Greetings!

Sailing into summer with a packed spring behind us the season ahead looks no less driven.

In this month’s newsletter we invite you to join us for a public meeting of the **California Arts Council** in downtown Nevada City. It’s an honor to host the Council and we hope you will think so too.

We call out to our visual artists to participate in the 2018-19 Nevada County **Visual Artist & Gallery Guide**, in recognition of our state designations as California Cultural Districts, and we re-launch a resource for Nevada County artists - a new **Call to Artists** feature at NevadaCountyArts.org.

We issue a happy challenge to attend a really **special literary event** hosted by Community of Writers at the end of June, and we congratulate the **Center for the Arts** in Grass Valley as it breaks ground at the launch of its capital campaign.

If you attended our packed workshop on Creative Placemaking last month, then we invite you to participate in our **5-minute survey**, at this important juncture in the soft launch of our arts planning for Nevada County. Make your voice heard - we are listening!
Enjoy this month’s Artists of Nevada County which features LeeAnn Brook as she opens her new studio and gallery on Broad Street in Nevada City - and we invite you to enjoy a wonderful interview in which she encourages a new generation of artists.

We highlight eight additional upcoming events and initiatives in Nevada County this month. Diverse events from public art planning meetings in Truckee to gatherings of people of all ages singing with one voice in Nevada City.

Last but far from least, our Editor’s Choice highlights a special season for Music in the Mountains, kicking off with a Young Composers Project Concert on June 16, followed by the launch of SummerFest 2018 in the fourth week of June.

What a month!

Until soon, and in friendship.

Eliza Tudor  
Executive Director  
Contact Eliza

Deadline fast approaching for the 2018-19 Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide!

During 2017 we published the first California Cultural District-branded publication in California - the inaugural Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide.

Partnering with Sierra FoodWineArt we will to ensure a minimum distribution of 7,500 hard copies, from Grass Valley, Nevada City and Truckee-Tahoe, to Reno, Chico, Sacramento, San Francisco and beyond, as well as a live-linked online version, viewable here.
Now we call all Nevada County artists and galleries to participate in our 2018-19 Guide:

- Click [here](#) for more information
- Click [here](#) for an insertion order!

Don't miss this opportunity to help us highlight Nevada County as the premier visual arts destination in the Sierra Nevada foothills and Truckee-Tahoe region!

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### The California Arts Council is coming to town!

**WHAT:** California Arts Council Public Meeting

**WHEN:** Thursday June 7 at 10am-5pm

**WHERE:** Miners Foundry Cultural Center in the Stone Hall, 325 Spring Street, Nevada City

**ADMISSION:** FREE

**INFORMATION & AGENDA:** [cac.ca.gov/aboutus/councilmeetings.php](#)

This coming Thursday the California Arts Council will hold one of its five annual public meetings here in Nevada County. Council Members - among them those appointed by Governor Jerry Brown - along with senior staff members including California Arts Council's new Executive Director, Anne Bown-Crawford - will be arriving from different parts of the state for an all-day convening to which we, the public, are invited.

**Need an even better reason to attend?**

- Your attendance will show the California Arts Council how significant our TWO state designations as California Cultural Districts in Nevada County are for us
- If you have ever been funded by California Arts Council this is our opportunity to show interest and appreciation.
- And for those that haven't but that want to understand the possibilities for your organization or project in-the-making, this is an ideal forum to listen and learn.
- During the public comments part of the agenda, there is also an opportunity to speak from the heart in support of our California Cultural Districts - whether we are from Grass Valley, Nevada City or Truckee - or to ask questions of our own connected with the work of California Arts Council.
- It will be an opportunity to listen in to presentations to the Council, and to conversations on key topics of significance in California today.

**One VERY good reason to attend is BriarPatch Food Coop generous servings of tea, coffee and muffins at the start of the day, in an on-going partnership with Nevada County Arts Council that supports community building and engagement.**

More information on the California Arts Council's meeting agenda can be found [here](#).
Did you attend our free workshop on Creative Placemaking - then please take our FIVE MINUTE SURVEY!

In late May we held a free all-day workshop led by Beth McMillan, Executive Director of Artown Reno, sponsored by the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District. Read Beth’s thank you note to our community [here](#).

Our workshop was 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.

Artists, arts leaders, public officials and members of our business, hospitality, health and education sectors packed the Osborn Woods Hall at the Miners Foundry to workshop the value and uses of creative placemaking, and possibilities for both Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District.

We asked participants to share their "aha moments" - here are just a few of them:

I think my "aha moment" was when I saw how many stakeholders were looking for functional partnerships across different specialities.

[Seeing the] potential value of concentration versus fragmentation.

I was happy to have experienced the tip of hopefully a positive iceberg.

THANK YOU FOR THIS HOPE...THIS VISION OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE. THIS PROCESS IS CULTURALLY RICH AND I APPRECIATE ALL THIS GREAT EFFORT TOWARD COMMUNITY BUILDING.

BRAVO!

As we move through our arts planning processes for both Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District, we will be listening for your input, and sharing it at key moments.

For now, please make your voice heard here:

[Take our 5-minute survey!](#)
Artists of Nevada County LeeAnn Brook

On Friday this past week - just in time to mark our first 2018 First Friday Art Walk - contemporary landscape painter LeeAnn Brook officially opened the doors on her new gallery and studio on Broad Street in Nevada City, LeeAnn Brook Fine Art.

LeeAnn grew up in the countryside of Glastonbury, Connecticut. She graduated from Paier College of Art near New Haven, Connecticut with a double major in fine art and graphic design. Now a large format contemporary painter, she exhibited in shows and galleries throughout New York and New England, winning over 20 awards in juried shows within three years of graduating.

At 23, she was accepted into the prestigious Connecticut Society of Women Painters. She is a five-time award winner in the California State Fair and a four-time winner in the nationally recognized Wild & Scenic Film Festival's juried art competition, including Best Of 2D in 2018.
Known for her generosity as a teacher and mentor, LeeAnn was interviewed not long ago by San Francisco Academy of Art Instructor David Arnold in her studio. The conversation is filled with personal insight on the nature of personal and professional growth as an artist, and contains words of encouragement for those starting out.

When asked by David what key words of advice LeeAnn might offer, among them were these gems:

"Find your heros. Find mentors, I've had mentors in my life since I was young. I always make sure I have probably two or three people in my life that I can go back to and check with...

"... The Gallery represents collaboration and having artists to work with. It's not all about you. Your work is going to be much more interesting if it's put with something else to complement it...

"So I'd say find your heros, and collaborate!"

LeeAnn can be found at:

LeeAnn Brook Fine Art
231 Broad Street
Nevada City, CA 95959

530.265.6817

Gallery Hours:
Open Daily, noon to 5 p.m.
Or by appointment, call 530-265-6817

Find out more about LeeAnn here.
With Nationally Known Poets

When:

Friday, June 22 at 7pm (doors open at 6pm)

Where:

Miners Foundry Cultural Center, 325 Spring Street, Nevada City

What:

Six extraordinary poets including two Pulitzer-Prize winners and a 2018 finalist for the Pulitzer Prize:

- Kazim Ali
- Mónica de la Torre
- Robert Hass
- Sharon Olds
- Evie Shockley
- Dean Young

Nevada County Poet Laureate Molly Fisk will Emcee the evening.

Tickets:

- General Admission $25.81
- Student $15.48 (with Student ID)
- Premium Admission $41.46

Click here for poet biographies
Click here to purchase tickets

Why the benefit?

For 48 summers, the Community of Writers at Squaw Valley has brought together poets and prose writers for separate weeks of workshops. We assist writers in the refinement of their craft and thus, in an atmosphere of camaraderie and mutual support, move them closer to achieving their goals.

Find out more here.

Editor's Choice: Music in the Mountains Young Composers Concert and
SummerFest 2018

Young Composers Project Concert

When:
Saturday, June 16 at 7pm

Where: Peace Lutheran, Grass Valley

Tickets: $10 adults, youth free

What: World premieres written by some of the most talented youth in our region and performed by world class ensembles.

This annual performance is the culmination of a year's worth of hard work by Music in the Mountain's "Young Composers". The project kicks off early in the school year with interested youth from 6th grade through college participating in both Saturday classes and private lessons throughout the school year with Education Coordinator Mark Vance. At this concert students share the results of a special collaboration with South Yuba River Citizens League, having learnt and become inspired by our mountain rivers, and environmental advocacy more broadly.

2018 SummerFest

Led by Artistic Director Pete Nowlen and resident conductor Ryan Murray, SummerFest stretches over the course of eleven days from June 23 through July 3 and welcomes over 65 professional musicians and thousands of attendees to the beautiful park-like setting of the Nevada County Fairgrounds in Grass Valley.

This year's program embodies the bold spirit of summer. Beginning with an enchanting evening of Handel and Bach and finishing with a spirited Patriotic Pops, SummerFest also includes Brahms Serenade No.1, Rachmaninoff's luscious 2nd Symphony, a tribute to American greats and the unforgettable songs of Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin, and the evocative and intoxicating songs of thwarted love from Romeo and Juliet, Carmen, and more.

Information

Click here for information at Music in the Mountains
Click here to buy tickets for Young Composers Project Concert
Click here to buy tickets for SummerFest 2018

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Upcoming Arts Events in Nevada County
- click on each picture for more information -

Artist Of The Month At Nevada City Winery - Angela Apostal.

GV-NC Cultural District offers a popular Social Media workshop series for Grass Valley Merchants.

Nevada City Film Festival and the City of Nevada City present an outdoor cinema experience for the entire family.

Call to Artists! - 2018 Fall Colors Open Studios Tour featuring over 40 studios and galleries exhibiting over 70 artists local to Nevada County.

GV-NC Cultural District

The rafters of the 158 year old Stone Hall at the Miners Foundry Cultural Center will ring on Wednesday, June 27 from 6-9pm.

Truckee Roundhouse Maker Show on June 10 - Show what you make at the 4th Annual Truckee Roundhouse Maker Show.

Public Art Master Plan

The Town of Truckee and Truckee Arts Alliance invites community input in the Town's first Public Art Master Plan workshop on June 13.

Find Truckee Cultural District at this summer's kick-off Truckee Thursdays all through June.

You can find a full listing of Nevada County's arts events here.

Join the NCArts Family!

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The Center for the Arts breaks ground...

Last week in Grass Valley The Center for the Arts...
Arts hosted a ground-breaking ceremony for a renovation that will "usher in a new era of cultural and artistic growth for the city", according to Amber Jo Manuel, Executive Director at the Center.

Many members of the Center's board and staff, along with civic leaders and community stakeholders, were present at this beautifully curated event. Julie Baker, gracious as the Center's former Executive Director, congratulated and endorsed Amber Jo as incoming leader, and there was a true sense of support for the launch of this critical capital campaign.

As The Union reported: "The center will shutter its doors for an estimated six to eight months while the facility is renovated and expanded. But the programming will go on, thanks to Center OnTheGo with shows being held at a variety of other venues in town such as the Veterans Memorial Auditorium, Grass Valley Elks Lodge, the Foothills Event Center and the Don Baggett Theater at Nevada Union High School."

Meanwhile, the Center invites us all to a Launch Party & Art Exhibition, North of Somewhere on June 26 at 998 Plaza Drive in Grass Valley. See you there!

For more information on the Center's renovation plans, see here.