Welcome to Culture Connection
Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's bi-monthly newsletter!

Nevada County Poet Laureate
On April 27 2019 - Nevada County's first Poet Laureate Molly Fisk officially passed the laurels of the office to Chris Olander.

Chris is a poet and bio-educator; since 1984, he has taught with California Poets in the Schools. He blends performance techniques with spoken word to create what he calls an "Action Art Poetry—musical images phrasing to dramatize relative experiences—a poetry arising from oral and bardic traditions.Æ

Of Chris Olander’s debut book of poems *River Light*. Kirk Lumpkin says, “What has always impressed me about Chris Olander’s poetry is how present, how kinetically alive the energies of nature are in it and of how the words dance in the breath and sinew of it.”
WHAT'S COMING UP!

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Sylviane Gaumer

Sylviane moved to California in 2006, and while still working with acrylics she studied ceramic sculpture, watercolor, and pastels.

She teaches both beginners and experienced artists. "I love taking classes with Sylviane. She is a fine artist AND a teacher. She is generously attentive to each student and works with them at their respective skill levels doing individual projects."

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

NEVADA CITY CLASSIC 2019 & CYCLING EVENT WEEKEND

Nevada City Classic: June 2, 2019
Free and open to the public.
Race registration

Brewfest: Saturday June 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Three Forks Bakery & Brewery parking lot at 211 Commercial Street, Nevada City, CA

Osborn Woods Nevada City Classic Poster. Photo courtesy of Doris
BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

**Arts Mean Business** - During the fiscal year 2018, spending by both Nevada County’s nonprofit arts and cultural organizations and their audiences totaled $46.9 million. To compare: spending in similar regions (by population) is 20 million. The national median is 35 million.

GVNC CULTURAL DISTRICT IN THE NEWS
June 7, 5–7 p.m.—Opening Reception, I AM HERE Public Art Installation in Robinson Plaza during the first art walk of the summer, First Friday Art Walk in Nevada City

**Gallery 125 & Media Lounge (@ncgallery125)**

Things are getting busy in the gallery this week as we gear up for our official opening in June. In the meantime, come and view the fantastic images. [rachelrosenthalphotography](https://rachelrosenthalphotography.com) of the Inle Lake fisherman of northern Myanmar.

**Sierra FoodWineArt** magazine is circulating its spring issue and 2019 Travel Guide, both the full-color glossy magazine and two digital editions (an interactive “flip book,” as well as a new “scrollable” format designed for smartphones).

**Grass Valley Farmers’ Market**

Thursdays, May 16–September 26, 2019, from 4:00–7:00 p.m.

The Farmers' Market is expanding in collaboration with Nevada County Certified Growers Market. We are in the Parking lot at Neal Street and North Auburn Street across from the Safeway parking lot.
Have you explored everything Nevada County offers?
Discover through the Cultural Asset Map.