

Greetings!

As hard as it is to believe that a new decade is upon us, we are already deep into the New Year as a plethora of opportunities for our creative community open up.

In this month's newsletter we share **BIG NEWS** as Governor Gavin Newsom proposes a significant uplift in funding for both the California Cultural District Program and disaster preparedness for our creative sector. But what does this mean for us, locally?



Opening this weekend, click on the image above to enjoy Wild & Scenic's 2020 trailer, and see below for information on Art at Wild & Scenic and our Opening Reception & Awards Ceremony TONIGHT!

The **Wild & Scenic Film Festival** opens this weekend. Starting today you can stroll through our downtown areas to enjoy close to seventy artists whose work is displayed in both **likely and unlikely places**. At Nevada County Arts Council, we recognize the invaluable role that local artists perform as environmental activists, and their ability to share with us the manifold ways society and the natural world interact.

Of the many special events offered during the festival, we'd like to invite you to attend a panel discussion taking place on Sunday called **Nisenanim Ni**, which represents our latest collaboration with our Nisenan Tribespeople, through a special partnership with Nevada City Film Festival.

This week, our fabulous community radio station, KVMR, launched a new program called **State of the Arts**, hosted by Paul Emery. Each week KVMR will be interviewing representatives from different arts and cultural organizations. Below you can listen to how Nevada County Arts Council kicked it off.

Our **Artist of Nevada County** this month features Miyu Tamamura, a Japanese performing artist and healer who inspires our own work through her involvement in this year's Belonging initiative, HOME.

Also in this month's newsletter, a last call to Truckee residents interested in applying to The Town of Truckee's brand new **Public Art Advisory Committee**, and a big SAVE THE DATE for a significant professional development opportunity for our artists. Read on to learn about **The Business of Art Symposium!**

Finally, a steadfast reminder for our creative people, businesses and organizations of the many - mostly free - **resources** we offer. We hope you are taking advantage of them.

Our warmest wishes for a fabulous New Year!



Eliza Tudor
Executive Director



Save the Date!

The Business of Art Symposium

What: The Business of Art Symposium

Where: Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning, 505 Main Street Nevada City, Ca 95959

Date: Saturday, February 29

Time: 8:45am-4:30pm

The Business of Art is a day of illuminating plenary and professional development sessions for our creative community led by thought leaders and influencers from the field. Marketing and media workshops, business planning, partnerships, legal advice, and mentoring will be offered at this multi-partner event, with expert speakers, panelists, workshops leaders and facilitators selected both locally and from across California.

Our symposium provides a platform for those working in our local and regional creative industries to engage in discussions around pressing current cultural, artistic and professional issues. Attendees will participate in sessions exploring the top trends and challenges in our field and a special vibe for a gathering you won't want to miss. Registration is now open!

Find out more [here](#).

\$10 MILLION INCREASE IN CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL INITIATIVES!

Governor Gavin Newsom has submitted a 2020-21 budget proposal to the Legislature that includes a one-time \$10 million increased general fund allocation for the California Arts Council.

The following provisions are proposed over a three-year period:

California Cultural Districts

- \$9 million shall be provided for the support of existing cultural districts and the addition of cultural districts in underrepresented areas



Disaster Preparedness for the arts

- \$1 million shall be provided for the development of disaster preparedness guidelines and best practices at the county level.

What does this mean?

This is the first step in the 2020-21 state budget process. The budget is developed by the Legislature from now until the Governor's signature in June, taking effect July 1, 2020. We do know that while it's not a foregone conclusion that his bill will pass, it's a clear signal of support for two critical areas of work that for us in Nevada County carry real meaning.

What can we do to prepare?

By now, we are all aware of rural Nevada County's unique status as being home to two of the State's coveted California Cultural Districts. During the last week, we drafted letters of thanks to the Governor from both Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District.

You, too, can write to Governor Newsom and express your thanks. Not only this, but send a clear statement of support for the Program's potential and your personal experience of its impact so far. For inspiration on this read our "**Two Years On**" update.

Where should you send your letter of thanks to Governor Newsom?

Governor Gavin Newsom
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Beyond this, we encourage you to read a special report by Moxie Research and The Cultural Planning group, who evaluated all fourteen California Cultural Districts last year, and provided their report - together with recommendations - to California Arts Council in December. You can find this, and California Arts Council's own memo, [here](#).



ART AT WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL

As the trailer above highlights, Wild & Scenic this year features a full lineup of over 140 environmental and activist films, including 16 world premieres, from now until Monday across the downtown areas of historic Grass Valley and Nevada City.

ARTISTS AS ACTIVISTS

Each year Nevada County Arts Council partners with the Wild & Scenic Film Festival to mount a multi-venue exhibition of visual art presented in local galleries and businesses across the downtown areas of the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District. Together, we offer a fresh dimension for more than 8,000 festival attendees to enjoy the work of our artists, and meet with filmmakers, social activists, and environmental leaders.

At Nevada County Arts Council, we support the role of local and regional visual artists as they, too, are recognized for the invaluable role that they perform in delivering a meaningful message about environmental activism and relationships between society and the natural world.

Tonight, at the Gold Miners Inn in Grass Valley, we invite you to join us for the festival's annual **ART RECEPTION AND AWARD CEREMONY** from 4:30-6:30pm. **SEE YOU THERE!**

KEY LINKS

Our page on Art at Wild & Scenic Film Festival, including participating artists, and information on this year's esteemed judges!

Your guide to art venues across Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District

Tickets to films at Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Program and schedule information

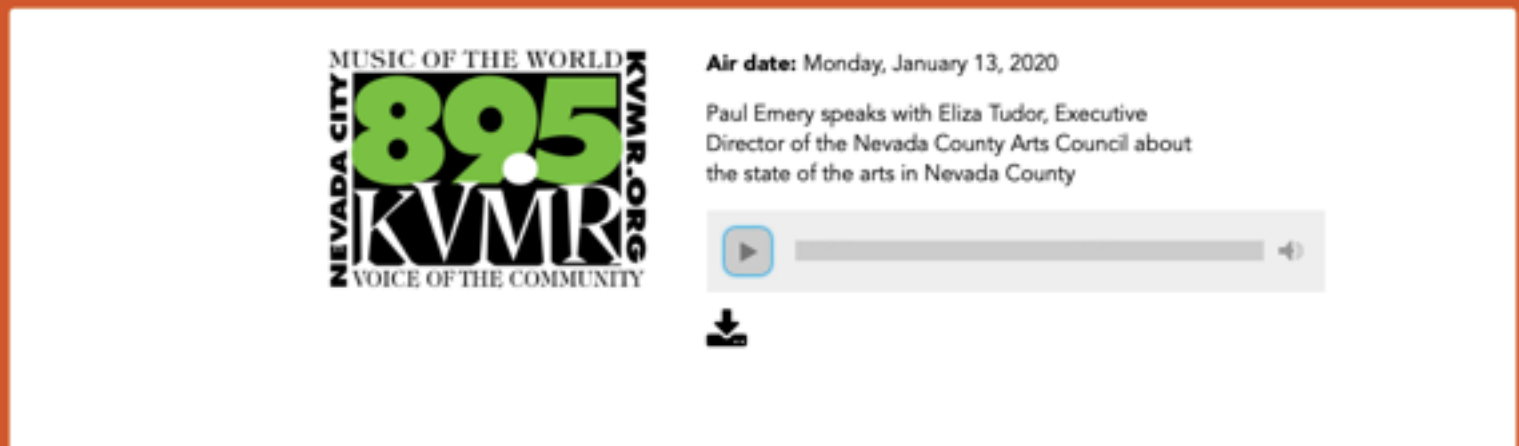
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NISENANIM NI

We also particularly encourage attendance at a **special panel discussion** taking place on Sunday at Nevada City's Activist Center called **Nisenanim Ni**. Join members of the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe as they discuss a new partnership with Nevada City Film Festival and Nevada County Arts Council through the making of a film that addresses the recovery of their critically endangered language.

This partnership, in tandem with efforts towards restoring Federal Recognition, is testament to the whole community effort required to rebuild visibility. Please join us!

State of the Arts



MUSIC OF THE WORLD
89.5
KVMR
VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY
NEVADA CITY
KVMR.ORG

Air date: Monday, January 13, 2020

Paul Emery speaks with Eliza Tudor, Executive Director of the Nevada County Arts Council about the state of the arts in Nevada County

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KVMR 89.5FM & 105.1FM has a new program called 'State of the Arts', which launched this Monday with an interview with Nevada County Arts Council's Executive Director, Eliza Tudor.

Say's Eliza: "I always enjoy speaking with my old friend Paul Emery, who is partly Greek and remembers with fondness the days of Ancient Greek theatre in Grass Valley. Listen in on the many ways Nevada County Arts Council is serving our community."

Last call - a new Public Art Advisory Committee!

As we've previously shared, following a community process supported by Truckee Arts Alliance, Nevada County Arts Council and our arts community at large, Truckee Town Council adopted Truckee's first Public Art Master Plan in July last year, later also voting to allocate funding for public art.

The Plan established a suite of robust goals and next steps for formalizing Truckee's public art program, including the appointment of a public advisory body that will provide leadership and input into the management of the program.

An advisory body of seven members will be appointed by Town Council, six of whom will be professionals in relevant disciplines and one a lay community member:

- Arts advocate: Such as advocate or representative of an arts advocacy organization



- Youth arts representative: Such as youth art educator, advocate, or representative of youth arts advocacy organization
- Public art expert: Such as experienced artist, curator, or installer of public art
- Performing arts representative: Such as artist, staff, board member or owner of a performing arts-focused business or organization
- Visual arts representative: Such as artist, staff, board member or owner of a visual arts-focused business or organization
- Technical expert: Such as engineer, architect, or professional experienced in technical aspects of outdoor public art installation
- Lay members: Community member with an interest in public art who is not a professional artist, or staff, board member or owner of an arts business or organization

Apply [here](#) if you are interested in serving this model committee. Closing for application submittal is 12 pm tomorrow, January 17!

Truckee Arts Alliance gets another grant!

We are thrilled to share that, guided by us, Truckee Arts Alliance has been successful in its application to the Tahoe Mountain Resort Foundation for a mini grant to support four special gatherings in the year to come. During 2020 Truckee Arts Alliance will host four sessions dedicated to key aspects of cultural planning on behalf of Truckee Cultural District and its key partner and stakeholders. This will hold Truckee in good stead as it prepares an application, eighteen months from now, for re-designation as a California Cultural District. Funds will enable us to invite experts in the field - both local and from across the state - to prepare our community.

Artists of Nevada County

Miyu Tamamura

We are pleased to feature Miyu Tamamura as our January artist.

Miyu was born and raised in Kyoto, Japan and moved to the United States as we entered a new millennium. We fell in love with her from afar when we found some beautiful images of her work as a performance artist working with calligraphy. But Miyu is much more than a performance artist - she is also a healer.



Click on the image above to enjoy a short video of Miyu at work.

Miyu's clinic YU Healing Arts in Nevada City is dedicated to the healing arts including Sound Healing, Shiatsu Therapy and Japanese calligraphy. Miyu teaches the monthly program of Sound Healing Meditation at Mountain Stream Meditation/Nevada City Insight Center where

community members come to meditate in the vibrations of the singing bowls.

Miyu's experiential approach to finding one's truth, her spiritual discipline and Japanese heritage are infused in all her teachings and artistic expressions. Miyu's commitment to transformation and healing is the very energy that plays her orchestra of Alchemy Crystal Singing Bowls, returning us to the silence within.

Miyu is now one of several artists working with us on [HOME](#), which examines perspectives of "home" from diverse members of our community.

Miyu, tell us about the various art forms you practice, and their mediums

Currently, my passion is sound healing with crystal singing bowls. I am trained in Japanese calligraphy and Shiatsu therapy. I consider healing arts as my practice of life. My major in art university was Modern and Conceptual art.

At what age did you discover a love for creativity, together with a talent for it?

I remember my mother came to me and said, "Miyu, that is enough now" when I kept dancing and singing as soon as I was able to stand and open my mouth. Creativity always finds its outlet in everything I engage in doing. For me, art is a way of life.

What is your creative process?

Completely surrendering and becoming one with the flow of life in the moment, available to open myself as a channel. Preparing and bringing myself to the very edge of my existence brings most joy in my creative process.

What is the project, or work, you are most proud of?

As a Shiatsu therapist, when my hands are with who I am working with, there is a deep sense of ease and trust. I feel most humbled when whatever the form of art is created and when its mutually experienced in the most healing way.

What do you love best about the art community in our county?

I know in my heart that there is a deep understanding and appreciation of art in our community. I believe that love and appreciation comes from respect and connection we have with the beautiful nature that surrounds us.

Name two Nevada County artists whose work you admire, and why.

Maniko Dru Dadigan, a singer, voice & life coach, Victoria Cook, an esthetician & hands on therapist. Their work helps me connect deeper within my heart.

What is your current or next creative venture?

My focus now is how I can share, and also teach, the process of connecting and diving deeper within one's self. All the creative work I have engaged in my life now points in one direction - the healing arts.

More about Miyu can be found [here](#).

A REMINDER TO ENJOY THESE RESOURCES!

A reminder to our creative local business, our artists and our arts organizations of these great resources:

- Become a member of Nevada County Arts Council [here!](#)
- Have a story you think the world should know about? Submit your story [here](#)
- If you are an artist, create a profile [here](#)
- Post your events at our Community Arts Calendar [here](#)
- Subscribe to our Nevada County Arts Council's monthly newsletter [here](#)
- Sign up for Culture Connection, Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's bi-weekly newsletter [here](#)
- Get Truckee Arts Alliance's monthly newsletter [here](#)
- **Send us** your Call to Artists info and we'll put it [here](#)
- For our visual arts community, make sure you take advantage of our Annual Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide [here](#)
- Interested in co-hosting an Artist Gathering with us? Email us [here](#)
- Get involved with Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District - let us know you are interested [here!](#)

Become a Member