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

the Thanksgiving play
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SEP 19 - OCT 5
Nevada Theatre
401 Broad Street, Nevada City
Sierra Stages Presents "The Thanksgiving Play"

Sierra Stages will present "The Thanksgiving Play" from September 19th to October 5th at the Nevada Theatre at 401 Broad Street in Nevada City.

Four mismatched artists attempt to devise an ethnically sensitive play for the local schools to celebrate both Thanksgiving and Native American Heritage Month – with no Native American actors. In this wickedly funny satire, political correctness, ego and just plain ignorance collide as these well-meaning self-proclaimed artists try to perform a Thanksgiving miracle (without killing any turkeys).

The play stars Jay Barker, Catie Cleary, John Ficarra and Laura LeBleu. It is Directed by Sandra Rockman with Scenic Design by Constance Ammon, Lighting Design by Erin Beatie and Noah Mann, and Costume Design by Gina Gray.

Performances are Thursday at 7pm, Friday and Saturday at 8pm and Sunday at 2pm. Ticket prices are $20 (all rows) on September 19th and 20th, and proceeds from the September 20th performance benefit California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project. Ticket prices for all other performances are $30 for rows A - H and $25 for rows J - O. All seating is reserved and there are no online ticketing fees. For questions or to order by phone, call 530.346.3210.

PURCHASE TICKETS
Grass Valley Sidewalk Sale

The Grass Valley Sidewalk Sale will take place on **Saturday, September 21st, from 9am to 3pm** on Mill Street between Neal St and Main St. Local merchants will be set up on the street offering their best bargains! Come early and shop, enjoy lunch at one of the many local restaurants and enjoy all that Downtown Grass Valley has to offer.


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KVMR Celtic Festival & Marketplace

The KVMR Celtic Festival and Marketplace returns to the Nevada County Fairgrounds **Friday, September 27th through Sunday, September 29th**. Founded in 1996, the KVMR Celtic Festival includes eleven performance areas including five musical and six demonstration stages and a weekend-long youth arts instruction that has included
Celtic music, magic, dance and songwriting.

The Festival is the main fundraising event of the year for KVMR Community Radio. The festival regularly draws over 7,000 attendees and the promotional outreach extends throughout KVMR’s listening area including a worldwide live streaming broadcast through iTunes and the KVMR website.

The Celtic Festival continues to bring international performers to Nevada County and showcase an ever-increasing cadre of regional talent including musicians, dancers, and performing artists of every type.

Each year, the festival provides a professional performance venue for many young student musicians and dancers to perform in front of a live audience and hone their craft. Workshops and sessions are held throughout the event to provide musicians of every age and caliber an opportunity to learn from each other in a synergistic and fun atmosphere. For more information visit kvmecelticfestival.org.

Photo Credit: Marion Charlotte Photography
Nevada County Media Presents "Thru the Lens"

Nevada County Media presents "Thru the Lens 2019: A Script-to-Silver Screen Event" - a Red Carpet Gala premiere screening of the winning scripts-turned-films at the historic Del Oro Theatre, on Monday, September 30th, 2019. The filmmakers and their casts and crews arrive on the Red Carpet, beginning at 6 pm. There will be a no-host wine bar from 6 to 7 pm in the Del Oro Theatre's grand lobby, and the theatre doors open at 6:30.

After the screening, there will be an awards ceremony and After Party for ticket holders at Grass Valley Brewing Company, located at 141 East Main Street in Downtown Grass Valley. The After Party takes place from 10 to midnight, and is an opportunity to mix and mingle with filmmakers, cast and crew; enjoy appetizers courtesy of The Roost, and enjoy a no-host bar featuring Grass Valley Brewing Company’s outstanding beer selections. The People’s Choice Award will be announced at the After Party. The entire magical evening is a fundraiser for Nevada County Media, your public access television station and center for innovation in the creative digital arts.

Congratulations to the films and their filmmakers:
- Entropy - Camille Faatz/Kaitlyn O'Neill
- Jonah - Mitch Faatz
- Manifest - Mila Johansen
- Maya and the Walking Man's Lamp - Isaac Biggs
- Pie - Camille Cadeaux Collings
- Rosewater Brightening Fights the Sad Thoughts - Sloane Morton
- Shutdown - Jason Howard/John Martin
- Tainted Souls - William Dane
- Understudy - Michael Clark Lorenzo
- Writers Block - Azure Bleau

Photo: The Del Oro Theatre in Grass Valley

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Nevada County Arts Council Celebrates National Arts in Education Week
Nevada County Arts Council is celebrating - and being celebrated - during Arts in Education Week. The arts council is promoting a wide variety of arts programs occurring in Nevada County schools, including Poetry Out Loud which helps high school students improve their public speaking and poetry skills.

Eliza Tudor, Executive Director of Nevada County Arts and Brian Buckley, the council’s Education Chair are being acknowledged by the California Alliance for Arts Education as Arts Now Heroes. Tudor said the award resulted from work the council did, assessing the reach of arts education in Nevada County and the economic impact of the arts in western Nevada County.

Kimberly Ewing, a humanities teacher in the Nevada City School District and Arts Coordinator for the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools, is taking this week to do further advocacy for the priority of arts education in Nevada County schools. “Every human needs the arts to find themselves sometimes,” she said, particularly in a county enriched with artistic talent. “The arts helps (students) understand their own humanity.”

Photo: High-schooler Oro Rutledge leans against a wall at Nevada Union High School, where student-created murals liven the hallways.

Photo Credit: Elias Funez at theunion.com
Submissions Are Open for the Wild and Scenic Film Festival Art Exhibit

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival, in collaboration with Nevada County Arts, invites submissions of environmentally-themed artwork for the 18th annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival in Nevada City and Grass Valley, CA happening January 16-20, 2020.

Artists are encouraged to submit work that delivers a meaningful message about environmental activism and relationships between society and the natural world.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival’s art exhibition is presented in local galleries and businesses in downtown Nevada City and Grass Valley (a California state-designated Cultural District). Selected artists will have the opportunity to exhibit their work for audiences including filmmakers, social activists, environmental leaders, and more than 8,000 festival attendees.

Artists may submit up to three pieces in the following categories:

- **2-D**: Paintings, prints, collages, mixed media, and panels with 1.5 inches or less of depth variation
- **3-D**: Sculpture and pieces with depth variations greater than 1.5 inches
- **Photography**: All photography, including digital and film, color, black and white
Selected artists are eligible for honors awarded by our 2020 Art Judges:

**William L. Fox** is a writer, independent scholar, and poet whose work focuses on how human cognition transforms land into landscape. In the visual arts, Fox has exhibited text works in more than two dozen group and solo exhibitions in seven countries, serves as the Associate Director of the Nevada Museum of Art, and as the visual arts and architecture critic for the *Reno Gazette-Journal*.

**Michael Llewellyn** is an award-winning editorial and advertising photographer specializing in environmental portraiture and photo-illustration. Based in Grass Valley, Llewellyn’s current project, FOREST ≠ FIRE, is an interdisciplinary, multi-sensory, interpretive installation scheduled to debut in October 2020 in Truckee, California.

**Nashormeh N.R. Lindo** is an artist, arts educator, consultant, and curator. Her work as a renowned photographer, printmaker, and painter has been exhibited both nationally and internationally. As an artist, Lindo’s recent work explores the way one medium informs another, utilizing her photographs for surface design on textiles. As an educator, Lindo teaches art classes to children in Oakland and is a former adjunct instructor of African American Art History at City College of San Francisco.

**Important 2019-2020 Dates:**

- October 31: Regular Registration Deadline, $30
- November 15: Extended Deadline, $45
- December 15: Notice of acceptance
- January 16: Artists Opening Reception & Award Ceremony
- January 16-20: Wild & Scenic Film Festival

To submit online, visit [wildandscenicfilmfestival.org](http://wildandscenicfilmfestival.org)
#GVNCCulturalDistrict on Instagram

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 and businesses who are already sharing their images and video: (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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