected via the best of social media
- Arts education
- Preparedness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