GRASS VALLEY NEVADA CITY
CULTURAL DISTRICT
EXCITEMENT CONNECTION

Welcome to Culture Connection

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

New Mayor and Public Art Ordinance

Nevada City mayor Reed Gerlach is no stranger to the city. Gerlach moved here in 1976 and has been a local business owner and community activist ever since. He ran for mayor in 2016 and was elected to continue his work in 2020 for a total of 4 yr. 2 mo. Gerlach's term will end in 2024 and he will not seek a fifth year. Under Gerlach, the first order was to hire an Arts Commission Coordinator, which led to the creation of the Cultural District and the commissioning of the Nevada City Public Art Ordinance.

Gerlach's vision for the ordinance is to engage the city. Gerlach hopes that the ordinance will be a catalyst for creating a community where a diverse set of people can live, work, and play. He hopes the ordinance is the beginning of a set of 5 - 10 ordinances that will make Nevada City a place where artists thrive year-round. Gerlach hopes that the ordinance will be the first step in a long-term plan to make Nevada City a place where artists can live and work. Gerlach hopes that the ordinance will be the "opening statement" for the city.

The agenda for the evening included presentations by Gerlach, Jim Wright, who brought insights from his work for Placer County, Commissioner Jacqueline Wilson, who shared her experience with the Placer County Arts Commission, and Nevada City Planning Commissioner Jim Wright, who shared his passion for the arts and culture. Jim Wright's passion for the arts and culture stemmed from his concern about opportunities for education and employment for his children, and the impact that the arts have had on his children.

We are proud to announce that the Public Art Ordinance passed, and we look forward to the next steps in the ongoing development process of Nevada City. We thank Mayor Gerlach for his vision and his tenacity, and we thank Commissioner Wilson and the commissioners responsible for the ordinance.

Vibeyard Trio

Saturday, July 15
6:45pm - 9:30pm

Craig Horne Salmon and Grill

A greater table for 2 Fold, wool, dragon fruit, and Vibeyard Chardonnay. Vibeyard Trio is a Grass Valley based jazz trio that plays a variety of music from the Great American Songbook. Vibeyard Trio, is the brainchild of Kevin Gerlach, who has been playing the bass guitar since the age of 9 and performing in bands since the age of 15.

Kevin's friends Tim Kessler and Jonathan Kessler, who are both owners of Tim Kessler Fine Jewelry in Nevada City, joined the band in the fall of 2019. Tim Kessler, who has been playing the drums since the age of 14, and Jonathan Kessler, who has been playing the bass, and guitar since the age of 14, have been playing together since the age of 14. Tim Kessler, Jonathan Kessler, and Kevin Gerlach have been playing together since the age of 14 and have been playing together in various bands and in various jazz ensembles since the age of 14.

Kevin's friend, Michael Gerlach, joined the band in the spring of 2020. Michael Gerlach, who is a graduate of Nevada City School of Music, and a Nevada City native, has been playing the guitar since the age of 14. Michael Gerlach has been playing with the band since the age of 14 and has been playing with the band

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