Greetings!

We are almost at Summer's end, and yet the pace never slows. We finished our three month Acting Up initiative at the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility, and participated in the first of several stakeholder meetings for both Truckee Cultural District and Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District. Both districts seem ready to leverage these special designations towards some serious Cultural Planning, and this is a key marker of a community on the move.

This month's Editor's Choice features Nevada City Film Festival, running through September 15, and we highlight a special artists gathering at LeeAnn Brook Fine art on September 21. We make a special call for submissions to Wild & Scenic Film Festival Art Exhibition and we flag up several upcoming events you need to know about.

We'd like to welcome a returning community leader to Nevada County - Amber Jo Manuel - acting Executive Director at Center for the Arts (Jeff Pelline writes about Amber Jo in his Sierra Foothill Report), and to lend continuing applause to Julie Baker for being such a gift to us all. I'm personally looking forward to watching Julie blossom through her new consulting business!

We also make a call to parents, students and teachers this month as we enter a new season of Poetry Out Loud. It's not too early for our high schoolers to be selecting poems and learning to love and have fun with poetry.

This month will see our Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District partners come together to assess our regional priorities in terms of planning, and we'll be setting a date for October for a large-scale community stakeholder meeting to which all members and friends are invited. Watch this space...

Last but far from least, we'd like to draw your attention to Truckee Arts Alliance's meet-up on September 19. Learn all about what being a newly designated California Cultural District means for Eastern Nevada County, and take part in vital conversations that will help shape its future!
Until soon, and in friendship.

Eliza Tudor
Executive Director
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Artists Gathering at LeeAnn Brook Fine Art

We invite Nevada County artists to join us for an Artists Gathering to continue our conversation around nurturing the arts community.

**What**

Great conversation and an opportunity to share and learn, hosted by LeeAnn Brook

**When**

Thursday, September 21 at 5-7pm

**Where**

LeeAnn Brook Fine Art, 300 Spring Street, Nevada City

**Special guest**

Catherine Brandcamp will join us to speak about Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest for Artists. A prolific author, Catherine holds two degrees in English and creative writing and is an adjunct university professor. She also has professional certification in Social Media and is running free classes in Nevada City this fall. She is the Chief...
Storytelling Officer - what was once the role of Marketing Director - for technical companies, "because everyone has a story."

**Key highlights**

LeeAnn Brook will introduce her Gallery and her business

...What's next for our newly designated California Cultural Districts in Nevada County, and how you can get involved

...A chance to review our inaugural Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide

Our artist mixers are part of an ongoing series of meet-ups which take place at different venues throughout Nevada County. If you would like to host an artist mixer, please be in touch - we'd love to hear from you.

Send us an email at info@nevadacountyarts.org if you are interested.

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*Our cage we make a quire, as doth the prison'd bird, and sing our bondage freely...*

**William Shakespeare**

**Acting Up Provides Local Inmates with Theatre Arts Therapy**

During June, July and August upwards of twenty incarcerated adults at our Wayne Brown Correctional Facility participated in a Nevada County Arts Council and California Lawyers for the Arts-funded initiative teaching acting and theatre.

*Acting Up* was created in response to evidence-based research which shows that inmates engaged in arts programs are less likely to be involved in disciplinary incidents or to re-offend after release. The series is the result of a partnership with California Lawyers for the Arts along with the Arts-in-Corrections program, through which inmates are encouraged to engage in self-awareness and expression via the visual, literary and performing arts.

In Nevada County, the program was led by actor, director and playwright, John Deaderick, and the focus was on the craft of acting and theatre. Deaderick expresses that the experience was humbling. "Participants tell me they are far less judgmental of one another and life's lot having been part of *Acting Up* - and that it's changed the way they think about their future."
Jeff Pettit, Nevada County Sheriff Captain, mirrored these comments. "Correctional facilities are not typically known as a place to let your guard down. I was amazed at how much it benefited their well-being. Many participants reported reduced anxiety and felt better equipped to deal with the stresses of incarceration."

The program was considered a success by all involved. And this isn't the last act. We hope the program will grow to include a focus on disadvantaged youth in the juvenile justice system, as well as female inmates. Watch this space!

For more information on California Lawyers for the Arts County Jail Project click here.
Truckee Arts Alliance

SAVE THE DATE
Truckee Arts Alliance Meetup
Tuesday, September 19
5:30-7:30pm
Location TBD

Truckee Cultural District was selected as 1 of 14 regions in California that is rich in cultural and artistic assets and culture, alongside Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District.

This representation for Nevada County is huge and will put our area on the map as one of the strongest areas for art and culture!

Benefits of this designation include:

- Delivers significant economic impact --attracting businesses, tourists, and local residents to a central location
- Increases quality of life for its residents
- Serves as a vehicle to assist in the support and marketing of local nonprofit cultural organizations
- Catalyzes more funding opportunities to support the artistic community
Serves as a focal point to brand a Truckee's unique cultural identity and embrace its historic significance

Serves as a geographic boundary to consider specific zoning ordinances and economic tax incentives that will drive greater artistic contributions

Provides a platform to create a bigger vision and plan for art and culture in a community

To see some of Truckee's cultural assets click [here](#).

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**Calling Students of Poetry!**

The season is upon us for teachers and parents to encourage our Nevada County high school students to try their hand at poetry recitation. Some of the world's most beautiful, challenging and accessible poetry is now available for students to enjoy and make their own.

Here are some important dates:

- **September 1, 2017**
  Poetry Out Loud [Online Anthology](#) for 2017-18 Cycle is now available!
- **February 13, 2018**
  Nevada County Competitions
- **March 4-5, 2018**
  State Finals Competition
- **April 7, 2018**
  Nevada County STEAM Expo (for Poetry Out Loud Nevada County Finalists whose poetry choices link to STEM subject areas!)
- **April 23-25, 2018**
  Poetry Out Loud National Finals
- **April 28, 2018**
  Sierra Poetry Festival (for Poetry Out Loud Nevada County Finalists)

For more information on how to participate and for in-school coaching, mentoring and teacher guidance, contact Steve Hansen at shansen@njuhsd.com or our California Poets in the Schools teaching poets at info@nevadacountyarts.org.
Art Exhibition

What does groundswell mean to you as an artist? Merriam-Webster Dictionary refers to it as a broad deep undulation or a rapid spontaneous growth, and it's often used as in 'a groundswell of support...'

But how does this translate in 2D or 3D?

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival Art Exhibition returns for its 7th year in partnership with Nevada County Arts Council. We invite artists far and wide to submit their environment-themed artwork for possible inclusion at the 2018 Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Nevada City and Grass Valley during the 16th annual film festival January 11-15, 2018.

Selected artists will have their work displayed at gallery spaces in Nevada City and Grass Valley during the film festival and in most cases, for most of January. Artists may enter up to five pieces of work in a single category.

Follow this link for more information!

Editor's Choice: Nevada City Film Festival

Filmgoers everywhere are abuzz from now until September 15 for the Nevada City Film Festival's (NCFF) 17th year of providing the very best in independent cinema.

Often referred to as "The Sundance of the Sierra," the NCFF will take festival-goers on a seven-day voyage of human exploration by showcasing innovative, progressive and exciting new voices in film.

A few highlights of this year's festival are Bill Nye--the Emmy Award-winning host of the popular PBS series "Bill Nye, the Science Guy"--will be in attendance and speak with NCFF Director, Jesse Locks, during a screening of his documentary on Monday September 11. Also, due to the popularity of last year's launch of a Virtual Reality (VR) Festival within the Film Festival, NCFF will this year be bringing VR across the county with VR trucks making stops throughout Grass Valley and Nevada City in partnership with Exit Reality VR. There will also be a VR Pavilion inside the Miners Foundry during the Festival.

Other highlights of this year's festival include the nearly 100 award-winning shorts and feature length films, with over 35 of the film's filmmakers traveling from around the world to attend and participate in Question & Answers following the films.

Tickets are available online at www.nevadacityfilmfestival.com, by phone at (530) 362-8601, and in person at NCFF Office, 110 Union Street, Nevada City, M-F 10am-3pm. During the Festival tickets are available at NCFF HQ at the Miners Foundry during festival hours.
Upcoming Arts Events in Nevada County....

Nevada City Film Festival After Dark Parties

InConcert Sierra Orchestra

CATS Presents: 'Don’t you have Dignity, Mama--A Chinese Daughter’s Memoir'

Foothills Ceramic Art Museum presents: Fire Dance

The Artist’s Way with Maxima Kahn

Auditions for South Pacific with CATS

The Curious Forge Grand Re-Opening Open House

Artist of the Month at Nevada City Winery: Eileen Blodgett

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