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

Sierra Theaters Presents "National Theatre Live"
Sierra Theaters will be opening another season of National Theatre Live with "One Man, Two Guvnors" on **Wednesday, October 2nd, at 3:30pm** at Sierra Cinemas at 840-C East Main Street in Grass Valley. Featuring a Tony Award-winning performance from host of the "The Late Late Show", James Corden, this hilarious West End and Broadway hit returns to cinemas to mark National Theatre Live's 10th birthday.

National Theatre Live is the National Theatre of London’s groundbreaking project to broadcast world-class theatre to cinemas around the world and Sierra Cinemas has been a proud presenter since 2010. Upcoming productions include:

- "A Midsummer Night's Dream" - Thursday, October 17th at 6:30pm and Wednesday, October 23rd at 3:30pm
- "Hansard" - Thursday, November 7th at 6:30pm and Wednesday, November 13th at 3:30pm
- "Present Laughter" - Thursday, December 5th at 6:30pm and Wednesday, December 11th at 3:30pm

Click [here](#) for more information and to view trailers.
Nevada County Arts Council and Nevada City Film Festival host a monthly happy hour for creatives, artists, filmmakers, photographers, writers, designers, entrepreneurs, small business owners and those who are working in the local creative economy. This month’s event is Wednesday, October 2nd, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Nevada City Film Festival at 110 York Street in Nevada City.

This is an opportunity to learn about projects people are working on, pool resources, develop partnerships, find mentors, and help build a vibrant, creative culture in Western Nevada County. Drinks, noshes, and nibbles will be available.

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Open House at the Curious Forge MakerSpace

On Thursday, October 3rd, from 6pm to 8pm, the Curious Forge MakerSpace will host an Open House. There will be facility tours, Daniel Hansen will perform playing his RootFlute at 7:00pm, and visitors can participate in a making activity for a $10 material fee.

The Curious Forge is located at 13024 Bitney Springs Road in Nevada City, California. It is a 20,000+ sq/ft space where members have access to training and a wide variety of equipment, from traditional to advanced. Most of all it is a community of builders, tinkerers, artists and professionals who love to make - sort of an artistic, technical and
industrial playground. They also focus on youth programs, other nonprofit support and vocational programs.

**"Earth's Treasures" Gem & Mineral Show**

The Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society will hold their 52nd annual show at the Nevada County Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 5th, from 10am to 5pm and on Sunday, October 6th, from 10am to 4pm. General admission is $3; children under 13 and students with ID are free.

This year’s featured display is The Pleistocene Zoo - authentic, museum-quality fossils from this era. The highlight is a 9' tall European Cave Bear provided by Ed Rigel, owner of Applegate Lapidary. Sierra College’s Museum of Natural History and the Sierra Foothills Museum of Natural Sciences are also displaying Pleistocene fossils from their collections, including a Dire Wolf, a Sabre-Toothed Cat, and a Short-Faced Bear.

Twenty-six exhibitors will be selling gems, minerals, fossils, lapidary supplies, books, beads and supplies, jewelry, and gold prospecting equipment. There will be demonstrations of soapstone carving, silver crochet, fossil preparation, cabochon making, arrowhead making and gold panning. A greatly expanded Kids’ Corner will feature games, grab bags, crystal dig and contests with prizes created by these young collectors. The event also includes a Silent Auction and Hourly Raffle.
Nevada County Digital Media Center Studio Tour

The Nevada County Digital Media Center will be hosting an Open House and Studio Tour on Monday, October 7th, from 1pm to 7pm. They are located at 104 New Mohawk Road in Nevada City.

Nevada County Digital Media Center operates Nevada County Television (NCTV), and visitors will have an opportunity to tour the studio, the editing and sound bays and the meeting spaces. They will also learn about the various equipment that is available for members' use, as well as classes, membership, and internship opportunities.
The Center for the Arts presents Nevada County West Open Studios on the second and third weekends in October: October 12th/13th and October 19th/20th, from 10am to 5pm each day. They will also host an Opening Reception on Thursday, October 10th, from 5pm to 8pm at the Plaza Gallery, located at 998 Plaza Drive in Grass Valley.

This marks the 24th year of this annual event featuring an incredibly diverse variety of artists in Nevada County’s Western Region. Hundreds of local artists open up their studios and galleries so that visitors can see where and how art is made.

The tour features sculptors, printmakers, photographers, painters, jewelers, illustrators, woodworkers, designers, and much more! This tour is a wonderful opportunity to meet the artists, view new pieces and works in process, watch live demonstrations, learn about their processes from conception to completion, and buy original art in a wide range of mediums.

Click here for additional information and to download a Tour Map & Guide.
Fall Colors Photo Walk in Nevada City

On **Saturday, October 12th**, [Nevada City Scenics](http://nevadacityscenics.com) and [Outside Inn](http://outsideinn.com) invite you to join them for a Fall Colors Photo Walk. Photographers of all skill levels are welcome. Bring your phone or DSLR and walk through the historic neighborhoods of Nevada City, ending at the Nevada City Farmers Market.

- Saturday, October 12th, at 9am
- Meeting Location: Nevada Street Public Parking Area across from Deer Creek Inn
- No reservations required
- Walk is approximately 90 minutes
- Photo Walks are free and open to the public.

For a complete schedule of Nevada City Scenics Photo Walks and events, visit [nevadacityscenics](http://nevadacityscenics.com).

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October 31st is the Regular Deadline for Submissions to
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.)