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CULTURE CONNECTION

Welcome to Culture Connection

Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's newsletter, featuring the events, stories, and people of our community.

Monthly Arts Council CREATIVES MEETUP

Join us today, June 7th 5:00-7:00pm

Nevada City Film Festival HQ
110 Union St, Nevada City, CA

Nevada City Arts Council invites creatives and artists to a monthly meetup to connect, share ideas, and explore collaborations. This gathering is open to all creative professionals—whether you're a seasoned artist or just starting your creative journey.

You can expect a relaxed but focused space where creators can share what they're working on, ask questions, and find potential collaborators. The goal is simple: to build a stronger, more connected creative community. Great fit for: Artists, Designers, Writers, Musicians, Creative entrepreneurs, Anyone interested in local arts and culture

Bring your ideas, your questions, and your curiosity. We'look forward to seeing what takes shape when this community of creatives gathers together.

Nevada City Film Festival's offices are at the end of Union Alley, between Nevada Theatre and Cottage Bakery, at the Nevada City Film Festival HQ.

On artwalk's always (has been & performance) weekend, repeat weekend.

An exuberant evening of art in the shops and on the streets

June 2, July 7, & August 4, 2025
6:00-10:00pm

Nevada City's thriving arts community comes alive during Grass Valley Arts Council's Artwalk. Artists, crafts people, and creative businesses open their doors for an evening of art, music, and community. Each month, the event is celebrated enthusiastically, offering visitors a lively opportunity to engage with local artist and enjoy the vibrant cultural scene that defines Nevada City. Artwalk is a free, self-guided event that invites participants to explore galleries, studios, and pop-up spaces in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

If you are an artist interested in participating, please sign up on the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce website (or with the Chamber at the Visitor Center). Participation is open to artists of all ages and skill levels, and the event is free for both participants and attendees. Artwalk is a great way to meet the local creative community and to find out about upcoming events and classes. Artwalk is also a great way to get to know the local artists and their work.

Visit the Artwalk Page here

A special screening of

Chinatown Rising

and a conversation with filmmakers Gene Gauntt and Jim Lawrence

Sunday, June 15th at 2:00pm

The Nevada Theatre, Nevada City

One night only screening of Chinatown Rising, a documentary that explores the untold story of Nevada City's Chinatown and the perspective of the young residents on the enduring legacy of racial exclusion in America.

A panel of scholars will go to the stage after the film for a conversation with the filmmakers.

Ticket information and tickets available here.

Rough and Ready Storeroom Day Chili Cook-off

Downtown Rough and Ready
June 21, 2025
11:00am - 3:00pm

Hike or bike over to the annual Rough and Ready Storeroom Day Chili Cook-off! Hosted by the Rough and Ready Breakfast Club the Nevada, sponsored by the Rough and Ready Chamber of Commerce, and supported by the Rough and Ready Fire Department, Cops, Wainscotting, Chili Great Good, Downtown Rough and Ready Business Association.

Tickets not purchased for Tasting Minis are $5 each or 3 for $10. Tickets are available at the door and online.

At the Tasting Minis Pavilion Demos and Tastings will be held from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm. Blackmouth demonstrations in the Pavilion will be from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. Live music and contests, performed by the Uptown Rhythm Band Garage, Jeff Kelly, Ryan Cooper, Ryan Cooper Band, Ryan Cooper Band Jr. and Ryan Cooper Band Sr. Kids can enjoy a bouncy castle, family fun activities, face painting, and a kid's chili cook-off.

Free Grass Valley-Nevada City Chamber of Commerce website

Thursday Night Markets are back!

June 5th, 12th, & 26th
6:00-9:00pm

Thursday Night Markets are back! Join us for a fun-filled evening of live music, delicious food, and local fun! Grass Valley's Downtown Business Association presents:

The Grass Valley Thursday Night Markets brings local and regional commerce, craft, food, and art vendors, live music and entertainment, and a family-friendly setting.

What can you find on the Downtown Grass Valley Thursday Night Markets?

The First Thursday Night Markets will feature a variety of local and regional vendors selling artisan goods, including handmade jewelry, ceramics, and textiles, as well as gourmet food trucks offering a delicious array of options, including tacos, barbecue, and artisan ice cream. The event will also feature live music from local artists, ensuring a lively atmosphere for attendees to enjoy while they shop and dine. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for a memorable evening in Downtown Grass Valley!

ArtWorks Gallery Open Saturday with David Mooney

Saturday, June 14
1:00-4:00pm

ArtWorks Gallery, Grass Valley
Landscape painter David Mooney will be in the gallery to meet and greet visitors and talk about his work and painting techniques.

"We speak an artist's color to some special place for the viewer. Where the viewer's own experience of light and color and beauty and the quality of life can be enriched." Mark Rothko

Artworks Gallery has an extensive selection of paintings by David Mooney. Stop by and enjoy a few moments in the gallery. Meet David and talk about his work and painting techniques.

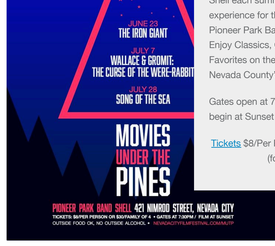
Learn more about David Mooney at his website.

KXRP 40th Birthday Brunch & Celebration

Sunday, June 11, 10:30am - 2:00pm

The Veranda, Foothill
55 Spring St, Nevada City

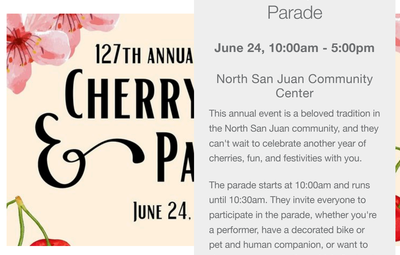
The iconic 91.7 FM Radio and the sweet hometown Nevada City Community Radio station, KXRP, turn 40 and we're celebrating. Guests listening to KXRP on June 11th will be entered to win a free Brunch for two at the Veranda, hosted by Foothill Restaurant, Nevada City's most iconic venue. Guests will be entered to win a free "THE WHOLE TEAM" for just us, just like the cast of Cheers,



Shell each summer. An outdoor cinema experience for the entire family at the Pioneer Park Bandshell in Nevada City. Enjoy Classics, Cult Films, and Family Favorites on their 32-Foot Screen - Nevada County's largest outdoor screen!

Gates open at 7:30:pm and the films will begin at Sunset (around 8:30pm).

Tickets $8/Per Person or $30/Per Family (four people).



127th Cherry Festival Parade

June 24, 10:00am - 5:00pm

North San Juan Community Center

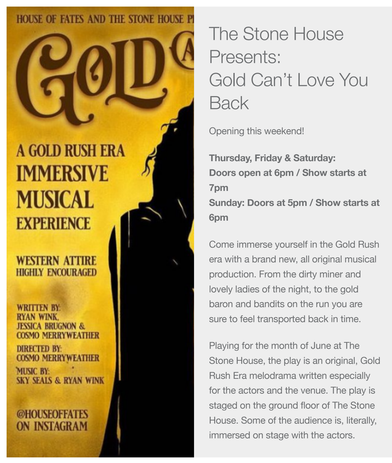
This annual event is a beloved tradition in the North San Juan community, and they can't wait to celebrate another year of cherries, fun, and festivities with you.

The parade starts at 10:00am and runs until 10:30am. They invite everyone to participate in the parade, whether you're a performer, have a decorated bike or pet and human companion, or want to showcase your creative vehicle float, art car, vintage auto, or other category.

To participate, please fill out the registration form in the event description and submit it by June 14th. It can be found on their event page here.

Those who are interested in vending are invited to send them an email at NSJCommunityCenter@gmail.com or give a call or a text at (530) 522-8205.

"We hope you'll join us for a morning of fun, community spirit, and cherry-themed delights. Don't forget to wear your best red and pink attire to show your support for the North San Juan Cherry Festival!"



The Stone House Presents: Gold Can't Love You Back

Opening this weekend!

Thursday, Friday & Saturday:
Doors open at 6pm / Show starts at 7pm
Sunday: Doors at 5pm / Show starts at 6pm

Come immerse yourself in the Gold Rush era with a brand new, all original musical production. From the dirty miner and lovely ladies of the night, to the gold baron and bandits on the run you are sure to feel transported back in time.

Playing for the month of June at The Stone House, the play is an original, Gold Rush Era melodrama written especially for the actors and the venue. The play is staged on the ground floor of The Stone House. Some of the audience is, literally, immersed on stage with the actors.

The actors will talk to you, even accusing you (yes, you) of murder.

In addition to an original script, "Gold" offers 10 original songs. Some actors have solos and sometimes, virtually the entire cast breaks into Broadway-inspired song-and-dance routines.Western attire is highly encouraged!

Tickets can be purchased here.

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