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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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Monthly Arts Council
CREATIVES MEETUP

Thursday, July 6, 5:00 - 7:00pm

The Stone House
107 Sacramento Street, Nevada City

Join us for the Creatives Meetup, this month's meetup is co-hosted by The Stone House. You'll have a chance to meet with their new General Manager Lydia Thomas who will guide those who are interested on a tour around the iconic historical building. We'll share about upcoming events, exciting collaborations, and the long awaited results of our Upstate California Creative Corps regranting program, along with other ways to get involved with and support the Nevada County Arts Council.

Each month we meet at a new location to serve artists, our creative workforce and our community in the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District. Our Creatives Meetup are a great way to make connections, share ideas, and get inspired. Next month join us at the North Bloomfield Studio of local artist Miles Toland and others.

Snacks and light refreshments will be provided.

The Miners Foundry Cultural Center is pleased to present

Jerry's Middle Finger

Saturday, July 1, 2023
Doors open at 7:00pm | Show begins at 8:00pm

It's no longer a secret that California-based Jerry's Middle Finger (JMF) delivers the best Jerry Garcia Band tribute experience in the world – performing and celebrating the music of JGB with unparalleled sound and energy.

Humbly formed in 2015 by a group of professional musicians passionate about Jerry Garcia and the Grateful Dead, JMF started honing its one-of-a-kind sound at LA speakeasies and beachside dive bars. Audiences of all ages instantly fell in love and soon JMF was playing explosive shows up and down the West coast, packing legendary venues like Sweetwater Music Hall, Teragram Ballroom, Belly Up, Terrapin Crossroads, and Pappy & Harriet's—dazzling new fans on the scene and pulling even the most discerning Jerry fanatics out of their seats for the first time in decades.

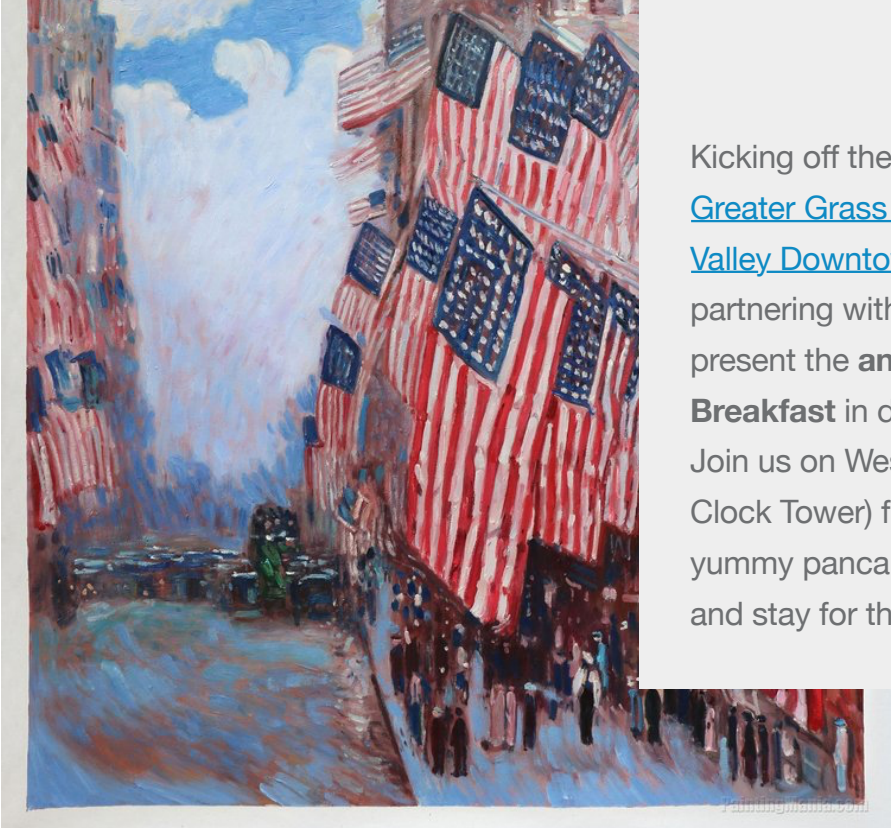
The magic all starts with lead vocalist and guitarist Garrett Deloian. As a seasoned veteran of the blues circuit, he channels his lifelong love for the work of Garcia into every lick with his unparalleled high-octane guitar tone. Drummer/founder Rodney Newman, a student of The Dead/JGB since his youth, leads the band's reliable and relentless rhythm section. Rounding things out are two powerhouse vocalists, Halina Janusz and Lisa Malsberger, and veteran pianist Jon Gold.

The future looks bright for JMF as they get ready to take their heartfelt magical dance parties to further points across the country.

Get Tickets! | $25-$30

- $25 in Advance / $30 at the Door. Advance price closes at 4:00 p.m. the day of the show.
- Standing / Dancing Show, Limited Seating Available

4th of July in Downtown Grass



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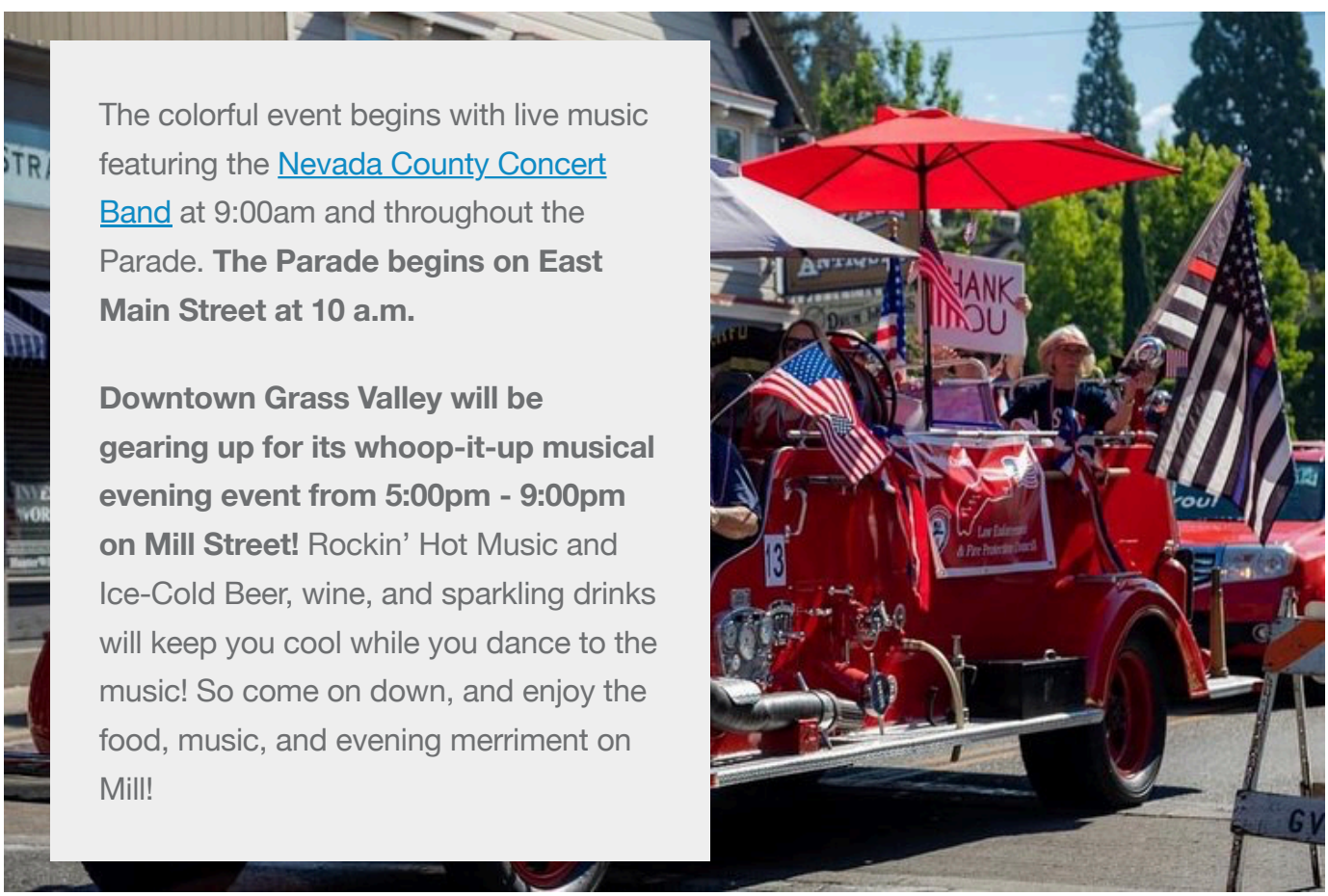
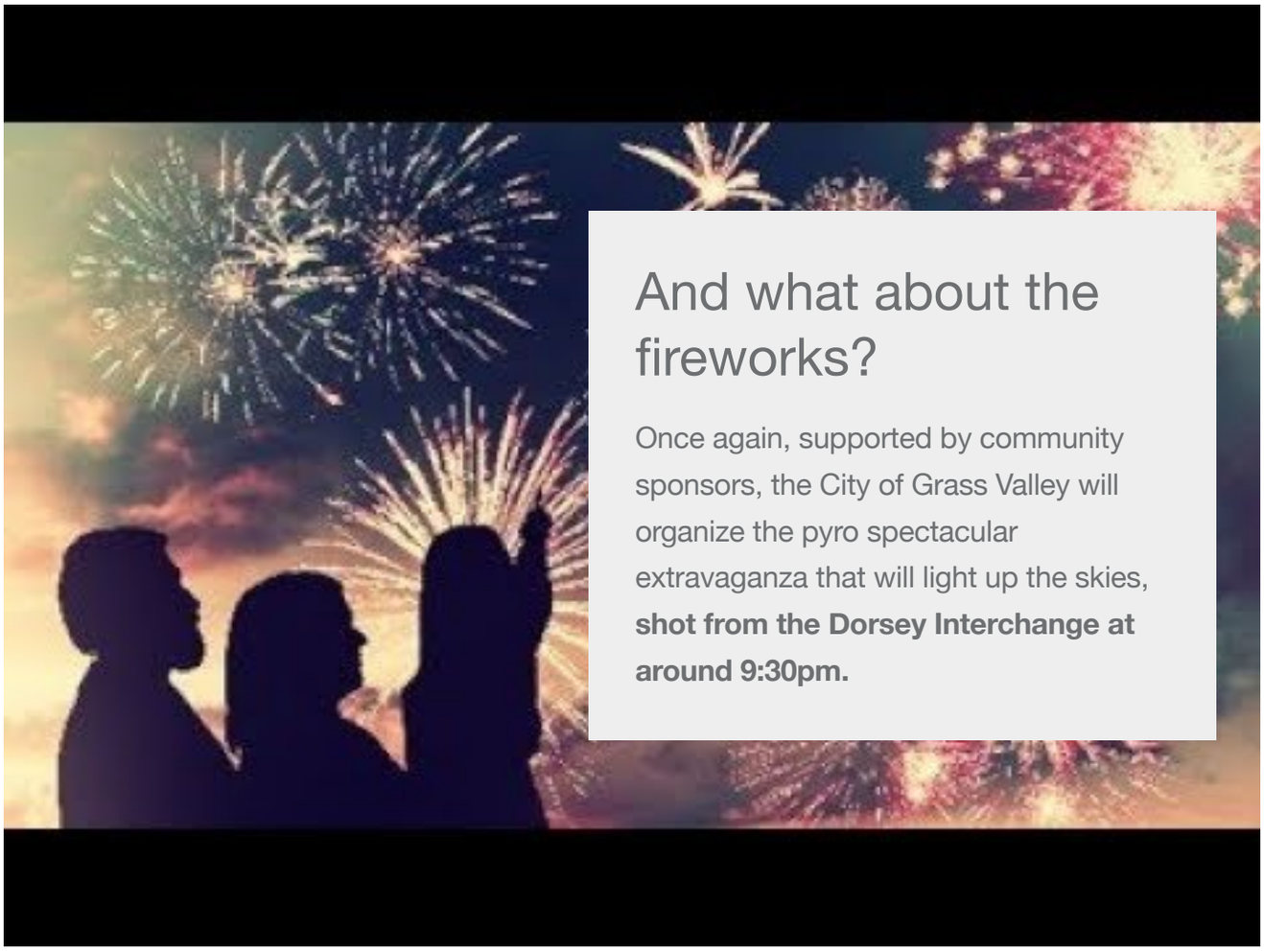
Kicking off the 4th of July morning, the Greater Grass Valley Chamber and Grass Valley Downtown Association are partnering with Twin Cities Church to present the **annual Family Pancake Breakfast** in downtown Grass Valley. Join us on West Main Street (above the Clock Tower) from **8:30am - 10:00am** for yummy pancakes and children's games and stay for the Parade!



The colorful event begins with live music featuring the Nevada County Concert Band at 9:00am and throughout the Parade. **The Parade begins on East Main Street at 10 a.m.**

Downtown Grass Valley will be gearing up for its whoop-it-up musical evening event from 5:00pm - 9:00pm on Mill Street! Rockin' Hot Music and Ice-Cold Beer, wine, and sparkling drinks will keep you cool while you dance to the music! So come on down, and enjoy the food, music, and evening merriment on Mill!



And what about the fireworks?

Once again, supported by community sponsors, the City of Grass Valley will organize the pyro spectacular extravaganza that will light up the skies, **shot from the Dorsey Interchange at around 9:30pm.**

36th ANNUAL SIERRA STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

JULY 7th & 8th

The North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center

Storytellers are masters of many arts. They command the stage, like a Broadway actor; they orchestrate words into suspenseful tales like a bestselling author; and they are your favorite therapist who shares just what you need to hear.

The tellers at the 2023 Sierra Storytelling Festival are all such masters of their ancient craft. Comedians, musicians, authors, voice-over artists, teachers: they each bring the best of their skill to create unforgettable tales at the unforgettable Sierra Storytelling Festival.

This year is the 36th year of the Festival, which is held annually at the North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center. The Center is equally varied in its talents, and its historic 1875 one-room schoolhouse is blessed with an exquisite new outdoor amphitheater stage that will host most of the telling.

The Festival provides opportunities for the amateur to tell, for children to be delighted, and for some of the best national-circuit tellers to share with their treasured audience.

Called the Queen of Storytelling Festivals, the 36th annual Sierra Storytelling Festival will be held the second weekend in July, July 7-8, on Friday and Saturday. It kicks off with a thought-stirring workshop at 1pm and concludes with happy hearts, faith in humanity, and full souls on Saturday night.

To learn about the full lineup of fabulous story-tellers and to purchase tickets check out their website.

Wild Spaces / Cultivated

Saturday, July 7
5:00 - 8:00pm

The Powell House, Nevada City

Join Betsy Lombard and Sara Brownwood, the two painters behind this wonderful exhibition for the opening reception of Wild Spaces/ Cultivated. The two met in a weightlifting class some years back and have been deepening their friendship ever since, riding bicycles, hiking and hanging out at the water. Strong and well thought-out color dominates their pieces, which are all nature-oriented, sometimes nudging abstraction.

Lombard is a lifelong painter with many exhibitions under her belt. This is Brownwood's first public show.

The Powell House is on the corner of Spring and South Pine streets in Nevada City, the entrance is on Spring st. It's a blue Victorian with a reddish door.

More info: www.betsylombard.com

"Toy Story" Live in Concert

Saturday, July 1
Gates open at 7:00pm for picnics | Concert begins at 8:30pm

42ND ANNUAL Summer Fest

Western Gateway Park,
18560 Penn Valley Drive,
Penn Valley, CA 95946

Come watch Disney-Pixar's debut hit "Toy Story 1" with the full Music in the Mountains orchestra playing the soundtrack live on stage.

Bring your own seating, purchase a ReservedTable in advance which includes 6 entry tickets and 6 chairs.

10% DISCOUNT GROUP RATE OF TEN ADULTS OR MORE available through the Box Office and in advace only.

For those of you already planning to attend please note the performance time has been delayed one hour due to heat.

Bring your own picnic (note no outside alcohol) or enjoy a park classic meal from one of the local vendors. Get treats from Lazy Dog Ice Cream, Gramma's House (Philly Cheese steak, hot pretzels,

lemonade), California Shaved Ice (Hot Dawgs), hot dogs & links, bratwurst, popcorn, and Calfornia Gold Kettle Corn

For more information on tickets visit their website.

Happy Birthday USA!

Western Gateway Park

Ali Ewoldt is an American theater actress who made her Broadway debut in the Les Misérables revival in 2006 playing Cosette. She has also performed on national and international tours and in U.S. regional theater

Adult - Pay What You Want - min $5, suggested $35. This price is available until 11:59pm, Sunday evening, July 2.

Call the Box Office for Picnic Table availabiltiy. **Gates open at 6:30pm for picnics | Concert begins at 8:00pm**

First Friday Art Walk

Friday, July 7
6:00 - 9:00pm

Join the Nevada County Arts Council as we open our doors and invite you to visit us in the office. This month is all about poetry! We'll have readings from Nevada County Poet Laureate Kirstan Casey,

Poet Laureate Emeritus Chris Olander, local favorite Sands Hall and others. Take a break from the revelry on the streets to find out what we're all about!

Summer Nights

Wednesdays in July
12, 19 & 26
6:00 - 9:30pm

Summer Nights returns with familiar and new vendors and activities such as face painting, balloon animals and a bounce house for the kids, belly dancers from Troupe al Ama, aerial dancers, a food court offering an array of delicious treats, and craft vendors selling clothing, jewelry, leather goods, crystals and minerals, vintage goods and more.

KVMR and the Miners Foundry are collaborating to bring you live music from the Spring Street Stage. This week features Possum! Possum plays Dead to create a family friendly environment to celebrate the timeless music of the Grateful Dead. A blend of Americana; rock, blues and jazz.

Many of the downtown shops including Solstice and SoulCrafts will join in the fun by having their own booths on the streets with vintage clothing, furniture, jewelry and other one-of-a-kind gifts.

Wednesday evenings in July are a vacation for the entire family!

Sip'n Song

Saturday, July 8, 5:00 - 8:30pm

Pioneer Park
421 Nimrod Street, Nevada City

Come out for high-powered fun with great music, dancing, raffles, face-painting for kids and adults, and an evening of community to support of the Sierra Master Chorale.

The outdoor concert will feature two bands that include SMC members: Then Again plays the music of the Beatles, Joni Mitchell, Simon & Garfunkel, Carole King, Fleetwood Mac, The Beach Boys, and more from the late 50s to the early 80s. Sons of Boogie offers a great variety of rockin' blues and favorite hits from the past. With smooth vocal harmonies and high energy stage antics, getting you up and dancing is their prime objective!

Bring your own picnic (no outside alcohol allowed) and chairs or blankets.

Food and beverages will be available from:

- Grass Valley Brewery (keg beer, wine, soft drinks)
- CoCo's Lazy Dog Confectioners (treats!)

Ticket Prices (available here or at the door):

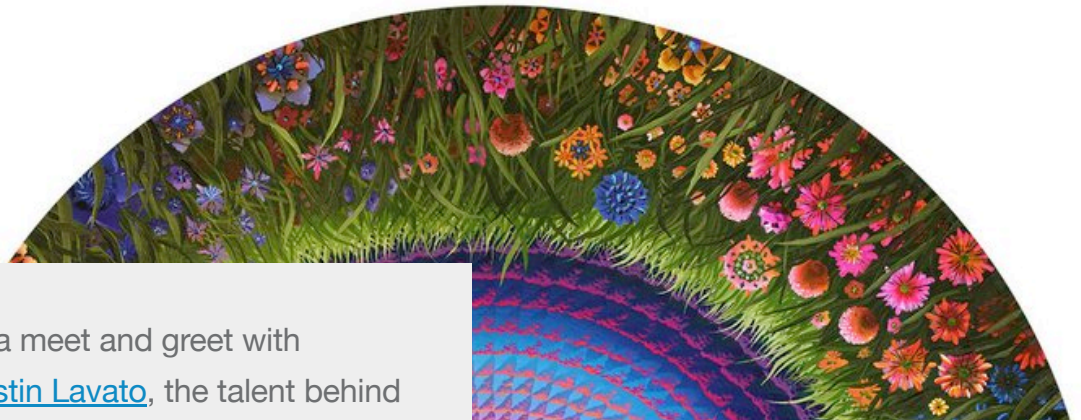
- $20 per person
- Youth under 15 free with paid adult admission

Enjoy a little summer funshine!

Downtown Grass Valley Art Walk

Sunday, July 9th
12:00 - 3:00pm

Come experience downtown Grass Valley's art scene as you support local artists and explore the charming stores, wineries, cafes, and everything in between.

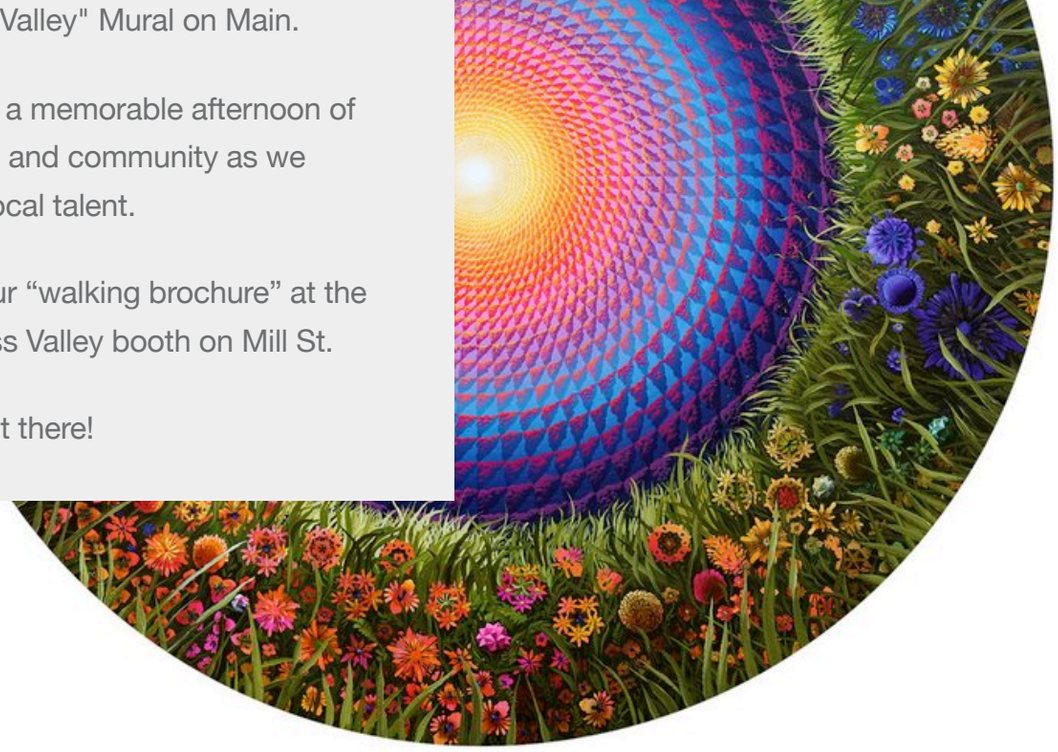


Join us for a meet and greet with Muralist Justin Lavato, the talent behind the "Grass Valley" Mural on Main.

This will be a memorable afternoon of art, culture, and community as we celebrate local talent.

Pick up your “walking brochure” at the city of Grass Valley booth on Mill St.

See you out there!



Presented by The Center for the Arts

Dark Star Orchestra

Wednesday, July 12
Gates: 5:00pm | Early VIP Entry: 4:30pm | Show: 7:00pm

Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley, CA

Dark Star Orchestra encapsulates the energy, experience, and sound of the Grateful Dead. Performing to critical acclaim for over 20 years and over 3,000 shows, Dark Star Orchestra continues the Grateful Dead live concert experience. Their shows are built off the Dead's extensive catalog and the talent of these seven fine musicians. Honoring both the band and the fans, Dark Star Orchestra's members seek out the unique style and sound of each era while simultaneously offering their own informed improvisations.

Tickets: General Admission & VIP

The Art Works Gallery Second Saturday Artist in Action Event

Saturday, July 8th
11:00am - 2:00pm

DIVE INTO WATERCOLOR! The July spotlight shines on watercolor artist Dori Greenbaum. She has been a watercolor artist for many years and will demonstrate using masking fluid in watercolor landscapes. Masking fluid is a great tool when you want to preserve the white of the paper while using washes of color. The fluid dries quickly and can be rubbed off when everything is dry.

Dori Greenbaum moved to the beautiful and historic gold rush town of Grass

Valley with her husband, Alan, after raising their children in Southern California. She has dedicated herself to learning new ways to express the beauty of nature. Although she has tried other mediums, she always returns to the freshness and spontaneity of watercolor. When she works in her studio, she carefully plans and takes her time choosing subject and mood for her painting. Generally, her favorite subjects are big landscapes, close-up flowers and other natural scenes.

Dori enjoys traveling and frequently teaches on cruise ships. The subjects are ports of call and she teaches on sea days. The students are usually beginners but after several classes, they are excited to find a watercolor teacher when they return home. Travel journaling requires quick sketches and fresh washes of color. If you would like to see her travel journals, stop by my studio at Asif Artist Studios and Gallery.

Art Works Gallery Co-op, voted Best Gallery for the past 8 years, is owned

Gallery for the past 8 years, is owned and operated by 33 local artists. They exhibit a high quality collection of artwork featuring, furniture, paintings, photography, ceramics, fiber arts, woodworking, glass, sculptures and mixed-media. To learn more about Art Works Gallery check out their website.

World Fest 2023

July 13-16

Nevada County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley, CA

Once a summer, in the heart of the Sierra Nevada, there's a celebration of global music that takes place. At this four-day festival at the Nevada County Fairgrounds you can sway to new sounds, discover a whole new culture through music, and dance the night away to one of your favorite music groups.

For 4-days music is played on 8 different stages. This family-friendly festival is filled with activities for kids and adults, workshops and artistic opportunities. WorldFest allows festival-goers to experience global music in a whole new way and allows everyone that experiences this festival to gain a deeper understanding and connection to our world.

This year's lineup is as stellar as ever with headliners featuring Angelique Kidjo, Kabaka Pyramid, Zap Mama, and Ozomatli. Along with local favorites gracing the stage Ayla Nereo and El Dub. Additional artists include Quitapenas, Balkan Bump, Sister Nancy, Ho'okipa, Banana Slug String Band, and the Sacramento Pow Wow Dance Group among others.

"The purpose of WorldFest is to celebrate cultural and musical diversity. That's why we wish to spotlight the incredible value of traditional art created by indigenous cultures here in California and around the globe. The Peoples Village hosts events, performances, ceremonies and more to promote awareness of, and appreciation for, indigenous culture. Special thanks to the Nisenan Tribe, the indigenous people upon whose sacred land we hold the festival."

Within the Global Indigenous Peoples Village there is a full educational and participatory lineup of events, performances, ceremonies and more.

For tickets and more visit their website.

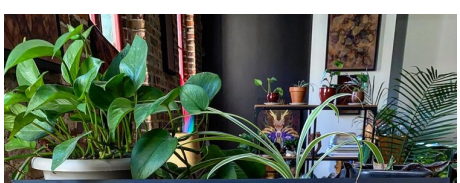
Artists' Spotlight:

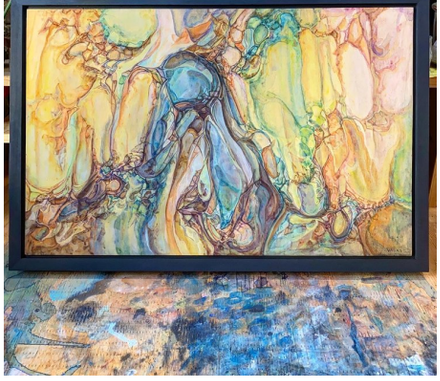
Julian Vadas

Last month we had the opportunity to speak with abstract artist Julian Vadas in his Downtown Nevada City artists' studio and home. We talked about inspirations, world travels, and what he loves about the thriving creative community he has become a part of. When asked, "I love the intentionality of it… So many people have arrived and drawn the same conclusion: that it's an ideal place to esablish a creative homebase outside of a major urban area. It's encouraging to be surrounded by pople who have placed themselves here with true purpose." Said Vadas about living in the GVNC Cultural District.

Upon visiting his artists' studio and residence above J.J. Jackson's you immediately notice the number of finished and in progress works adorning the open space that looks out over the downtown area. His signature style combines layers of color blending across lines and patterns that fill the canvas with a depth only achived through revision. "My process is slow, elaborate, and thurough." Vadas shares, "I keep my studio filled with multiple works in progress at any given point. I love to move back and forth between paintings to avoid going on auto-pilot. I make a lot of small decisions… if something keeps calling to me… I know it's time to work. I like to remain cognizant… switching from piece to piece ensures that only well-contemplated embellishments make it into the composition."

Living in the Sierra Foothills finds its way into his inspirations, noting that sunlight and water feature prominently as influences within his creative vocabulary. "I'm inspired by large periods of time uninterrupted. I've always drawn from travel and the facets of observation that allows." One of Vadas's crucible experiences as an artist was facilitating the Rishikesh Creative Confluence artist-in-residence (AiR) program for two years in 2018-





2019. Setting the stage for this accomplishment was the time he spent attending similar programs in the Amizon, Morocco, and Istanbul.

Vadas has participated in exhibitions in Italy and the Netherlands. He currently has a piece on its way to be a part of the alumni invitational exhibition at the Art Museum at SUNY Potsdam where he recieved his BFA in 2009.

Get a chance to speak with the artist and check out his work during the next **First Friday Night Artwalk. 212 Church St, July 7, 6:00-9:00pm.**

Sierra Stages presents

“Cthulhu: The Musical!”

Tuesday, July 18, 7pm

The Nevada Theatre
401 Broad Street, Nevada City

Puppeteers for Fears, Oregon's only dedicated puppet musical horror troupe, will bring its original show, Cthulhu: the Musical!, to Nevada City for a one-night-only musical monster extravaganza. After sold-out performances all over the West Coast, the show will be brought to the Nevada Theater as part of Sierra Stages’ Out There series.

Not suggested for children.

For more information and to get tickets check out their website.

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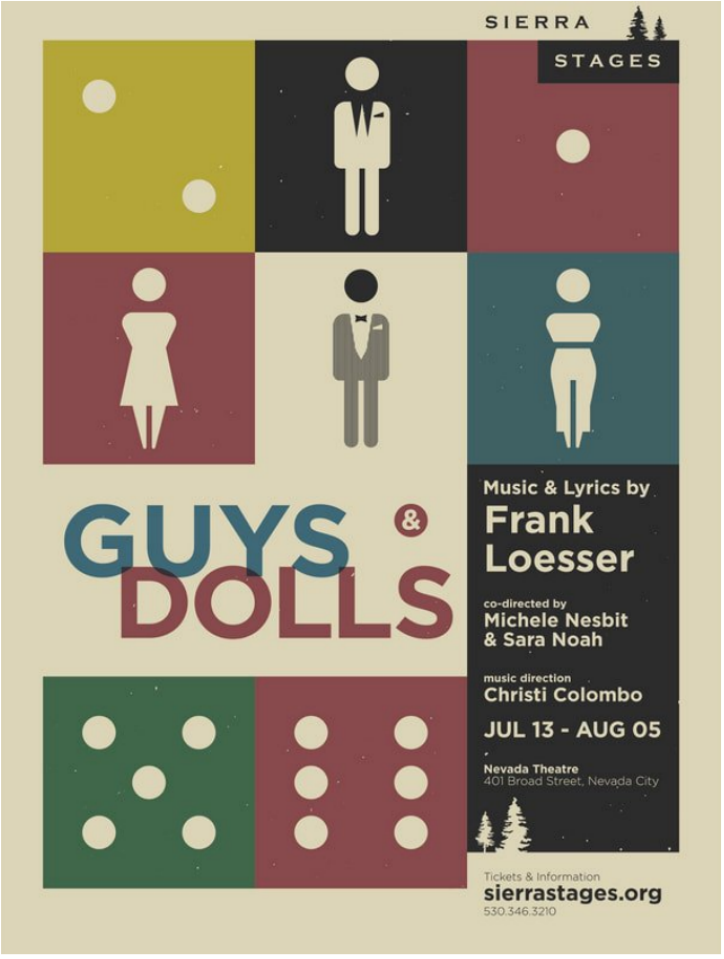

Guys & Dolls

July 13th – August 5th

Thursdays, Fridays, and
Saturdays at 7:30pm
Sundays at 2:00pm

The Nevada Theatre
401 Broad St, Nevada City

Gambling gangsters, missionary gals, and saucy showgirls take the stage. Based on the stories of Damon Runyon, this musical masterpiece features a treasure trove of beloved songs, including the classics Luck Be a Lady, If I Were a Bell, and Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat.

Guys and Dolls centers around two charming (if not entirely functional) couples: the idealistic Sister Sarah Brown who finds herself falling for the gambling ne'er-do-well Sky Masterson, and the long-suffering showgirl Miss Adelaide who simply can't get her gangster boyfriend Nathan Detroit to commit.

With music and lyrics by Frank Loesser, this ebullient musical brings the characters of a raucous New York City in the 1940s to life.

Considered by many to be the perfect musical comedy, this enchanting rom-com will sweep you off your feet and have you laughing along the way!

Get tickets here.

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