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COUNTY **arts**
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Greetings!

As a hazy light reflects upon the snow this morning - freezing in the east and melting in the west - we look back at one of two of our programs that met clear milestones this week.

Young people participating in our **Picture This** program in Grass Valley completed their last lesson and celebrated with more than a cake before the start of their Thanksgiving holiday.



Student artwork as a momento following the completion of this semester's Picture This program

This season is always a tough one for our foster youth and we remain grateful to be able to offer them this wholly creative take on hands on photography and its 500 year history. Thank you to Michael Llewellyn, our lead teaching artist for Picture This, and the wonderful staff at Charis Youth Center, for being such inspired and caring partners.

Likewise, we thank staff and teachers at Grizzly Hill and Washington Schools for welcoming us back this year for **Dream A Difference**. The last few weeks have seen us prepare whole classrooms of students for a conversation with youth of the Al Farah Choir of Joy in war-torn Syria. Our students form part of an emerging global community of young people who are gaining awareness and learning empathy for the way others live and, in the spirit of sharing the poetry they write, communicating their own experience of life in rural California. What a gift.

We thank Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation for awarding our new program, **Forest-Fire**, a gift of \$5,000 from the Queen of Hearts Women's Fund towards the \$150,000 match we are raising as a condition of our Creative California Communities grant from the California Arts Council. This week we'll be upping the ante at a gala of women philanthropists in Truckee as we present our project alongside others competing for the top prize. More about this in our December newsletter!

In this month's news, we look in on **HOME**, including some of the key participants we are thankful to be working with. We also call out some exciting news updates for our local **California Cultural Districts**, including a special nod to Truckee Arts alliance, as we cite the power of advocacy in turning the corner on real municipal policy for the arts.

We also remind you of some important annual initiatives in our mountain home. One of them is **Giving Tuesday**, offering those of you who value creativity to give generously to the arts this coming week; and one of them **Small Business Saturday**, your opportunity to shop locally, and shop creatively, in advance of the holidays.

We call out the beautiful work of adults living with disabilities in Nevada County who are part of **Neighborhood Center for the Arts**, and we encourage you to enjoy this work while it is still on display at Nevada City Winery this weekend.

We feature the work of fifty-plus artists at ASiF's annual **Smallworks Holiday Show**. The word "dynamic" doesn't come close to describing the curation of this exhibit - nor the shopping potential - to be found here.

Finally, we highlight **eight unique events** taking place across the county in the week or so to come. Remember, our December newsletter is on its way - so may these few key events serve to prepare us for the rich season of arts to come.

A special thank you to our friends and patrons today - and to you, our members. We are especially thankful to our creative community who lend such reflection, comfort, hope and fire to our community conversations. As Georgia O'Keefe said, "to create one's world in any of the arts takes courage."

To you, our creative community members at large, we remind you to take advantage of the **great resources** we are building to ensure everyone knows who you are, what your story is, and where to find you!

Until soon, and in friendship,
Your friends at Nevada County Arts Council

"At Neighborhood Center of the Arts we take the 'dis' out of 'disability' and focus on what people can do."

Neighborhood Center of the Arts Annual Exhibition at Nevada City Winery runs until December 3rd - please don't miss it!

Featured pieces will include

mixed media, weavings, paintings, three-dimensional works, and wall pieces.

These lovely works are the result of many artists who are members of Neighborhood Center for the Arts, an inspiring place providing studio space, art materials and two in-house art galleries for exhibition opportunities, for many Developmentally Disabled or Intellectually Challenged adults living in Nevada County.

For more information on this special show, see [here](#).

See [below](#) for information on the Center's annual on-site holiday show, and enjoy this cameo exhibition while you can - at Nevada City Winery, 321 Spring St, Nevada City.



#GIVINGTUESDAY™

Our creative sector is preparing for Giving Tuesday on December 3 - don't forget to check out the Center for Non-Profit Leadership's [directory of participating arts organizations!](#)

As our recent Arts & Economic Prosperity Report showed, [the arts are an exponentially sound investment](#) - one that reaps rewards for us all while improving our quality of life in leaps and bounds.

Meanwhile, if you are looking for a way to support all the arts in one go, please consider [becoming a member of Nevada County Arts Council](#). Our members are our backbone, our family, our future. Join us!

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 30, 2020

This holiday season shop local and support local merchants and artisans. For the last 10 years, Small Business Saturday has been held the Saturday following Thanksgiving. This holiday shopping tradition helps to bring communities together in support of their favorite small businesses.

Grass Valley, Nevada City and Truckee's friendly and welcoming merchants offer a vibrant and unforgettable shopping experience. Discover clever, unique, and sometimes one-of-a-kind products. Find arts and craftwork by some of our finest creatives.

All within easy walking distance, explore downtown shops for clothing, handmade local jewelry, home and garden products, housewares, furniture, antiques, eco-luxury and sustainable goods, food and wine and other gift items.



Nevada City's noted bookstores, along with those in nearby Grass Valley, have earned the town a rare "Booktown USA" designation. Book collectors and aficionados are often seen on the streets of Nevada City.

New this year, if you are in Downtown Grass Valley or Nevada City, everyone who purchases something from our downtown merchants will receive a "Shop Local: Put Your \$ Where Your Heart Is" sticker to proudly display their support of our local small businesses who make our community a destination

for visitors and locals alike.

**News from our
California Cultural
Districts in Nevada
County**

**TRUCKEE CULTURAL
DISTRICT**

A new Public Art Advisory Committee

On Tuesday this week the Town of Truckee approved staff recommendations to form a Public Art Advisory Committee to help implement its newly adopted Public Art Master Plan.



Within the next few weeks the Town will accept applications from the community to this Committee in an inclusive process supported by Nevada County Arts Council and Truckee Arts Alliance. Watch this space!

Truckee Arts Alliance gets a grant!

We are thrilled to share that, guided by us, Truckee Arts Alliance has been successful in its application for \$5,000 Community Grant by Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation. This will support Truckee Arts Alliance's work on key aspects of cultural planning on behalf of Truckee Cultural District, and hold us in good stead as it prepares an application, eighteen months from now, for re-designation as a California Cultural District. It will also support Truckee Arts Alliance's representation of Truckee Cultural District at the State Capitol and beyond during California Arts Culture and Creativity Month, and Arts Advocacy day in Sacramento. Learn more about Truckee Arts Alliance [here](#).

GRASS VALLEY-NEVADA CITY CULTURAL DISTRICT

Moving ahead with strategic plan for arts education in Western Nevada County

This coming week Nevada County Arts Council and Nevada County Superintendent of Schools will team up to participate in a special strategic planning session for education. This session, supported by a grant from California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, is one of three, which allows for consulting from the California Alliance for Arts Education. Together with representatives from school districts, senior education administrators, teachers, student representatives, artists and arts organizations, we will be publishing a Strategic Arts Plan by Spring, 2020. Find out more [here](#)!

Local Creatives Happy Hour on December 5

Don't forget to join Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District creatives a week from today - on Thursday, December 5 for its monthly meetup. We do these in partnership with Nevada City Film Festival, as a way to bring our creatives, entrepreneurs and small business owners together to learn about projects people are working on, pool resources, develop partnerships, find mentors, and help build a vibrant, creative culture in Western Nevada County. Thanks, Jesse Locks, for providing such great drinks, noshes, and nibbles! Let your friends know by sharing [this link](#).

Find out more about our local state-designated California Cultural Districts here, [two years on](#).

HOME - What is it to you?

"Belonging" is our three-year program which explores our vulnerable mountain home and the people who tend it, love it and depend on it.

Now in Year Three, Belonging manifests as HOME, and elicits perspectives on cultural identity from among our more diverse - and often least represented - populations, including the homeless.



Planning for HOME.

Left to right: David Wong, Michelle Amador, Juliette Morris Williams, Jeannie Wood, Saxon Thomas, Tracy Pepper, Daniela Fernández, Ruth Chase, Aurora Packard, Jennifer Singer

Ideas of "home" are being explored through the lens of community conversations and art salons and workshops, beginning in January 2020. Our hope is that bridge building tools will emerge through creative practices, as we meet.

During November we participated in two events as part of Nisenan Heritage Day. Lead artist Ruth Chase mentored local artists on biographical portraiture as part of the Nisenan's 3rd annual exhibition at Nevada City Winery. These artists then partnered with individual tribal members on pieces representing key life stories and ideas of "home."

On Nisensan Heritage Day itself, Ruth led a panel discussion on Visibility Through Art. We are deeply grateful for the participation of these Tribal members, who lent such vital knowledge and understanding to our conversation - Ginger Covert, Lorena Davis, Sarah Thomas, Saxon Thomas, Cassandra Johnson, Shelly Covert, Karen McCluskey, and Richard Johnson. IN SPIRIT, Dutch Rose, Carmel, Jackson Rose, Alberta "Birdie" Gallez, and Maryann Start.

We will be updating you regularly on HOME, but in the meantime, learn more about our Belonging Program [here](#).



Over fifty artists display their work as part of the Artists' Studio in the Foothills (ASiF) 11th Annual Smallworks Show

Showing until December 23

Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Saturday at 11am-4pm

ASiF artists' consider this their best event of the year - combining holiday shopping with a gallery experience that supports local and regional artists.

Hundreds of original paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, mixed-media art, jewelry, ceramics and sculptural & functional works of art - all small - and perfect for holiday gift giving. As artworks are sold, others replace them, creating an ever changing show. The juried show continually accepts new artists and artworks throughout the course of the show. Interested artists may visit the "**call to artists**" page at asifstudios.com.

Looking ahead at ASiF:

On Saturday, December 14th from 11am - 4pm there will be an all day trunk show featuring special guest artists with pop up gallery exhibits, demonstrations and drop in holiday gift making workshops throughout the day.

Participating artists throughout the holiday season include:

Anita Morgan, Barbara Harris, Betsy Lombard, Carianne James, Carol Chambers, Cathy Tardif, Celeste Budd, Cheri Guerrette, Cheryl Wilson, Christy Gurley, Claudia Jeffers, Denise Wey, Dyane Albrecht, Eileen Blodgett, Ellen Chervernick, Florence Carland, Francene Holland, Ivy Brott, Jan Pellizer, Jeff Pleadwell, Jill Mahanna, Juli Marks, Kathryn Wronski, Kieth McCourtney, Lin Schiffner, Linda Galusha, Lois Shelton, Louise Renehan, Louise Pryor, Marie Wolfe, Mark Wilcox, Michelle Reynolds, Molly Jochem, Pamela Montalbano, Paul Honatke, Rebecca Bleau, Sally Herring, Saskia Martin, Sharon Griffiths, Sheila Butchko, Susan Fishman, Susan Michalski and Sylviane Gaumer...and more artists joining daily, throughout the course of the show!

More information [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!](#)

Upcoming Arts Events in Nevada County

- click on picture for more information -



Artisans Bounty at LeeAnn Brook Fine Art this Thanksgiving Weekend



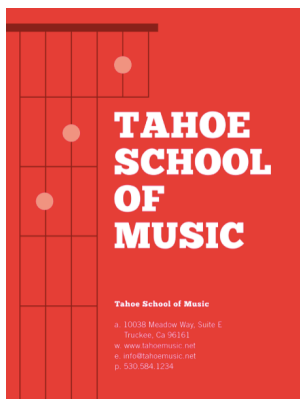
Neighborhood Center for the Arts presents its annual holiday show Mondays-Fridays 10am-4pm.



Atelier presents a class on modern calligraphy and hand lettering taught by Kelly Wallis on December 5 in downtown Truckee



Osborn Woods Gallery presents its Holiday Show, opening on November 29 - Black Friday - at the Miners Foundry.



Tahoe Truckee School of Music invites you to its weekly Song Group, led by Ben Martin at Tahoe Truckee School of Music



Sierra Watershed Educational Partnerships presents Tahoe Film Festival, its 5th Annual Environmental Film Festival on Thursday on Dec 5-8.



Music in the Mountains presents its Youth Orchestra's Fall Concert, conducted by Richard Altenbach on December 5 at 7pm at Nevada



The Center For The Arts presents Storm Large on Sunday, December 8 at 6.30 for 7pm at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in Grass Valley.

You can find a full listing of Nevada County's arts events [here](#).

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