



Welcome to Culture Connection

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



April is Arts, Culture & Creativity Month in California

Yesterday marked the kick off to [Arts, Culture and Creativity Month](#) (ACCM) in the state of California. It would also have been the beginning of a month-long campaign for [Grass Valley - Nevada City Cultural District](#) called *Spring Into Art*. ACCM was initiated last year as a month long campaign to raise public awareness of the value of the arts and their collective impact in our state and our communities. This year, recognizing the crisis that Covid-19 has wrought locally and globally, [Nevada County Arts Council](#) is even more determined to share daily content online. We feel it's never been more important to highlight the local artists, culture makers, arts organizations and creative businesses that make our community unique.

We know that we are living through exceptionally difficult times, and that the Covid-19

virus has created havoc in our lives. With that, we believe that our own "virtual" version of ACCM will serve as both entertainment and inspiration, and remind us how important it is to keep creating.

You can participate in this by making sure that every virtual event is posted [HERE](#) at Nevada County Arts Council's virtual community arts calendar.

To find out more visit nevadacountyarts.org, or follow along on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Share your story by using the hashtags #GVNCCulturalDistrict

#NevadaCountyArts #ARTSCREATECA #ACCM2020 For a statewide perspective you can also visit [Californians for the Arts](#).

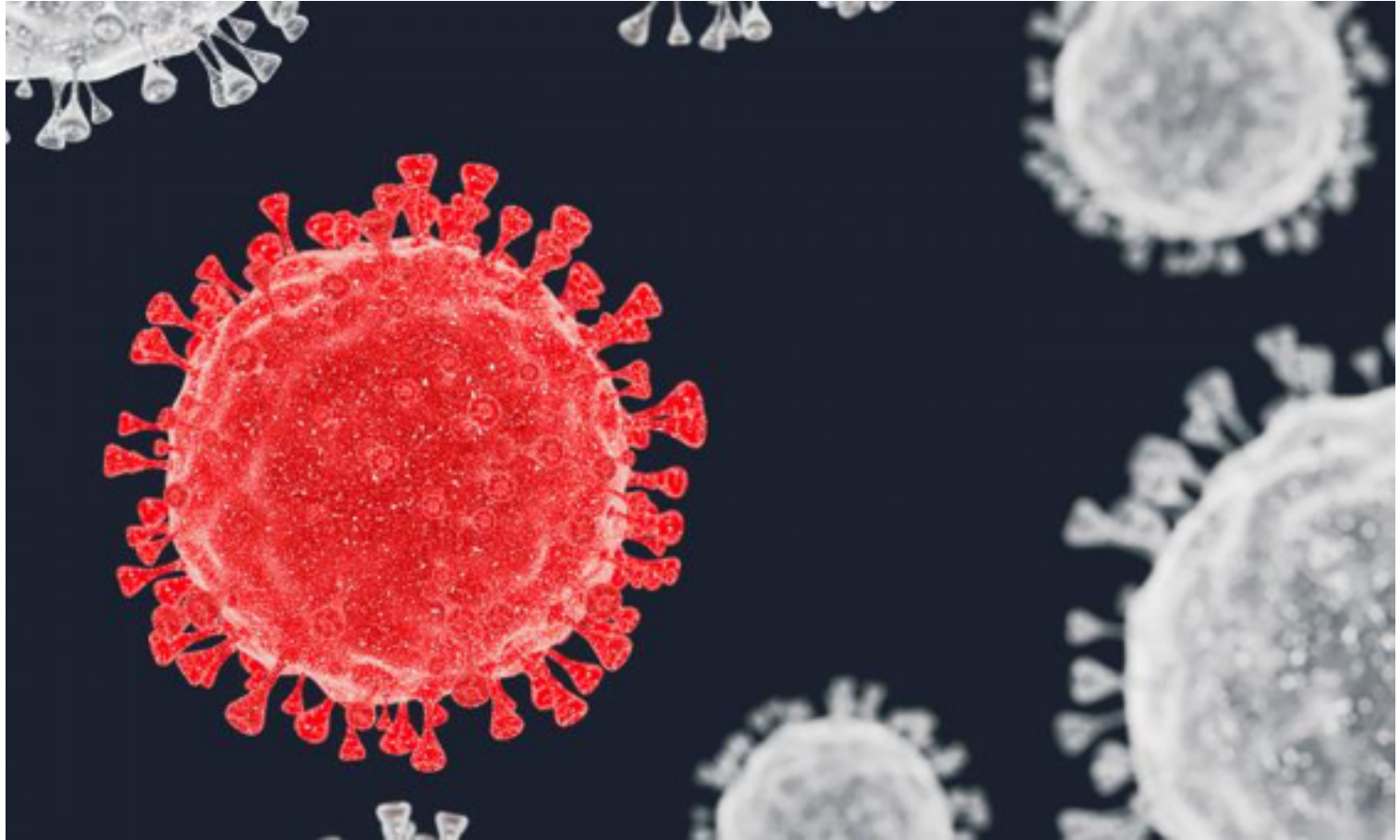


COVID-19 Resources for the Creative Community

As public life grinds to a halt in our galleries, performance venues, cafes, meeting places and watering holes, [Nevada County Arts Council](#) is hard at work to share the most current news and resources for our creative community and our community at large. Whether you are looking for comfort, inspiration or practical guidance, we are here to help.

We are also implementing - and encouraging - creativity in the virtual sphere in order to serve a public who are mostly home-bound. We will all need creative sustenance during this time - so we have put together a [page of resources](#) including information as well as virtual opportunities. Enjoy these resources and **please reach out to us during these**

uncertain times if you have ideas you would like to share. You can reach us [here](#).



Nevada County Arts Council COVID-19 Impact Survey

To better understand COVID-19's impact and the immediate needs of our creative sector, [Nevada County Arts Council](#) is facilitating conversations with stakeholders across all sectors. We are also actively looking into options to support and advise coordinated emergency relief efforts for individual artists and organizations, and will share information with you as it arises.

Your collective input will help inform local solutions and support, and guide key conversations and actions on your behalf - both with the County and our stakeholders. Whether you are representing an organization servicing the creative sector, or work for one, or you are a self-employed independent artist, we would like to hear from you.

This survey will take no longer than 5-10 minutes.

TAKE THE SURVEY



Three NU Students are State Finalists in Student Voices Campaign 2020

Launched by the [California Alliance for Arts Education](#), the [Student Voices Campaign](#) is an annual statewide creative video competition for students to make their voices heard in their school district.

In California, students are guaranteed a voice in planning and budgeting for their school. The Student Voices Campaign invites students in grades 7-12 to create short original videos that show their vision for their school to share with their local school board. Ten state finalists are selected, and this year three of them are from [Nevada Union High School](#). Coached by teacher Rob Metcalf (Head of Drama and 2019-20 Nevada County Teacher of the Year), the finalists are:

Art Saved Me - Team submission led by Anjali Dowling with Annika Welch, Kate Moore, and Page Sturgeon-Lacoste

Art Benefits - Team submission led by Bailey Trent with Amber Busse and Syreena Cain

The Disappearance of Art - Team submission with Rumi Petersen, Isabella Caddy, Gyana Roberts and Isabelle Aldana

Click these links to view their videos on YouTube: [Art Saved Me](#), [Art Benefits](#), and [The Disappearance of Art](#).

Earth Day Student Art Exhibition



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SYRCL'S Wild & Scenic Film Festival Earth Day Student Art Exhibit

The [South Yuba River Citizens League](#) will be having a "[Postponed Earth Day Student Art Exhibit](#)," for 6th-12th grade artists. Their [Call for Art Submission Portal](#) will remain open, and they would love to see and eventually exhibit our local youth's "environmental activism or love of nature" themed art.

If you know students who might be interested in the opportunity to showcase their work in front of their community, we encourage you to have them submit their art.

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[SUBMIT ONLINE](#)



Nevada City Film Festival is #3 in USAToday's Top 10 Film Festivals in North America

[Nevada City Film Festival](#) (NCFF) has been named #3 in [USA Today's 10Best Film Festivals in North America!](#) "This is a win for everyone - the film festival, our community, the filmmakers we showcase, and especially for the audiences that love and support independent film, new voices and unique stories" said Festival Director Jesse Locks.

This incredible news comes during an unprecedented difficult time with so many film festivals and events being canceled due to the coronavirus.

Over the last week the NCFE team has been working on contingency plans for both Movies Under the Pines (their popular outdoor summer movie series) and for the 20th Anniversary of the Nevada City Film Festival, now scheduled for August 28-September 4. If they are unable to publicly convene by summer, Movies Under the Pines will become a drive-in movie experience, while the entire film festival will be streamed online.

All other NCFE projects will also continue, including:

- In April NCFE had planned to launch an Animation Class for 3rd & 4th graders in collaboration with Nevada City Schools. This free class will now be offered online and open to anyone.
 - Work on [Nisenanim Ni](#) (I am Nisenan) documentary will also continue remotely. Thanks in part to a Local Impact grant from the [California Arts Council](#), Nevada County Arts Council and NCFE are partnering with Nisenan Tribal members and the local community to create a film documenting the recovery of the Nisenan's all but lost language.
 - The NCFE Filmmaker Residency and Producers Retreat will also continue but may be postponed until the fall.
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Crystal Hermitage Virtual Tulip Tour

[Crystal Hermitage](#) in [Ananda Village](#) is a meticulously planted private garden. Ananda Village is comprised of over 700 acres of beautiful rolling meadows and forestland in the Sierra Nevada foothills and includes several temples, a Retreat Center, a small organic market and gift store, but the jewel in the crown is the Crystal Hermitage garden, which is planted with 17,000 tulips and other spring flowers.

With COVID-19, the Ananda Retreat Center is closed to visitors, but you can **join the Tulip Watch** in early April with a virtual video tour of Crystal Hermitage by checking in [here](#).



#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; click on the image to view that specific photo on their page.)



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