Welcome to Culture Connection

Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's newsletter featuring the stories and people of our community

Nevada City Classic Weekend 2019

The Nevada City Classic bicycle race will be held on Sunday, June 2nd, 2019. The day begins with the Kids Bike Parade starting at 11am followed by the Nevada City Mile running event at 11:15am - and ends with the Men's Pro-Am starting at 5:30 pm.

The first Nevada City Classic was held on Father's Day in 1961 and it is the second oldest
continuously running bicycle race in the country. There has been a strong connection with the arts since the beginning, with the first race poster being designed by race founder and lithographer Charlie Allert. Over the years the posters have been designed by a variety of local artists including Osborn & Woods and John Daniel Wibberley. You can read more about the race history and arts connection [here](#).

In conjunction with the bicycle race, the second annual Nevada City Classic Brewfest will be held on Saturday, June 1st, from 6 to 9 p.m. The Brewfest will take place in the Three Forks Bakery & Brewery Parking lot on lower Commercial Street in Nevada City. The Brewfest will feature the finest craft beers from our regional breweries including [Three Forks Bakery & Brewery](#), [Ol’ Republic Brewery](#), [Grass Valley Brewing Company](#), [1849 Brewery](#), [Knee Deep Brewing](#), [Mammoth Brewing](#), [Revision Brewing](#) and [Sierra Nevada Brewing Company](#).

Tickets for the Brewfest are $20 per person in advance or $25 at the door. Adults aged 21+ only. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Nevada City Chamber Of Commerce office – 132 Main Street, Nevada City. Phone: (530) 265-2692

For more information visit [nevadacityclassic.com](http://nevadacityclassic.com).

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**Nevada City First Friday Art Walk**
The First Friday Art Walk will take place on June 7th from 5-9pm. The Art Walk celebrates Nevada City’s diverse artistic and creative community with a variety of events, openings and performances - with more than 25 merchants and businesses participating.

Miners Foundry will be hosting Art Walk Mixers - combining art and education with a focus on fire prevention and preparedness; Nevada City Film Festival will host a Local Creatives Mixer; "Creation" will open at the Osborn Woods Gallery; I AM HERe will have their opening reception from 5-7pm at Robinson Plaza; LeeAnn Brook Gallery will have a reception for the opening of Frank Francis' photography exhibit "The Color of Water" from 5-7pm; Treats will feature the artwork of Laura Bowman; Camelot Gallery will feature the work of Colleen Craig; and Gallery125 will have their grand opening.

The Boardwalk on Commercial Street will feature live music from artists such as, Ruchrick Family Band, Fog Holler, Cassidy Joy and Karen Woerner, Mount Whateverest, Davia Pratchner and more!

In addition there will be a Youth Arts Showcase featuring Artists between the ages of 4-18, as well as a “Kids Zone” on York Street with activities and art projects for kids of all ages. The Aerial Lab will be performing on York Street at 6:30pm and 7:30pm.
Nevada County Concert Band Picnic Pops

Each summer the Nevada County Concert Band celebrates the era in American history when the local Sunday band concert was a grand social occasion, performing free concerts at various local venues. The current band consists of over 70 volunteer musicians of all ages.

On June 2nd, they will be performing from 5-7pm at the Alta Sierra Country Club at 11897 Tammy Way, Grass Valley, CA. The theme for the concert is "9 Out Of 10".

This is the first of their summer concerts. For information about upcoming events visit their website.
Nevada City Farmer's Market

On Saturday, June 1st, the Nevada City Farmer's Market officially begins its summer season with a variety of farmers, artisans, makers and food vendors. The Market will be open every Saturday from 8:30am - 1pm through November 23rd on Union Street in Nevada City.

In 2007 the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce conducted the “Great Nevada City Survey” and 89% of respondents called for the creation of a walkable marketplace. Under the leadership of City Councilwomen Reinette Senum, the community, local farmers who practice sustainable agriculture, and local businesses came together to form the Nevada City Farmer's Market Association.

Their mission is to enhance the quality of life and economic resilience of the community by providing access to high quality, locally grown products; to support regional, sustainable producers through direct access to consumers; to create a community meeting place; and to foster consumer education.

You can read more about the Nevada City Farmer's Market [here](#).
Business Spotlight: Gallery 125 & Media Lounge

Gallery 125 & Media Lounge will be having their grand opening from 5-9pm during the First Friday Art Walk on June 7th. The gallery will be featuring the work of Will Edwards (photography on paper), Michael Llewellyn (photography on acrylic and metal), Jenny Sampson (wet plate collodian tin types), Jay Ruland (scans on metal), and Stephani Hogue (photographs on canvas). All five of the photographers will be at the gallery for this event.

Founded by local photographer Will Edwards, the gallery plans to host local artists on a monthly basis with an opening reception on the first Friday of each month. Edwards and gallery general manager Chantelle Goldthwaite hope to create a hub for the creative community and to develop personal connections with local, contemporary artists.

Most of the photographs displayed in the gallery can be printed in a variety of sizes and media. The gallery offers printing services and can print up to 44" wide on both paper and canvas. They will also begin offering adult workshops for beginning, intermediate and advanced photography this summer.

The gallery is open Thursday from 10am-6pm and Friday and Saturday from 10am-9pm. You can follow the gallery here.

Photo: Gallery 125 owner Will Edwards and manager Chantelle Goldthwaite

Photo Credit: the Union - Elias Funez/efunez@theunion.com
Artists' Spotlight: Sally Peterson & Monica Hughes

I AM HERE is a collaboration of local women exploring what it means to belong in Nevada County. One facet of this collaboration was the development of an art installation. Once the group finalized their vision, Ruth Chase, Monica Hughes, and Sally Peterson worked together to design a structure that would embrace the ideas and symbology of the group and Monica and Sally did the fabrication. The “I AM HERE” installation is made of local manzanita branches and Yuba River rock, and includes audio elements with QR codes linked to videos of the key participants sharing their perspective on their sense of belonging.

Woodworker Monica Hughes owns and operates Naked Tree Woodworking in Grass Valley, California. Since 1998, Naked Tree has specialized in designing and fabricating beautiful custom furniture. Monica’s creativity, passion for innovation, and attention to detail attracts customers in search of one-of-a-kind pieces.

Monica began collaborating and sharing a workshop with metal artist Sally Peterson, at
Big Star Ranch and the Funkyard after her father retired. Monica and Sally have a lot of fun working together, and their wood + steel creations can be seen all over town. The duo combine their shared commitment to creating things as sustainably as possible, using reclaimed material and upcycling, in an effort to limit their carbon footprint. Thanks to the rapidly growing "salvage movement" along with Peterson and Hughes' mastery in metal and wood, their work has attracted local and national attention. Monica and Sally are master craftswomen, and along with their team, they “can do anything.”

Photo: Sally Patterson, Monica Hughes & Elisa Henderson Parker - I AM HERe Installation

Photo Credit: Elisa Henderson Parker