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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.

SAVE THE DATE: DEC. 10

Image from the FOREST⇌*FIRE exhibition installation at the Truckee Community Recreation Center*

(photo courtesy of Llewellyn Studio).

An Unprecedented Exhibition Opens
FOREST⇌*FIRE*

After months of preparation, the Opening Reception now appears within sight for *FOREST⇌FIRE*. Walk with us, starting Friday, December 10, through a chronological forest of epoch proportion.

Huge fabric tree trunks dominate the ceiling-scape at the Truckee Rec. Center, where lead artists Michael and Heather Llewellyn have set the arboreal skeleton of what will grown into an immersive, multimedia exhibit featuring nineteen artists from across the country. Visitors will see a visual representation of how, over 13,000 years, forests have thinned on Earth, and how we can potentially regenerate some of what grew before.

Don't miss the Opening Reception exhibition event for what William L. Fox, director of the Nevada's Center for the Art + Environment, calls "one of the most direct responses to climate change in our local area, even as it has international repercussions." *The New York Times* also reported that the center will add "Forest Fire" to its extensive archives of environmental and climate change-focused art.

Find out how humans have played a role in forest fires, why fires have become catastrophic, and what we can do to return fire to its original role of supporting the well being of forest and humans alike. ***Together let's Vision the Future Forest!***

Promotional flyer for the FOREST⇌*FIRE exhibition, courtesy of the Nevada County Arts Council*

OPENING RECEPTION: December 10, 2021, 5–7pm

Truckee Community Recreation Center, 10981 Truckee Way, Truckee, CA 96161

The exhibition runs from December 10, 2021 to June 2022 and features the work of artists Judith Lowry, Sarah Coleman, Indigo Moor, Tahiti Pehrson, Sara L. Smith, Andie Thrams, Jessa Ray Growing Thunder and many more.

The **Opening Reception** will include presentations by:

- Anna Klovstad, Mayor of the Town of Truckee
- Eliza Tudor, Executive Director, Nevada County Arts Council
- William L. Fox, Director, The Center for Art + Environment, Nevada Museum of Art
- Lead Artists Michael and Heather Llewellyn
- Indigo Moor, Sacramento Poet Laureate Emeritus

FOREST WALK WITH US

MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Artemis Arthur, Nevada City Vocalist, Releases Two Tunes this Autumn

"Love will never be alone, alone / Love won't leave you alone," sings Artemis Arthur in her new single, *My Letter*, released today and ahead of her forthcoming album.

Comforting words from a song about breaking up. Because in Artemis Arthur's music, she has earned resolve born of years of struggles that radiates in every coda.

In her song *The Real*, also recently released and with an accompanying music video, Artemis's lyrics appear as windows into past experiences, much like a mini pop-soul memoir. She dances through the streets of historic Nevada City, cinema marquis lights glinting in the night sky.

GVNC Culture Connection asked Artemis about the inspiration was behind the song.

"I experienced homelessness between 2012–2016," says Artemis. It literally happened overnight. One day I was speaking with family, and then they weren't talking to me. I ended up having children during that experience. It was hell."

Artemis sang on street corners each morning, often earning her day's expenses by 10 o'clock. She otherwise kept out of sight for fear of getting into trouble just by her unhoused status.

"I knew people who lived with their families in moving trucks. When living through life-altering events, one's faith is undeniable. And being guided by "the real" love and you try and condense that feeling."

And then just as immediately, Artemis and her growing family found housing again.

"I came up here to Nevada City, and I found such a supportive music community. And I've seen people making a living here doing what they love. It's very inspiring. My music video is a love letter to Nevada City. We did three runs in one continuous shot. Low budget, low stress. It was done in two-and-a-half hours. They were so genuine and nice to work with. Definitely meant to be."

Stay tuned for news about Artemis Arthur's new album on Instagram.

"The Real" by Artemis Arthur, featuring visuals & editing by @valccamp and @camenhodges

LISTEN HERE

A HOLIDAY CABARET

Screenshot of the new landing place for Project Wild Edges online, courtesy of Miners Foundry

The Miners Foundry is pleased to present Home for the Holidays with Sugar Mountain on Saturday, December 4, 2021. Local favorites Karen Woerner and Cassidy Joy will be joined by Brent Leever on the piano and Kellie Garmire on vocals.

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the show begins at 7:00 p.m. in the beautiful and intimate Stone Hall. Enjoy our full bar and cozy up with someone you love while enjoying the sweet sounds of Sugar Mountain!

Get Tickets! | $60-$120 (tables of 2 or 4)

- Please review updated Safety information before purchasing your ticket!
- Proof of full vaccination or negative PCR COVID 19 test within 72 hours required for entry.
- Masks are required indoors except when eating or drinking.
- Cabaret Table Seating
- Table of 2 | $60
- Table of 4 | $120
- Tickets available online, by phone or in person at the Miners Foundry Box Office:
  325 Spring Street, Nevada City, CA 95959
  Tuesday – Friday | 9:00am – 4:00pm
  (530) 265-5040

BUY TICKETS

NEVADA CITY DRESSES FOR THE 19TH CENTURY IN DECEMBER

The aroma of roasted chestnuts fill the air, along with cries of street vendors hawking their wares and lamp-lit streets filled with Christmas treasures. It's the one-and-only "Victorian Christmas."

Welcome the holiday season in Nevada City. It's a magical setting of hilly streets with authentic gas lamps, wandering carolers dressed in Victorian attire, and visitors sharing holiday cheer and good tidings.

This annual, family tradition takes place two Wednesday evenings and three Sunday afternoons in December. There are holiday activities for all ages including live entertainment, yuletide treats and libations, and Father Christmas!

We look forward to welcoming the best of the holiday Season with you!

LEARN MORE

The Center for the Arts Hosts Local Artist Bazaar

FEATURING WORK

PAMELA MONTALBANO, LICKINFLAMES, BAY NOEL, GLENN HUSTED, JAN PELLIZZER, SUZANNE CHRIST BURR, DEBORAH BRANT, DIANA KRAMER

The Center for the Arts | 314 W. Main St. | Grass Valley, CA

Saturday, December 18 | 11am–3pm [RSVP]

Sunday, December 19 | 11am–3pm [RSVP]

*** FREE EVENT ***

The Center's Annual Holiday Art Market featuring local artists just in time for the holidays! Ceramics, paintings, stone carvings, fiber arts, woodworking, and more will be featured as part of this beloved annual sale. Participating artists include:

Bay Noel, Woodworking

Deborah Brant, Felting

Diana's Designs, Decorations Lights/Lanterns

Glenn Husted/Stone Soup Studio, Ceramics: website

Jan Pellizzer/Creative Spirits Art, Paintings, Greeting Cards, Home Decor, etc.: instagram | facebook

LickinFlames, Ceramics: website

Pamela Montalbano, Ceramics: website | instagram

Suzanne Christ Burr, Fiber Arts: website | instagram

Thomas Haddy, Stone Turning: website

RSVP

BUY LOCAL
THIS GIFT-GIVING SEASON

Nevada County Shopping with Artists Initiative

CALL TO ARTISTS

Nevada County Arts Council has created a webpage to support artists in all disciplines during the COVID-19 public health crisis, as well as providing our community with a fabulous, local, shopping experience.

If you are an artist—whether visual, literary, performing or new media—and are set up to sell your own original merchandise, we want to hear from you. We need your information as a local artist in order to bring our local creative shopping initiative to life.

This is time sensitive. We will promote our webpage via a dedicated newsletter and a social media push to drive people to your galleries and online stores. Please submit information today!

A note that this initiative will become a membership benefit for artists who join Nevada County Arts Council on the opening of its new membership program, coming soon.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Submit one quality image of one item with a simple, white, or solid background.
2. Write one sentence about your work.

3. Provide a link that goes directly to your shop. Not just a website home page.
4. A list of what you offer, up to four. For example, art prints, tote bags, mugs, cd's gift certificates.
5. An email to reach you if we need to contact you for any reason.
6. Email info. to director@nevadacountyarts.org.

SHOP LOCAL HERE

THE ART OF RE-OPENING

NEVADA COUNTY SAFE

For arts organizations and businesses, re-opening amidst the pandemic can feel daunting.

Join a partnership of arts organizations and businesses who want to guide visitors through their doors with consideration and confidence.

Register for FREE here: https://bit.ly/3F2Yu9d

Many thanks to Nevada City's Celine Negrete, owner of the The Onyx Theatre, as well as the Friends of Nevada County Safe, who created this nimble and beautiful website!

ADD YOUR LISTING