The Curious Forge

Second Saturdays in downtown Grass Valley are a way to shop local and see what's new and exciting. This month, the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District is hosting a special event on May 1, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. You can visit the market, which is held on the first Saturday of the month, and local food and artisan products from local artists, farms and food purveyors. There's also a chance to shop at local galleries and stores, hear live music, and see artists at work. This is a unique opportunity to support local artists and businesses while enjoying the vibrant atmosphere of downtown Grass Valley.

At May's Creative Meetup, you can learn new skills and make new connections. This month's meetup is on May 1, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm, at Nevada City Picture Framing and Restoration. The meetup is free and open to the public, and no prior experience is necessary. The meetups are opportunities for members to network, share ideas, and work on projects together. The meetup will feature a range of activities, including demonstrations, music, and a chance to drink tea with your loved ones. If you enjoy cows and pigs, you won't want to miss the Animal Place's Mother's Day Virtual Tour & Shop, which is on May 2, from 12:00pm to 4:00pm. The tour will give you a chance to see the animals, learn about their care, and shop for handmade gifts. The tour will be led by five foster mothers who have cared for the animals and will guide you through the farm's history and ongoing projects.

The submission deadline has been extended to May 14, 2021. The Art Spot Reno Emerging Artist Residency is an opportunity for emerging artists to develop and refine their creative practices in the context of a professional art environment. The residency is open to artists of all disciplines, including visual arts, sculpture, dance, music, and literary arts. The residency will provide artists with studio space, technical assistance, and opportunities to engage with the arts community. The residency is named after the late artist and activist formed by the Nevada Arts Council, and it is deeply rooted in the cultural and artistic heritage of Nevada. The Art Spot is located in the heart of downtown Reno, and it is a vibrant hub for creativity and innovation. The Art Spot is supported by a range of funding sources, including the National Endowment for the Arts, the Nevada Arts Council, and the City of Reno Arts & Culture Commission. It is a place where artists can come together to create, collaborate, and celebrate. The Art Spot is open to all, and it is a community-driven organization that is dedicated to supporting the arts and artists in the region.
Nevada County Arts Council has put together a directory of the most current news and resources for the creative community and the community at large. This directory, which is updated regularly, includes information about funding, staying connected and virtual entertainment opportunities, including:

- Funding for organizations
- Funding for individual artists
- Virtual entertainment from around the globe in all disciplines - including dance, film, kids activities, literary arts, music, podcasts, theatre, and the visual arts
- Staying connected via the best of social media
- Arts education
- Preparedness tips for creative businesses
- State and local government updates
- Arts advocacy
- Artist calls for Nevada County Artists in all disciplines
- Calendar of both virtual and place-bound events

#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 or website; click on the image to view that specific photo on Instagram.)

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