Greetings!

May and June are exciting months for both Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District.

On Monday May 21 we invite you to join us for an (almost) all-day workshop on Creative Placemaking for our Cultural Districts. Read about it here. Then, within two weeks of this, we'll hope you will join us for a California Arts Council Public Meeting taking place here in Nevada County. This is a marvelous opportunity to show up in numbers in support of the arts - and to learn more about how the arts serve communities across California.

This month we encourage you to attend the Opening Reception for our year-long exploration into Belonging, at which we will screen a film by Ruth Chase and Radu Sava, along with a community exhibition at Summer Thyme's.

We introduce you to the work of Tahiti Person as the subject of this month's Artists of Nevada County and we call out to our Galleries and our Visual Artists to participate in a new year for Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide.

Finally, in Editor’s Choice, we highlight the Spring Concerts of InConcert Sierra and Sierra Master Chorale and we draw attention to a key literary event, Yuba Lit's She Persisted: Bold Women Artists. This takes place on Thursday May 31, and features Bridget Quinn, author of Broad Strokes: 15 Women Who Made Art and Made History (in that order). Bridget will read alongside five of our own women artists who will be sharing stories of "how they persisted" in the making of their own art. Not to be missed.

See you, I hope, at the Foundry on May 31.

Until then, and in friendship...
BELONGING

From now until the end of July we mark a year of exploration, through the lens of lead artist Ruth Chase, assisted by videographer Radu Sava.

What

Opening Reception - A Community Exhibition

When

Sunday May 20

2pm - Debut film screening and Q&A
3pm - Reception begins

Where

Summer Thyme's
231 Colfax Ave, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Giving Thanks

In making our film artist Ruth Chase interviewed ten key participants from all walks of life from across Nevada County. From the gentle Foothills in the West to the rugged High Sierra in the East, we thank these participants for their candid perspectives and their love for the land:

Rick Berry
Jeff Brown
Jonathan Collier
Want to be part of an important conversation about the future of our California Cultural Districts?

Monday May 21 at 9am-3pm at the Miners Foundry, Spring Street, Nevada City
Join us for a free all-day workshop led by Beth McMillan, Executive Director of Artown Reno. This workshop is part of phase one of creating a community arts plan, in which we explore our cultural identity and workshop key areas for focus for our state designated California Cultural Districts. We encourage our artists, arts leaders and members of our business and hospitality sectors. More information here. Click here to register!

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday June 7 at 10am
We are delighted to announce that California Arts Council has selected Nevada County as a location for its June meeting. California Arts Council meets approximately five times each year. All meetings are open to the public and are held in various locations around California to encourage broad and diverse attendance. Stay tuned for a location!
Artists of Nevada County Tahiti Pehrson

Building sculptures by the cutting away of material, Tahiti Pehrson creates geometrical patterns of volume that speak to universal traditions of pattern making throughout the history mathematics, arts, and crafts.

These intricate sculptures explore interplays of light and shadow, building dynamic monochromatic constructions that give material form to the space-changing qualities of light.

Elevating the spatial qualities particular to each commission, Pehrson’s works speak to site: shifting perceptions of volume and structure as the viewer moves around the work - and as the light evolves throughout the day.

Based in Nevada City, California, Pehrson works out of a small shed in his wood backyard that overlooks a half pipe skate ramp and pond. From here he produces works that have shown at the Viacom Building in Times Square, Facebook HQ, Moscone Center, and Pier 36 New York, among others.

Contact Tahiti via email here, or check out his website here.
Editor's Choice: InConcert Sierra - Sierra Master Chorale & Orchestra

Spring Concerts

When:

- Sunday, May 20 at 2pm
- Tuesday, May 22 at 7:30pm

Ken Hardin, conductor
Richard Altenbach, concertmaster

Where:

Seventh-day Adventist Church, 12889 Osborne Hill Road, Grass Valley

Sierra Master Chorale Music Director and conductor Ken Hardin will take us on a musical journey exploring a variety of ways composers have considered the timeless texts of the popular "mass" throughout history.

In the first half, we will hear a "Kyrie" by Bruckner, "Gloria" by Schubert, "Sanctus" by Fauré, "Credo" by Haydn, and "Cum Sanctu Spiritu" by Vivaldi.

The second half will focus on secular choral works of great composers such as Beethoven's "Ruins of Athens." We will celebrate the centenary of Leonard Bernstein with his inspirational piece "Make our Garden Grow" from Candide - one of the most enduring works of our time.

$35 general / $17 youth (+$4 online fee)

Information

Click here for InConcert Sierra
Click here to buy tickets

Calling all Galleries and Visual Artists - deadline approaching!

2018-19 Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide

As a new or renewing visual artist member of the Nevada County Arts Council, artists and galleries are invited to participate in our 2018-19 Visual Artist & Gallery Guide which begins distribution in July 2018.

It will highlight Nevada County as the premier visual arts destination in the Sierra Nevada foothills and Truckee-Tahoe region for art buyers and highlights the importance of our California Cultural District designation.

The Guide is reserved for Nevada County Arts Council visual art members and will feature
insightful editorial, inspiring art and photography, and will include a companion online edition.

The Guide will be designed much like a museum directory or exhibition guide that art buyers are familiar with and that will serve to reinforce our visual arts community as "world class."

In addition to artist and gallery listings, the Guide will include magazine-style articles and editorial about the local visual arts scene, the history of the arts in Nevada County, upcoming arts events, and more.

Partnering with Sierra FoodWineArt and SierraCulture.com, the Guide will have a targeted regional distribution - from Reno, to Sacramento, to Chico, to Jackson and points in between - and be restocked quarterly for a full year.

More information about the Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide can be found here and here.

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Yuba Lit presents She Persisted: Bold Women Artists

When

Thursday, May 31 at 7.30pm

Where

The Stone House
107 Sacramento Street
Nevada City

What

Featuring Bridget Quinn, author of Broad Strokes: 15 Women who made
Alongside Bridget Quinn are these Nevada County Artists, who will share stories of how they persisted making art:

- Deborah Bridges
- LeeAnn Brook
- Ruth Chase
- Amanda Paoletti
- Jerianne Van Dijk

**Cost**

$10 at the door
No-host bar and small bites menu

RSVP to save your seat by writing to yubalit@gmail.com

More information can be found [here](#).

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