Welcome to Culture Connection,
Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's newsletter featuring the stories and people of our community

Businesses Supporting Art/Art Enhancing Business

Nevada City Winery

The Nevada City Winery has supported local artists for years. Their Art Gallery hosts a different local artist each month and is open to the public free of charge. You are invited to join the opening art receptions held 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. on the first Friday of every month.

And this Friday - April 26th
4:30 P.M.

INTERSECTIONS: A reading with Gail Entrekin, Pos Moua, Lisa Dominguez Abraham and Ingrid Keriotis
Join four poets for an astonishing reading exploring the intersections of the human experience from a variety of perspectives. Gail Entrekin is Poetry Editor of Hip Pocket Press and Editor of the online environmental magazine, Canary. She will share some of the finest poems from Canary, featuring the work of a variety of poets, as well as reading her own poems. Pos Moua's new collection, Karst Mountains Will Bloom, radiantly describes body and spirit, nature and desire in poems that range from Southeast Asia to California. Lisa Dominguez Abraham's new book, Coyote Logic, is "a visceral collaboration of feminism, Latin origins, sensory celebrations, and fairy tale reimagining of our collective human story." Ingrid Keriotis’ It Started with the Wild Horses speaks to the roles of mother, spouse, teacher, citizen and traveler while yearning for something beyond all roles.

At (you guessed it) Nevada City Winery.

April is officially Arts, Culture and Creativity Month in the state of California. Here in Western Nevada County this is one more opportunity to share with the world how seriously we value our arts, culture and creative scene.

You can find out more about Arts, Culture and Creativity Month at Nevada County Arts Council's new page Advancing for the Arts.

On April 23 many Nevada County arts supporters attended Arts, Culture & Creativity Advocacy Day at the Capitol in Sacramento as part of the month-long celebration of Arts, Culture & Creativity Month.

Thank you to the team from Nevada Union Theater Class all of whom presented beautiful and compelling stories and performances at the Arts Rally. They were also stars during our visits to Assemblyman Brian Dahle and Senator Jim Nielson.
Public Launch of the Nevada County Economic Impact Study of the Arts

With special guest Randy Cohen, Vice President of Research and Policy at Americans for the Arts

**Arts and Economic Prosperity**

Thank you, Randy Cohen from Americans for the Arts for sharing key findings from our year-long Arts and Economic Prosperity study in Nevada County.

The supervisors’ chambers were packed Thursday, April 18th as we presented the findings of our Arts and Economic Prosperity study.

What did we find out? The arts and culture sector is a $46.9 million industry here—one that supports 869 full-time-equivalent jobs and generates $5.1 million in local and state government revenue.

Arts and cultural organizations are businesses in their own right. They spent $25.7 million during the fiscal year 2018 to employ people locally, purchase goods and services from local establishments, and attract tourists. They also leveraged a remarkable $21.2 million in additional spending by cultural audiences—spending that pumps vital revenue into restaurants, hotels, retail stores, parking, and other local businesses.

**Upcoming Events**

**Friday, April 26  5:30 - 7:00 PM**

I AM HERE Workshop with Lisa Barker

I AM HERE explores how women
find and maintain their sense of belonging in our changing rural landscape. Lead artist Ruth Chase will elicit perspectives through the use of social media, public art-making salons, a short film, and an interactive public installation called I AM HERE. I AM HERE is, ultimately, a community conversation—a way to connect, explore and empower.

Learn how Julia Morgan laid the foundation for the future of professional women, meet her through Betty Marvin and visit one of Morgan’s first residential commissions, the North Star House.

Sunday, April 28th  2 - 4 PM
The North Start House presents a conversation with Julia Morgan

Saturday, MAY 4   10AM – 3PM
Grass Valley Car Show

Come see the classic American automobiles that defined their generations and shop, dine and stay in a city that honors its historic past. Set in historic downtown Grass Valley, California, among gold-rush era buildings. This event is free to the public.

Friday, May 17  7:30 - 9:00 PM
OLLI O Performs "London"

OLLI Orchestra, Nevada County’s Community Orchestra, performs Haydn’s Symphony No. 104 “London” on Friday, May 17. Works by Mozart, Schumann and Americans Samuel Barber and Leroy Anderson are also on the program. The orchestra has performed continually since 1978.

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
Conductor Steve Miller helps audiences appreciate the pieces performed. He teaches music at Sierra College and has led OLLI Orchestra for 15 years. The talented musicians are volunteers who “love the beauty of sharing music with the community.”

Keynote speaker for the Poetry Festival, Forrest Gander, has just won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry

With degrees in both geology and English literature, Gander is the author of numerous books of poetry, translation, fiction, and essays. He’s the A.K. Seaver Professor of Literary Arts and Comparative Literature at Brown University. A U.S. Artists Rockefeller fellow, Gander has been a recipient of grants from the NEA, Guggenheim, Howard, Witter Bynner and Whiting foundations. His 2011 collection Core Samples from the World was an NBCC and Pulitzer Prize finalist for poetry. His collection, Be With, was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for 2019. We are thrilled that he is the keynote speaker at the Poetry Festival hosted by Sierra College. Yeah, we knew all this ahead of time.

https://www.pulitzer.org/winners/forrest-gander

Sierra Poetry Festival, April 27 @ Sierra College Nevada County Campus

Sierra Poetry Festival marks National Poetry Month from the rolling foothills of California’s Gold Country to the High Sierra, bringing our rich literary community together to celebrate the spoken word and reach out to brand new audiences in fresh ways. Readings, workshops, music, an activity fair for all ages, and youth performances will be preceded by a month of pre-festival pop-up poetry events. Tickets and info here.

Over 1,000 events are listed on the Nevada County Arts online community calendar. From concerts and theatrical productions to gallery openings and literary talks, find out what’s happening in Grass Valley and Nevada City by clicking on the link below. Take advantage of this great free resource as well as to promote your upcoming events.
What is a Cultural District?

The historic twin cities of Grass Valley and Nevada City merge in the Sierra Foothills amidst pristine rivers and picturesque forests deep within California's Gold Country. Home to the Nisenan, the area's oldest indigenous people, the district is rich in cultural histories and the arts, and has an exciting emerging wine culture. The twin cities boast outstanding year-round programming in music, theater, and dance; an abundance of artists and makers; and a festival culture to die for.

It's Live!  The Cultural Asset interactive now available to navigate.

#GVNCCulturalDistrict

Share what you love about the Cultural District by hashtagging your photos on Instagram and we'll share them in our next newsletter.

Pictured below (l to r)

inntowncampground

I am sharing some positive summer vibes with this throwback photo of my child floating in the South Yuba River. For those who have never been to Nevada City, this magical spot is just over 10 minutes away from the campground in a car (carpooling highly encouraged due to limited parking). What are you looking forward to doing this summer?
@SuzzyRoche @LucyWainwrightRoche have been touring together for a few years now. Their first collaboration, #FairytaleandMyth, won the Vox Pop best #singersongwriter CD for the Independent Music Awards.

@jrat @hdesigns

“Great Plains Storm,” alcohol ink

Buttermilk Trail

Last Sunday on the trail. Take a Hike!