Nevada County Arts Council, by resolution of Nevada County Board of Supervisors, is State-Local Partner with California Arts Council. We facilitate collaborative efforts that promote and sustain the visual, literary and performing arts of Nevada County in order to advance the cultural, social and economic life of our community.

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2017 has been a fantastic year for Nevada County Arts Council, though our work is just beginning. Following new legislation, we helped to secure not one but two designations as California Cultural Districts for Nevada County. We are now unique across the state as the only rural county to be recognized for the breadth and diversity of its cultural assets in all its incorporated communities. Let us celebrate Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District in our endeavor to share with the world, and nourish, our arts community.

Our role in supporting this new accolade for Nevada County points to the very crux of why regional arts councils exist. Our connection with California Arts Council through its State-Local Partnership Program helps us recognize unique opportunities, encourage cooperation and collaboration, and ensure that the arts are recognized for their true value.

But, as we approach a new year we also look back to our programmatic achievements of the last. During 2017 we collaborated with Sierra FoodWineArt to launch the first-ever Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide, supporting our aim to become more widely known as a preeminent visual arts destination and, thanks to California Arts Council, initiated Belonging, bringing community members from diverse walks of life together in appreciation of our vulnerable mountain home.

Much of our work sees us working in the social sphere. During 2017, in collaboration with Welcome Home Vets, we toured Image Nation to Truckee with a stunning exhibition of photography by veterans, while offering tuition to a whole new group, whose work will be on public display between January and April 2018 at the Eric Rood Center in Nevada City.

We expanded the reach of our education committee through the growth of our Artists in Schools program and our leadership of Poetry Out Loud, and – together with our County Supervisors - inaugurated the first-ever Poet Laureate Program for Nevada County. During 2017 we launched Sierra Poetry Festival at Sierra College, welcoming California Poet Laureate Dana Gioia, alongside a slew of local, national and internationally renowned poets and performers, and youth voices.

Finally, thanks to a new partnership with California Lawyers for the Arts – we completed a three-month workshop series called Acting Up, helping to establish a new course in the lives of twenty inmates at the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility.

We hope you will see this sampling of our ongoing work as indicative of a passion for our community and our belief in the power of art to shape and transform lives, contribute to the economy and bring joy. None of this would have been possible without the support of our members and benefactors, the generosity and input of our community, our wonderful artists-in-residence, and the California Arts Council for its faith in our trajectory.

During the year to come, we invite you to join us in our efforts to both celebrate and safeguard our cultural assets – stay tuned!
BELONGING

What do a rancher, a fire captain, a university field station manager, an outdoor life skills coach, a member of the Nisenan Tribe, a radio host, an artist, and the great-grandson of one of our earliest immigrant Chinese all have in common?

Our ongoing Artists in Communities initiative, BELONGING, sees Artist-in-Residence Ruth Chase create a deeper sense of connection between community members from all walks of life and the land they share. Our year-long series of free creative workshops and community gatherings culminates in an exhibition of work and a film in May 2018.

IMAGE NATION

Under national award-winning photographer Michael Llewellyn, we toured the work of nine veterans to the Truckee Community Recreation Center for a four-month residency, while offering three full months of tuition to eight further veterans. Between January and April 2018 we will show their work at the Eric Rood Center in Nevada City. Also during 2018 we will create an online curated photo gallery for veterans to both exhibit and sell their work.

ACTING UP

We completed a successful first-year pilot program with the Wayne Brown Correctional Facility partnering with California Lawyers for the Arts to teach theatre and acting to incarcerated adults.

This follows widespread evidence that arts practices help reduce recidivism by creating a more positive trajectory for offenders before re-entering the community.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

NEVADA COUNTY VISUAL ARTIST & GALLERY GUIDE

During 2017 we presented the first annual Nevada County Artist & Gallery Guide in collaboration with Sierra FoodWineArt, distributing tens of thousands of the guides within and beyond county lines, including an online distribution.

ARTIST GATHERINGS

We draw our arts community together at least six times a year to inspire conversation and collaboration, share ideas, present learning opportunities - and just BE.

NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

In 2017 we inaugurated the Nevada County Poet Laureate Program in partnership with our Board of Supervisors. Designed to promote literacy and an appreciation of poetry in Nevada County, we appointed celebrated poet Molly Fisk for a two-year tenure.

Molly holds monthly Poetry Hours in cafes and community spaces, free and open to the public. She writes poetry to mark key community events and engages the community in conversation in multiple ways.

She also represents local writers as a headliner poet at Sierra Poetry Festival.
SIERRA POETRY FESTIVAL

In 2017 we presented the 1st Annual Sierra Poetry Festival during National Poetry Month at Sierra College. California State Poet Laureate Dana Gioia attended as our keynote speaker alongside local, national and international poets and performers, and youth voices. Sierra Poetry Festival will again present poets, critics and visionaries for readings, slams, workshops, discussion and youth voices on April 28, 2018.

ARTS EDUCATION

During 2016-17 we launched initiatives and led arts agendas, including:

1. Our Artists in Schools Program now sees us serving almost 600 low-income students in schools across Nevada County on seriously fun, creative lessons combining Visual Arts Content Standards with Common Core curriculum.

2. As judges for the U. S. House of Representatives National Congressional Art Competition - for both the 1st and 4th Congressional districts - our role is to encourage student participation.

3. Poetry Out Loud, a national recitation contest, sees us working in schools across Nevada County to coach and mentor students in collaboration with California Teachers in the Schools (CPITS).

4. With California State Summer School for the Arts (CSSSA) we secured high school participation resulting in more students from Nevada County entering this rigorously competitive program than from any other surrounding county.

5. We spearhead local participation for an initiative of California Alliance for Arts Education - the amazing Student Voices Campaign - working directly with local schools and parents. This year, thanks to our advocacy, a Bear River High School student won first place in California!

6. Working with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools we help lead the arts agenda for the Annual Nevada County STEAM Expo - spotlighting developments in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.
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Rob Thompson at Elster Ranch
Photo: Lori Lachman for Belonging

L to R: Eliza Tudor, Oral Stallings, Frank Innes, Darwin Leek, Michael Llewellyn, Kate Laferriere, Mark Rogers, Jason Tedder, Doug Becker. Photo: Michael Llewellyn
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