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

STAY SAFE. STAY STRONG. STAY CREATIVE.

It's Women's History Month!

The influence of women in art is no mystery.
This month, take time whenever possible to reflect upon the women who've paved the way for all of us and the right to express ourselves as we see fit. With grace, vision, and grit, women have shaped the landscape of art in many ways. Who are your favorite female artists, musicians, actresses, filmmakers, and local heroes? Be sure to let them know you appreciate who they are, and what they stand for.

" This Women's History Month, as we reflect on the achievements of women and girls across the centuries and pay tribute to the pioneers who paved the way, let us recommit to the fight and help realize the deeply American vision

of a more equal society where every person has a shot at pursuing the American dream.
In doing so, we will advance economic growth, our health and safety, and the security of our Nation and the world."

- excerpt from White House statement for Women's History Month 2022

Read the President's Full Proclamation on Women's History Month

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NCAC In-Person Meetup for Creatives! Thursday 3/10 @ 5 pm

Join Nevada County Arts Council for an

IN-PERSON CREATIVES MEETUP

Thursday, March 10 at 5pm.

The National Hotel's **YELLOW LOUNGE**

211 Broad Street

Nevada City

Grab your drink at the bar, head upstairs to the Yellow Lounge (pictured), and get ready to connect!

Our meetups are for everyone interested in finding a safe space among other creatives and collaborators. They are free of charge, offer a no-host bar, and are informal.

Come and find your balance, make new friends, share in upcoming opportunities and bump into true professionals with the help of your fellow creatives.

Mark you calendars! See you then!

Calling All Artists:
Register with the
Nevada County Artist Directory!

If you are a writer, visual artist, sculptor, designer, filmmaker, photographer, actor, musician, performer or poet, please join us. It's incredibly easy to join and it's **free of charge.**

Our online artist directory is a professional directory open to all artists living or working in Nevada County. Unique in California as the only rural county home to two state-designated California Cultural Districts—Truckee Cultural District and Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District—our directory highlights Nevada County as *the* premier arts destination for art buyers in the Sierra Nevada foothills and Truckee-Tahoe region, and home to some of the best talent in Northern California.

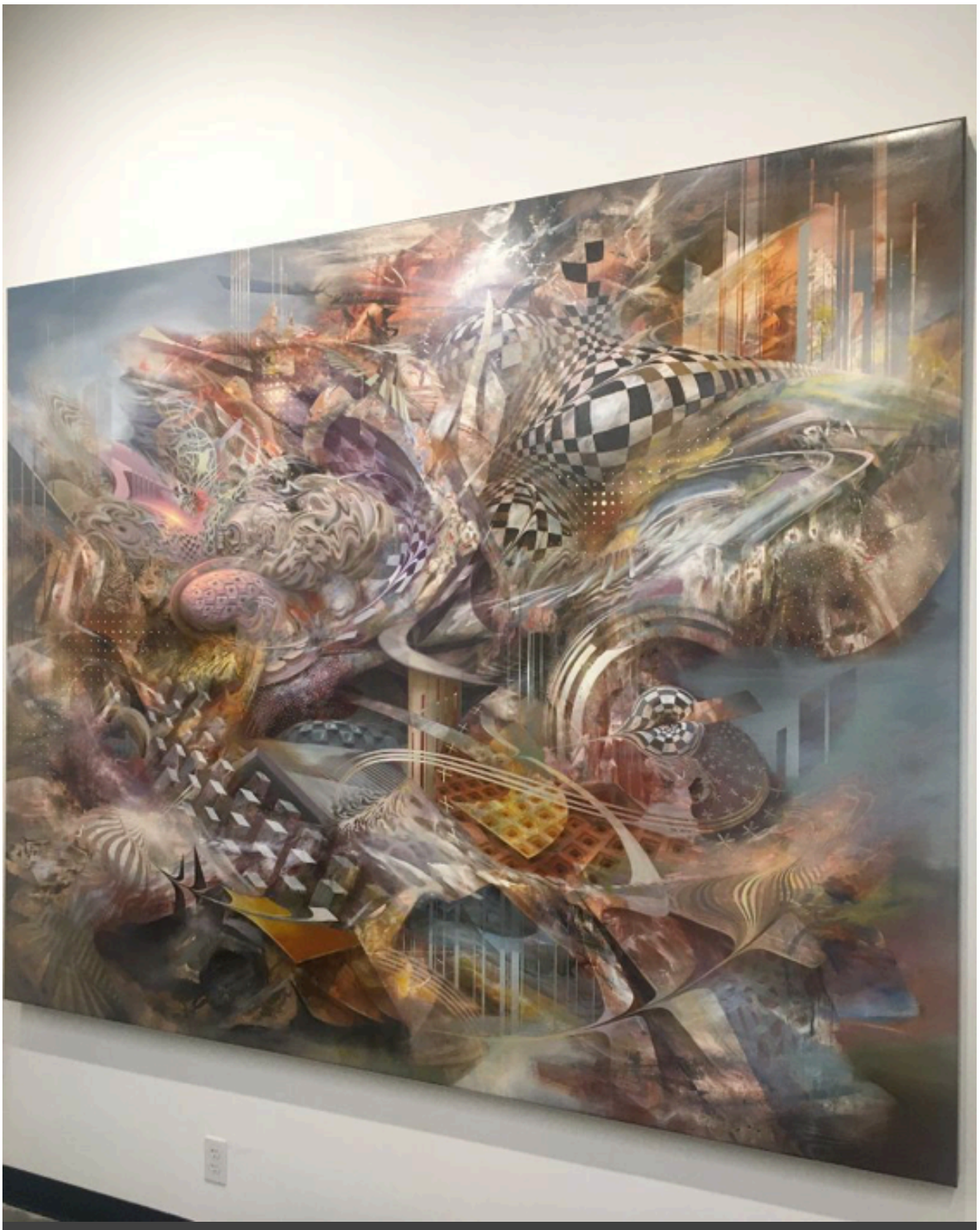
Register today!

SAVE THE DATE

Friday, March 11th

The Chambers Project presents:

"Togetherrr"



Art collective FURTHERRR creates large-scale Sci-Fi Psychadelic art for live audiences.

An artistic tour-de-force is about to descend upon Grass Valley!

Gallerist Brian Chambers is proud to announce the opening of ***"Togetherrr"***, a retrospective exhibit of massive psychedelic paintings made by collaborating artists; alchemical images which are the products of many hands and brushes working together – a group vision of a beautiful otherworld.

Opening event: March 11, 2022 @ 5:00pm

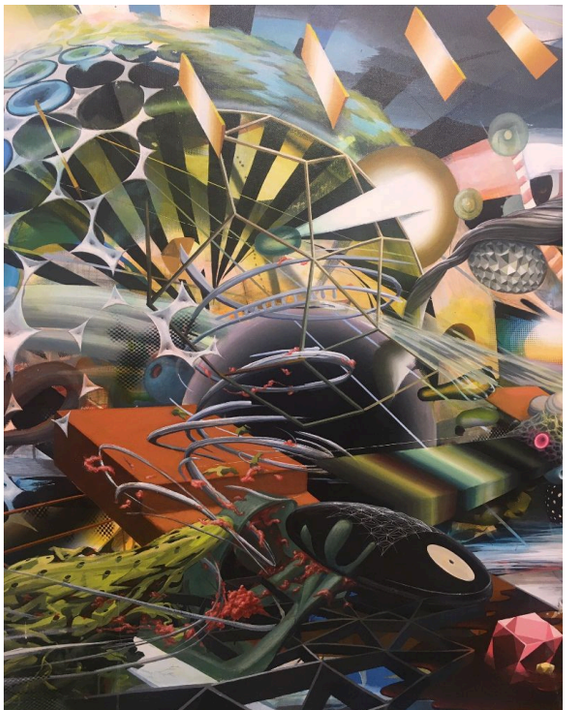
(Exhibit Closes 21st May 2022)

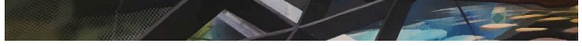
The Chambers Project

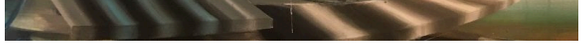
627 E. Main St., Grass Valley, CA 95945

Enormous, mural-sized canvas works by members of Furtherrr Collective

Mars-1, Oliver Vernon, Damon Soule, David Choong Lee, and Nome Edonna
will be shown together for the first time.







From top: *Gallery owner Brian Chambers gives a better perspective of just how large these masterpieces are; Fantastic details from various* ***Furtherrr*** *murals. (Photos by Artemis Arthur)*

These canvases were painted live before an audience, usually over several days during transformational festivals like Symbiosis, or Burning Man. Additional works by Mars-1 & Ralph Steadman, Mars-1 & Alex Grey, and Mars-1 & Doze Green will also be on display. It's a show not to be missed!

RSVP for Togetherrr

Music in the Mountains
& Center for the Arts present:

Black Violin

In this Classical Crossover Series, Musicians **Wil B** and **Kev Marcus** combine their formidable string abilities with hip hop to create music so engaging, it's won them Showtime at the Apollo fame, and earned them fanfare nationwide. Black Violin will be bringing the magic (and the beat) to Center of the Arts on Thursday, March 24th in support of their new album, "Take the Stairs".

Prepare to be truly inspired!

Purchase Tickets to Black Violin

Golden Years

Amanda Ashley of Miss Moth Design
is beautifying Gold Country businesses, one sign at a time.

Interview by Artemis Arthur

Amanda Ashley, the artist, in her studio. Photo by Meghan Smolka

Whether you've been a local for years, or you're visiting Nevada City for the first time, chances are you already know Amanda Ashley's work. As the mind and soul behind Miss Moth Design, Amanda has left her touch on multiple establishments... literally. Kitkitdizzi, The Holbrooke Hotel, The National Exchange Hotel, The Nevada Theater, The Sunroom, The Onyx Theater... the list goes on.

What skill does she have that Gold Country needs so much?

Amanda specializes in ***traditional handmade signage*** and, most importantly,

traditional 22K gold leaf.

Clockwise from top: *Lettering detail from The National Exchange Hotel in Nevada City; the artist preparing an oil-based gold leaf treatment; imported 23K gold leaf in all its glory.*

(photos by Meghan Smolke)

As a keeper of her craft, she's one of few locals who have the prowess, reverence, and materials to execute the beautiful, shimmering window signage adorning our town. In her 3rd year as a signmaker, she traveled to Europe to study with the masters in England, Amsterdam and Norway. "There, this artform is passed down through families. It's treated like a sort of guild", she says. "You definitely have to earn your stripes and put in time before people are willing to part with information!"

From the process to the materials, her commitment to her work is obvious.

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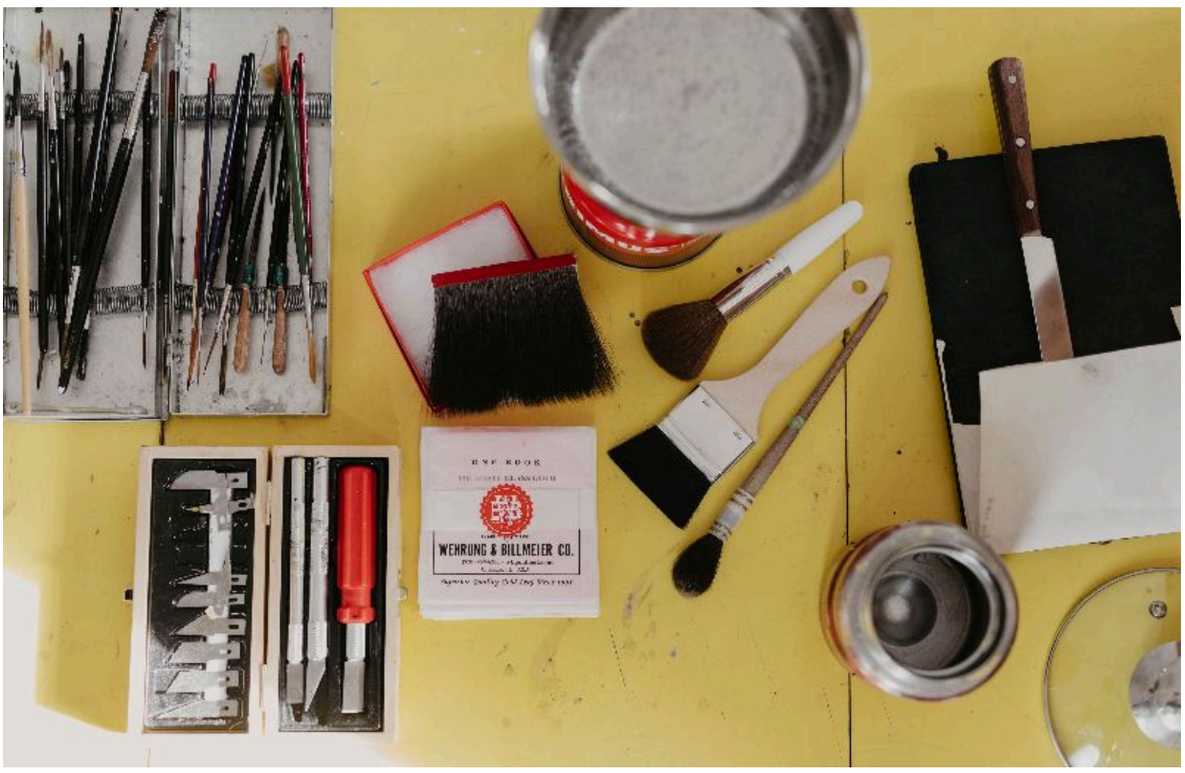
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From top: *Gold leaf logo for the historic National Hotel in Nevada City; the artist in front of her work; Brushes and materials imported from England in the artist's studio; the artist adding a logo directly to an antique pickup truck for MecBuilds; Hand-painted signage for MecBuilds in Grass Valley.*

The beautiful, timeless shine of gold leaf is hard to resist, and it's the perfect fit for historical gold-mining towns in a modern age. Preservation is key here, and remaining authentic to our history is essential. Luckily, Amanda takes her work just as seriously. By combining her sharp marketing skills with a generations-old artform, she creates stunning storefronts and accented interiors around Grass Valley & Nevada City... but numbers aren't what the in-demand artist is focused on.

"It's not just about getting every business," Amanda says. "It's about leaving a legacy that's true to the community; something that will last until it's destroyed by force. I don't want to come back as a ghost and see any inadequate work!"
While we seriously doubt her ghost would have any complaints, one thing is for sure: the beautification of these storefronts will be with us for years to come!

Follow Miss Moth Design

Nevada City Film Festival Submission Deadline EXTENDED

Photo: Jesse Locks

The Nevada City Film Festival is a festival created by filmmakers for filmmakers. The deadline to submit films has been **extended to April 1st, 2022.**
If you're a local filmmaker, now's your chance to showcase your vision on a grand scale. What's more, submissions are FREE for Nevada County locals, as well as select surrounding counties!

Submit Your Film

CAC Grant Deadline Approaching

CALIFORNIA
ARTS COUNCIL
A STATE AGENCY

The Grant application deadline for California Arts Organizations is March 8th, 2022!

If you're the head of an arts organization in Nevada County, don't miss your opportunity to apply for a California Arts Council grant!

If you have any questions regarding the grant application process, contact Nevada County Arts Council directly. We're here to assist you and encourage your success!
Email Director@nevadacountyarts.org

CAC Grant Application

In Case You Missed It: Artemis Arthur & Her Band @ Cosmic Roots 2/11

Our very own Artemis Arthur performed earlier this month with her band at Cosmic Roots in Nevada City. It was a solid show! They'll be back again **March 11th from 4-7 pm** with catchy originals and early 2000's indie and alt rock covers.

Cosmic Roots Market, **115 S. Pine Street, Nevada City**

It's a free show, be sure to stop by!

That's all for this edition of Culture Connection. Stay creative!