Welcome to Culture Connection
Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's newsletter featuring the events, stories and people of our community
Grass Valley will be hosting this year's July Fourth parade beginning at 11am, followed by fireworks in the evening at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. The theme of this year's Parade and Fireworks Celebration is "Hats Off to Nevada County".

Parade-goers are advised to bring lawn chairs and arrive early to find a good vantage point. The Nevada County Concert Band will perform a curbside pre-parade concert an hour prior to the parade, and will continue to provide intermittent music throughout the parade.

Following the parade in Grass Valley, there will be a traditional family celebration at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. The gates open at 3pm and entertainment begins at 4pm. There will be live music and food and refreshments will be available. The Fireworks Spectacular blasts off at 9:30pm. Tickets for the fireworks can be purchased online at The Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce. They may be picked up at the Chamber office at 128 E. Main Street in Grass Valley until noon on July 4th. Any tickets that are not picked up will be available at Will Call at Gate 5 at the Fairgrounds from 3pm until 9:15pm.
Nevada City First Friday Art Walk

The First Friday Art Walk will take place in Nevada City on July 5th 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 another Ready, Set, Go! Art Walk Mixer - combining art and education with a focus on fire prevention and preparedness with Ready Nevada County; Nevada City Film Festival will host a Local Creatives Mixer; "Elements" will open at the Osborn Woods Gallery; LeeAnn Brook Fine Art will host a reception for Carol Dalton with her mixed media paintings; Treats will feature the work of fashion designer Oberon Meyer; Nevada City Winery will have Jennifer Rugge’s painting exhibit "Reclaiming Our Ancestral Roots"; Mama Madrones will feature the paintings and prints of Violet Onderwater; Camelot Gallery will be showing landscape paintings by Lisa Marie Kindley; Two Little Birds will have paintings by Bella Foster; and Shiva Moon will feature the mixed media work of Cheyenne Cheffe.

The Boardwalk Stage on Commercial Street (sponsored by Foggy Mountain Music) will feature live music by Cassidy Joy and Karen Woerner at 6pm; the Poetry Crashers at 7pm; and Mount Whateverest at 8pm. Lucky Mulligan will be performing comedy paired
with live ukulele music at Tysa.

"Youth Arts Alley" on York Street will feature activities and art projects for kids of all ages. The Aerial Lab will be performing on York Street at 6pm and 7pm.

Photo: Sheila Cameron with "Ready Nevada County" at Miners Foundry Ready, Set, Go! Art Walk Mixer

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California Worldfest

The Center for the Arts presents California WorldFest from July 11th through the 14th at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. For 4-days music is played on 8 different stages, allowing festival-goers to experience global music in a whole new way and enabling everyone that experiences the festival to gain a deeper understanding and connection to our world. The family-friendly festival is also filled with activities for kids and adults, workshops and artistic opportunities.

From Afro/Pop to Bulgarian Harmonies, Latin to Bluegrass, Scottish fiddle tunes to Rock & Roll, Jumpin’ Jazz to Gypsy, Folk to New Acoustic, Mariachi to Russian Folk, Swing Jazz to Gospel, Bollywood to the newest Celtic incarnations, the California WorldFest is the home of our globes finest music and dance. Headliners this year include Lila Downs, Trombone Shorty & Orleans Avenue, and Toots and the Maytals.

For a complete schedule, visit [WorldFest](https://worldfest.net).

Purchase Tickets
Sierra Stages Presents "Cabaret"

Willkommen, Bienvenue, Welcome! The Sierra Stages production of "Cabaret" begins performances at the Nevada Theatre on July 11th and plays for 4 weekends through August 3rd. There are two lower priced previews on July 11th and 12th, with all seats priced at $25.
Cabaret is a 1966 musical with music by John Kander, lyrics by Fred Ebb, and book by Joe Masteroff. Set between 1929-30 in Berlin as the Nazis are rising to power, it focuses on the nightlife at the seedy Kit Kat Klub and revolves around American writer Cliff Bradshaw and his relationship with English cabaret performer Sally Bowles. A sub-plot involves the doomed romance between German boarding house owner Fräulein Schneider and her elderly suitor Herr Schultz, a Jewish fruit vendor. Overseeing the action is the Master of Ceremonies at the Kit Kat Club, which serves as a metaphor for the ominous political developments in late Weimar Germany.

The original production won Tony Awards for best musical and best original score.

Photos: Micah Cone (Emcee) and Heidi Grass (Sally Bowles); Sue LeGate-Halford (Frau Schneider) and Louis Flint Ceci (Herr Schultz).

Photo Credit: David Wong

Business Spotlight: LeeAnn Brook Fine Art

Opened in July 2015, LeeAnn Brook Fine Art is one of the first artist-owned galleries and on-site studios in Nevada County, California. Located at 231 Broad Street, in the heart of
historic downtown Nevada City, the gallery is housed in a stunning brick building from the 1800s, incorporating the working studio of LeeAnn Brook.

In the studio, visitors can see paintings in progress and discuss the art with the artist firsthand. With a contemporary nature-inspired theme, the gallery features Brook’s large format contemporary paintings, as well as the work of other local and regional artists including photography, hand-turned wooden vessels, printmaking, paintings, handmade furniture, sculpture, textiles and ceramics, all in a curated setting with Japanese antiques also for sale.

The gallery will feature the mixed media paintings of artist Carol Dalton in a show entitled "A Moment in Earth’s Time" at the First Friday Art Walk on July 5th. The opening reception is from 5-9pm, with live music by De Jazz Vu Quartet. Carol Dalton has been exhibiting for over twenty-five years in Bay Area galleries, including over a dozen solo exhibits, and has work included in the Crocker Art Museum, Monterey Art Museum, and corporate collections including Kaiser Permanente.

The gallery is open daily from 12-5pm (open at 11am on Saturday), or by appointment.

Photo: LeeAnn Brook Gallery exterior; LeeAnn Brook Gallery interior

Photo Credit: LeeAnn Brook

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Grass Valley-Nevada City is one of 14 districts selected by The California Arts Council to serve as California's inaugural state-designated Cultural Districts. Each one of us is an ambassador of our community, so please help us celebrate our heritage and the people, places, traditions and events that contribute to the quality of life here by sharing your photos on Instagram with #GVNCCulturalDistrict.

Follow these local artists who are already sharing their work:
(Click on the name to view their Instagram page; click on the image to view that specific photo on their page.)

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