Welcome to Culture Connection
Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District's newsletter featuring the events, stories and people of our community
ASiF Studios' "Smallworks in the Foothills Holiday Show" Opening Reception

On **Friday, November 15th, from 5-8pm**, ASiF Studios will host the opening reception for their annual Smallworks in the Foothills Holiday Show. The work of 50 local and regional artists will be featured, along with food, wine, and live jazz by G. S Young and Andy Armstrong.

On **Saturday, December 14th, from 11am - 4pm**, they will have a Holiday Open House & Trunk Show featuring special guest artists and gift-making workshops.

ASiF is located at 940 Idaho Maryland Road in Grass Valley. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday - Sunday, 11am - 4pm. For more information visit [ASiFStudios.com](http://ASiFStudios.com)
"Let's Go Out Tonight"

As a result of PG&E’s PSPS blackouts, many local businesses were without power for 13 days! That’s a huge hit to the local economy.

"Let's Go Out Tonight!" is a campaign to encourage everyone to visit local restaurants,
breweries, wineries, bars, specialty shops, movie theaters, or markets and support local businesses every Wednesday in November and December.

The Nevada City Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the Grass Valley and Penn Valley Chambers and the Media to rally around our small businesses. These local businesses not only feed and provide entertainment for the community, they also employ thousands of our neighbors, friends and family members. Here is your chance to show your support! Stop in for a drink, meal, movie or ice cream cone - every little bit helps!

Double your impact and "adopt" a location for a day/evening and invite your network, friends, and family to join you!

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InConcert Sierra Presents Venice Music Project

On Sunday, November 17th, at 2pm, InConcert Sierra presents the Venice Music Project at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 12889 Osborne Road in Grass Valley. Featuring soprano Liesl Odenweller and musicians playing on period instruments (or exact recreations to reanimate the tones and atmosphere of the Baroque era), The New York Times listed Venice Music Project at #3 of what not to miss if you only have 36 hours in
that city. This appearance marks the second performance on the ensemble’s first ever U.S. tour.

The program includes:

- Sinfonia in C Major RV 717 - Vivaldi
- Aria "Affetti del mio sposo" - Orlandini
- Cocerto for Lute, two violins and basso continuo in D major - Vivaldi

The complete program can be found [here](#).

There will be a pre-program forum beginning at 1:15pm. Tickets are $38 general admission; youth ages 5-17 are free with an adult.
"After the Gold Rush" with Hank Meals

On **Tuesday, November 19th, at 7pm**, local history buff, archaeologist and author Hank Meals will present "After the Gold Rush" at the North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center at 17894 Tyler-Foote Road. This is the fourth presentation in his five-part series, "Just Enough - A Regional History Course",

The Yuba and Bear Rivers have played a major role in California’s history. Former players and incidents in this dramatic story have influenced science, industry and ethics on a world-wide scale with good and bad consequences.

It won’t be the dense and dull history that you endured in High School, but “just enough”, Meals says, “to make you somewhat legacy literate. I’ve found that knowing what happened in your neighborhood makes you see a place differently, gives it extra texture and creates a sense of regional pride and ownership.”

The 90-minute presentation includes unique historical and contemporary photos, maps and diagrams and will be followed by a Q & A. Admission is $10 at the door or online.

PURCHASE TICKETS
Chris Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience

On Friday, November 22nd, The Center for the Arts will present Chris Perondi's Stunt Dog Experience at the Veterans Memorial Auditorium located at 225 South Auburn Street in Grass Valley. There will be two shows: a matinee at 1pm and an evening performance at 7pm.

With a cast of up to a dozen humans and two dozen dogs, this high energy performance will delight audiences of all ages. With amazing tricks, big air stunts, comedy antics, dancing dogs, and athletic feats, it is the most entertaining show of its kind! All of the dogs are rescue dogs, and Chris will talk about caring for dogs, why they are so valuable and the benefits of rescuing animals.

The Stunt Dog Experience has been featured on David Letterman, the Ellen Degeneres Show, Queen Latifah, the Tonight Show with Jay Leno and many more. Tickets are $15 for children 13 and younger, $25 for members of The Center for the Arts, and $30 for the public.

PURCHASE TICKETS
"The Cauldron Crone" at The Colfax Theatre

On Friday, November 23rd at 2pm and Saturday, November 24th at 2pm Dalrymple MacAlpin's, "The Cauldron Crone" will debut at The Colfax Theatre at 49 S. Main Street in Colfax.

This event features spine tingling tales written by Nevada City artist MacAlpin based on folktales from Ireland, Wales and Russia. This will be an evening of haunted theater with spooky stories, marionettes, and shadow puppets. A six-piece chamber ensemble joins MacAlpin, performing specially composed songs and instrumental pieces.
Grass Valley’s 52nd annual Cornish Christmas begins on **Friday, November 29th from 6-9pm** on Mill and Main Streets in historic downtown Grass Valley. Cornish Christmas will also take place on December 6th, 13th and 20th.

Started in 1967 as a way to preserve Grass Valley’s Cornish heritage and holiday traditions, Cornish Christmas remains one of their most popular events. Mill and West Main Streets are closed to motorized traffic and filled with the sights and sounds of an old fashioned Christmas; carolers, jugglers, musicians, magicians, the Grass Valley Cornish Carol Choir, Tommyknocker Cloggers, and Santa Claus. Handmade arts and craft from artists throughout California are displayed on the historic downtown Grass Valley streets. Delicious food and drink can be purchased from a number of Grass Valley restaurants and specialty food vendors.

Pause at the steps of the historic Union Building as the Cornish Carol Choir performs traditional homeland Christmas carols each Friday at 6pm and 7pm. Enjoy the wide selection of holiday music offered by local Grass Valley musicians amongst the trappings of an historic gold rush town. This is a" rain or shine" event and is free to the public.
Osborn Woods Holiday Show

The Osborn Woods Gallery Holiday Show will begin on Friday, November 29th from 10am to 5pm.

They will have new work from local artists Sheila Cameron, Ruth Chase, Al Martinez, Griffin Queen, Pickle Pottery, Jennifer Rugge, Giulia Sbernini, Cynthia Levesque, Gene Crowe, Rebecca Harris Floeter, and Juliette Morris Williams. This work includes jewelry, pottery, sculpture, mixed media and assemblage, paintings, scarves and bags!!

They will also have yummy treats, holiday music and free gift wrapping.
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.)
#minersfoundry
#thecuriousforge