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.

Nevada County Transit Public Art Installation Webinar and Q&A for Artists Today!

Nevada County Transit Services is inviting proposals from artist(s) for original artwork as part of a Transit rebranding project, and subsequent brand awareness campaign, supported by Nevada County Arts Council, and launched in anticipation of California Arts, Culture and Creativity Month in April.

Artists are encouraged to create a visual representation of their "version" of Nevada County in the form of a design which will be displayed using the "canvas" of the Transit Services Division fleet of eleven buses in the form of a single vinyl bus wrap.

A webinar and Q&A for artists is scheduled for today, April 1, 2021 at 11:00am. Learn how to join the webinar here>> Submission Deadline is April 30, 2021.

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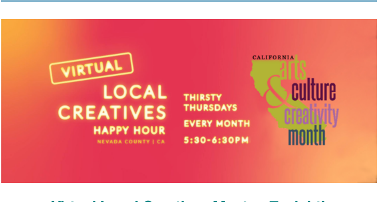


Virtual Local Creatives Meetup Tonight!

Register here for this month's meetup, taking place this evening, **Thursday, April 1 at 5:30pm.** The meetup coincides with the first day of *California Arts, Culture & Creativity Month* and we'll be sharing important news from the field – relief funding and professional development opportunities and every possible way to get involved with the important advocacy work that defines April each year. Come with your projects and challenges, and together, let's get creative. Please share our Facebook event among your own creative community!

Looking forward to seeing you AND, don't forget to register in advance then check for a confirmation email containing a link to join on **Thursday, April 1, 2021, from 5:30PM - 6:30PM.**

REGISTER

April is California Arts, Culture & Creativity Month

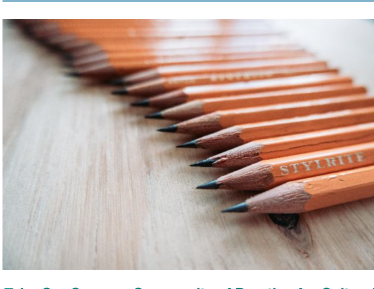
Every April, *Arts, Culture & Creativity Month (ACCM)* celebrates the significant impact of the arts across communities in California. Especially relevant during challenging times, one thing remains the same: arts are essential and community is built around arts and culture. There has never been a more critical time to educate our elected representatives to the issues of importance to our sector.

There are many ways you can get involved and we encourage our local businesses, arts organizations and artists to help us celebrate *Arts, Culture & Creativity Month* in April:

- Join Nevada County Arts Council at a proclamation hearing with our County Board of Supervisors naming April in Nevada County as Arts, Culture & Creativity Month on **April 13.** Meeting information here.
- Need ideas for what to advocate for the arts with your local legislators? Join us by registering here for A**dvocacy Week on April 19th - 23rd**.
- Share your story of strength, resilience and impact here.
- Post your events on our community arts calendar,
- Use this logo on your websites and printed materials, and
- Become a member of Nevada County Arts Council.

Keep abreast of everything happening on the state level here, and local updates here.

GET INVOLVED



Take Our Survey - Community of Practice for Cultural Equity in the Arts

Calling all arts organizations and creative businesses in Nevada County! Nevada County Arts Council, in partnership with Truckee Arts Alliance, is establishing a Community of Practice in service to arts organizations and creative businesses across the county. We need input from our arts organizations and creative businesses!

Please take this two minute survey, and tell us about your relationship with Cultural Equity. Depending on your answers, which will be held anonymously, we'll come back to you with next steps for learning and participation!

If you are an arts organization or creative business, please take our 2 minute survey!

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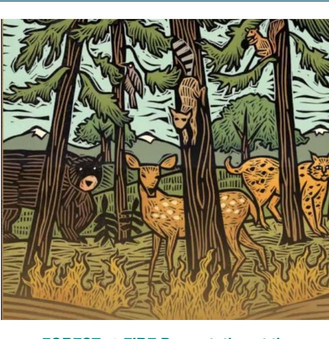

FOREST ⇌ FIRE Presentation at the Wildfire Prevention Stakeholder Meeting

The Wildfire Prevention Stakeholder Meeting is a quarterly event hosted by Nevada County. At the March 31st meeting, Michael Llewellyn (NCAC artist in-residence) gave a short presentation regarding the status of FOREST⇌FIRE, an arts and education project in collaboration with Nevada County Arts Council (NCAC), UC Berkeley's Sagehen Creek Field Station, Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District, and Sierra Watershed Education Partnerships. The project was created by artists Michael and Heather Llewellyn of Llewellyn Studio.

The goal of FOREST⇌FIRE is to share a transformative cultural understanding about the forest we live in, our relationship with fire, and our role within that relationship. FOREST⇌FIRE will share a science-based solution to catastrophic fire and an economically sustainable, hopeful future, with a suite of four projects:

- **Field trips** to local forest restoration sites for community leaders.
- **Workshops** at local libraries for families and the general public, to inspire a vision of the future forest.
- Embed fire ecology into the **school curriculum** through local ecology education, field trips, and art for children in the Tahoe-Truckee Unified School District. Included in the project is a children's book (and teachers' guide) and a video.
- A museum-quality **interpretive exhibit** at the Truckee Community Recreation Center will debut in October of 2021

Eliza Tudor, Executive Director at Nevada County Arts Council says: "As we draw closer to our opening, we will be reminding communities across Nevada County of the fantastic ways to get involved. The issues we are collectively tackling through FOREST⇌FIRE are relevant to us all, wherever we live, and we hope to encourage attendance from every corner in Nevada County."

FOREST⇌FIRE is currently raising funds for a matching grant. **Please help us reach our goal, with a donation of any amount, by clicking the "DONATE" button below.**

Image credit: Cover Illustration by Sue Todd for "Who Needs a Forest Fire?", FOREST⇌FIRE's children's book written by Paula Henson.

DONATE

April is National Poetry Month & 2021 Sierra Poetry Festival - April 10th - 11th

Join us in celebration of our fifth annual festival on Saturday, April 10th and Sunday, April 11th! Sierra Poetry Festival is a live international festival marking National Poetry Month in April from the rolling foothills of California's Gold Country to the rugged High Sierra, bringing our rich literary community together to celebrate the spoken word and reach out to brand new audiences in fresh ways. This year, with our theme of "Re-membering," we are presenting some of the most exciting poets, musicians, literary critics, and presenters from across the world for an interdisciplinary experience that engages audiences globally.

The festival is FREE of charge – offering unparalleled access to workshops, readings, open mics, key conversations of relevance, humor and meaning, at no cost to you. Please take advantage of this beautiful gift as COVID wears on and a silver lining forms around its cloud. The Festival will be live-streamed on Facebook April 10th - 11th. Please check out the festival website for information on the program, presenters and how to register.

Below are some program highlights that are not to be missed:

- April 10, 10:15am: Keynote address by Tanya Winder
- April 10, 10:45 am: CAFÉ QUÉBEC – Je Me Souviens - Four poets from Canada share their journey between the Two Solitudes:
- April 10, 12:55 pm: Community Open Mic...Your Turn!
- April 10, 3:40 pm: Poetry Out Loud Finalists
- April 11, 11:30 am: 50th Anniversary Anthology of the Community of Writers - Over the Mountain: Poems About Place
- April 11, 2 pm: The Conversation

And some highlights from the virtual pre-festival Pop-Up Events:

- Now through April 10: I'm Not a Poet, But...
- April 7, 4pm: Wild Writing Wednesday
- April 7, 6pm: Five Nevada County Women Poets
- April 8, 4pm: Wild Remembering with Words | A Poetry Workshop with Susan Wooldridge

REGISTER

Seeking Nominations for the Role of Nevada County Poet Laureate!

Nevada County Arts Council seeks nominations for the role of Poet Laureate for Nevada County. An overview of the program, including the nomination form, can be found here. You can nominate yourself or a fellow poet.

Pictured: Nevada County's 2019 Poet Laureate, Chris Olander (Photo: Jen Winders)

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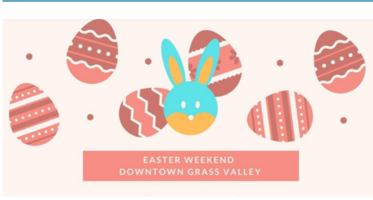

Easter Weekend Events in Grass Valley April 2nd - 5th

The Grass Valley Downtown Association is hosting a variety of fun, family-friendly, and socially-distanced events on Easter weekend - April 2nd to 5th. There will be Easter bunny sightings, an egg hunt, bunny bucks, uplifting selfie murals, classes, and more!

The City of Grass Valley has placed wooden eggs throughout downtown. Be sure to enter to win raffle prizes by tagging your Easter photos and guesses for how many eggs are hidden on social media using **#eastergrassvalley** to be entered to win raffle prizes from Grass Valley Downtown Association.

Local businesses including, Foothill Mercantile (121 Mill Street), Lazy Dog Chocolateria (111 Mill Street) and Lola and Jack (131 Mill St) are sponsoring special events. Click the "Learn More" button below for a full list of events, or visit the Facebook event page here for details.

EVENT DETAILS

In Remembrance of a Peaceful Warrior Exhibition Opening April 2nd

The Center for the Arts presents, ***In Remembrance of a Peaceful Warrior,* on view from April 2 to May 7, 2021.** The exhibition of photography by Michael Christopher Black (1989 – 2019), documents his encounters during a five-year journey traveling the world on a motorcycle with his vintage Rolleiflex camera. This exhibition has been compiled from his negatives by his mother, Sally Black, as a tribute to his memory and the short, but passionate life Michael lived.

Art Opening: Friday, April 2, 5-7pm - RSVP>>

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From the Center: Chris Cain Quartet - April 9th

The Center for the Arts **presents the most recent album release of the** Chris Cain Quartet **on Friday, April 9th at 7:00 PM.** Chris Cain offers up a soulful stew of Memphis style electric blues. His powerfully deep vocals and jazz inspired, blues guitar riffs are unforgettable; uniquely his own, while reminiscent of the legendary BB King and Albert King. Chris Cain has released a dozen albums, each filled with soul-stirring songs pulled from his own blues drenched heart. His brand of blues is unforgettable.

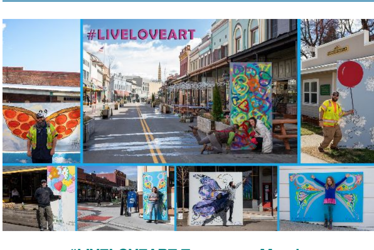
From The Center: Chris Cain Quartet
Live Broadcast Event
Friday, April 9, 2021 • 7:00 PM
$10 Public, Free to Members

TICKETS

Downtown Grass Valley Second Saturdays - April 10th

Second Saturdays in downtown Grass Valley are a way to shop local and see what's new. From noon to 4pm, weather willing merchants will have sales outside, experiences to offer, artists will do demonstrations, musicians will play, and if it rains, we'll see you inside the stores. **See** here **for ArtMap Grass Valley listing all public art.**

EVENT INFO



#LIVELOVEART Temporary Murals Downtown Grass Valley

Live-Love-Art is a temporary art mural project on display in downtown Grass Valley through April. The project is headed by the Grass Valley Downtown Association and Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the City of Grass Valley. More than a dozen murals were unveiled in March. **Share your photos with #liveloveart and #grassvalley on Instagram and Facebook and be automatically entered to win local gift cards!**

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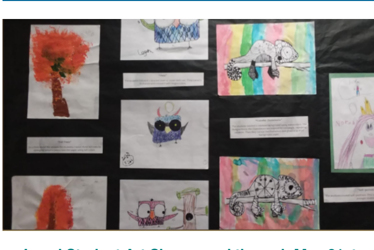

Local Student Art Showcased through May 21st

Artwork from an Alta Sierra Elementary School second-grade class is displayed at the "Young at Art" exhibition at the Eric Rood Administrative Center. This annual event is held in celebration of Youth Arts Month, a national event designated by the Council for Art Education. The exhibition features art from local TK-12 students and will remain on display through May 21. It is open to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. **An online slideshow is also available** here>>

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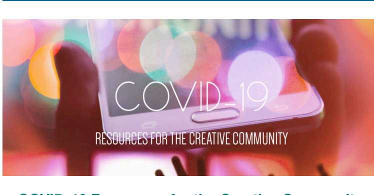
Call to Artists - 2021 Open Studios Deadline April 16th

It's time to apply for the 26th Annual Open Studios Tour of Nevada County West, proudly presented by The Center for the Arts. This annual 4-day event features a multitude of classic and contemporary art for every taste and hosts 45+ sculptors, printmakers, photographers, painters, jewelers, illustrators, woodworkers, designers and much more! The tours will include both in-person and virtual options for participants. **Apply by April 16, 2021.**

APPLY



COVID-19 Resources for the Creative Community

Nevada County Arts Council has put together a directory of the most current news and resources for the creative community and the community at large. This directory, which is updated regularly, includes information about funding, staying connected and virtual entertainment opportunities, including:

- Funding for organizations
- Funding for individual artists
- Virtual entertainment from around the globe in all disciplines - including dance, film, kids activities, literary arts, music, podcasts, theatre, and the visual arts
- Staying connected via the best of social media
- Arts education
- Preparedness in the arts and for creative businesses
- State and local government updates
- Arts advocacy
- Artist calls for Nevada County Artists in all disciplines
- Calendar of both virtual and place-bound events

COVID-19 RESOURCES DIRECTORY

#GVNCCulturalDistrict on Instagram

Grass Valley-Nevada City is one of 14 districts selected by The California Arts Council to serve as California's inaugural state-designated Cultural Districts. Each one of us is an ambassador of our community, so **please help us celebrate our heritage and the people, places, traditions and events that contribute to the quality of life here by sharing your photos on Instagram with #GVNCCulturalDistrict.**

Follow these local artists and businesses who are already sharing their images and video: (Click on the name to view their Instagram page or website; click on the image to view that specific photo on Instagram.)

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