Greetings!

February is upon us and an energetic month of January been and gone. By every count Nevada County is alive.

On display in the Rood Center lobby until late March is Image Nation, an exceptional exhibition of photography by veterans.

A week after Image Nation’s opening we welcomed just shy of 250 people to a Public Stakeholder Meeting for Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District - people who came despite the sudden snow and icy conditions.

Truckee Cultural District partners are also preparing for the launch of an Arts Master Plan process and, in this month's newsletter, we share opportunities to engage at this important juncture.

We hope you enjoy highlighted events during the week of St Valentine’s and beyond. Our Editor’s Choice features InConcert Sierra’s extraordinary Assad Brothers in concert with Israeli superstar Avi Avital. We also highlight Yuba Lit's next important reading - Krys Lee, acclaimed author of How I became a North Korean, makes a rare US appearance from South Korea as she joins us at the Stone House in Nevada City.

Looking ahead, as we consider the sheer number of artists and cultural organizations in Nevada County, we are looking for ways to more formally acknowledge community members who are advocates for the arts. In this newsletter, we celebrate the very first awardee of the Peggy Levine Arts & Community Service Award - while pointing out the recognition offered to two founding board members of Nevada County Arts Council. Read on!

Until soon, and in friendship.

Eliza Tudor
Executive Director
Thank you for attending our largest yet Public Stakeholder Meeting!

We loved that you and so many others braved the snow to get to our meeting during January, and were thrilled with the many ideas, passions, and opportunities that you shared, together with concerns that we all need to address as we move into a formal planning phase for our district.

We are currently analyzing every thought you wrote on every post-it, card or scrap of paper. We'll come back to you soon with next steps, but - in the meantime - we've provided links (below) to our social media toolkit and our California Cultural District pages, plus an easy link if you want to share more ideas - keep them coming.

We need willing hearts and minds to ensure our district is interesting, accessible to all, and inclusive. If you'd like to join a task force within the development of our Arts Master Plan let us know.

Click here for our Social Media Toolkit
Click here for our California Cultural District Pages for both Truckee and Grass Valley-Nevada City
Click here to post your Arts Event on our Community Arts Calendar
Become a Member and upload your Artist Profile here

Enjoy media coverage of our Stakeholder Meeting:

Sierra FoodWineArt
KNCO Radio
The Union

Join us with Truckee Cultural District partners on Tuesday February 13 at 6pm at a Truckee Town Council meeting for a kickoff discussion around the Town’s General Plan Update and an Arts Master Plan.

Editors Choice

Sérgio & Odair Assad, guitar duo and Avi Avital, mandolin

Saturday, February 24 at 7:30pm at Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grass Valley

The celebrated Brazilian-born Assad Brothers will
Sérgio & Odair Assad, guitar duo
Avi Avital, mandolin

team up with Israeli superstar Avi Avital, the first mandolin soloist to be nominated for a classical Grammy Award and a fervent and "explosively charismatic" (New York Times) player, to present a brand-new program that explores classical repertoire reimagined for guitar and mandolin.

The trio explore both classical repertoire reimagined for guitar and mandolin, and traditional choro music, a popular genre in Brazil known for its upbeat rhythms and bravura virtuosity.

SÉRGIO AND ODAIR ASSAD: "Call it one of the most engaging musical presentations of the season. Better yet, call it a stunning display of the music of the Western Hemisphere."

The Los Angeles Times

AVI AVITAL: "A musician who recognizes no boundaries except those of good taste and who has the artistry to persuade listeners to follow him anywhere."

Gramophone

Buy tickets HERE
From Giambettino Cignaroli’s *Leda and the Swan* Image Nation is showing at the Rood Center until late March. More information about Image Nation can be found [here](#).

**During the week of St Valentine’s**

**Feb 14 at 10.30am**  
Molly Fisk’s Poetry Hour - write your own love poem at BriarPatch

**Feb 16 at 7.30pm**  
Sierra Stages Dear Elizabeth at the Miners Foundry

**Feb 14 at 6pm**  
Beaucoup Chapeaux at Nevada City’s Classic Cafe

**Feb 15 at 6pm**  
Yuba Lands Biennale at Center for the Arts

**Feb 16 at 10am**  
Return of the Tibetan monks from Gaden Shartse Monastery’s Sacred Earth and Healing Arts Tour at St Joseph’s Cultural Center

**Feb 18 at 2pm**  
InConcert Sierra - special performance by harpist Bridget Kibbey at Seventh-day Adventist Church

**Throughout the week of St Valentine’s**

Nevada City Winery’s Artist of the Month, Lyssa Skeahan
Yuba Lit: Acclaimed Korean Novelist Krys Lee Reading At The Stone House

Join us for a very special Yuba Lit evening. Krys Lee, acclaimed author of the novel HOW I BECAME A NORTH KOREAN, making a rare US appearance from South Korea.

'Lee has worked with North Korean refugees, and her hotly anticipated debut novel vividly captures the challenges faced by defectors.' - The Guardian

Enjoy a no-host bar and a special menu of small bites at The Stone House. Doors open at 6:30. Reading at 7:00, followed by Q&A with Rachel Howard.

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Local Arts Awards

Early this month Nevada County Arts Council was delighted to award the very first Peggy Levine Arts & Community Service Award to Julie Baker for her years in service to the arts. Congratulations Julie!

Also during early February several arts leaders were acknowledged at Nevada City Chamber Awards dinner.

Rebecca Coffman received the Stan Halls Architectural Award for her outstanding vision and creativity.

Mark Vance won the Live Music Award for Music in the Mountains Young Composers Program and Ken Getz accepted the Dr. Leland and Sally Lewis Performing Arts Award for Sierra Stages.
Both Mark and Ken were founding board members of the Nevada County Arts Council - we couldn't be prouder.

Enjoy pictures, left to right and top to bottom, of Jon Blinder, Julie Baker, Howard Levine, Mark Vance and Ken Getz.

See our Community Arts Calendar for all events

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