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Welcome to Culture Connection

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

STAY SAFE. STAY STRONG. STAY CREATIVE.

Welcome to the Map edition of Culture Connection!
The creative ecosystem continues to flying finally taken hold of our cultural district, bringing beautiful weather and inspiration we need.

Speaking of inspiration, we've got an **in-person Meetup** at **The Curious Forge** just around the corner from Nevada City's Gold Country Fairgrounds. Mark your calendars for **May 5 in the Mercantile** and bring the passport for creative ideas to the humble.

Now, what are we and what the month has in store?

The May In-Person Creatives Meetup is happening!
Spend your Cinco de Mayo with us this **Thursday, May 5th** as we mingle, connect, and create at The Curious Forge. We'll explore the space, connect with fellow Cinco de Mayo enthusiasts, and try our hands at Creative Lab.

The Curious Forge is a **20,000 sq foot makerspace** offering all the tools, training and expertise necessary to bring your creations to life. They cater to numerous artistic disciplines, including: ceramics, glass blowing, blacksmithing, jewelry, 3D printing, metal fabrication, woodworking, welding, flame working, and more!

1302A Bitney Springs Road, Nevada City from 5-7 pm.

Don't miss this! Creative round-ups are always here for the public. See you there!

The Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District Needs YOUR Voice!

CALIFORNIA CULTURAL DISTRICTS COALITION
Lifting California's Cultural Districts to advance advocacy and collaboration in arts and culture

The CCDC team needs YOUR help to show our state elected officials that Grass Valley/Nevada City, as home to the 19th Cultural District, we are in need of support.

The state of California has proposed **$50 million** for the support of existing Cultural Districts, as well as the expansion of the Cultural District program, but the funding has not yet been approved by the assembly or Senate.

We need your voice to make that happen. It is quick, easy, and doesn't cost a thing.

Please click here to send a prepared message to your state representative to support the budget allocation for the operation and expansion of the California Cultural Districts program.

Even if you don't live in Grass Valley/Nevada City, **you can still have your voice heard!** Simply change the zip code to your own.

We at the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District take great pride in connecting and representing the artists in our county, and have seen funding to help with the recovery of our arts community, and to continue to improve our Cultural District.

Share this message wherever you can! **Thank you!**

Tell Your State Representative to Support Our Cultural District

The Miner's Foundry Presents: Project Wild Edges

The long-anticipated outdoor theater performance, Project Wild Edges, has landed in Grass Valley!

An outdoor theatrical experience exploring the human relationship to nature, Project Wild Edges amounts the nature at the heart of human land practices. The performances take place along the Bear River Trail, located in a mill ridge where our industrial life intersects with nature.

Each show culminates with a "Speaking of Nature" shared discussion with local experts in the field of land conservation.

Performances run every Saturday in May 2022 at 4 pm and 6:30 pm.
Prepare to be immersed!

Get Tickets to Project Wild Edges

Meet The Maestro: Music in the Mountains Artistic Director Ryan Murray

This month, we're turning the spotlight on a true Grass Valley/Nevada City arts and music supporter to our cultural district: award-winning California artistic director & multi-faceted classical musician **Ryan Murray!**

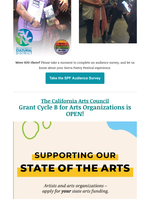
Ryan is currently the artistic director of local organization **Music in the Mountains**, a chamber music festival that brings world-class musicians to our Nevada County place, and is the creative force behind large-scale local events such as the upcoming Sierra Oak Ale Festival, Summerfest, and many others.

His influence extends well beyond our cultural district. Ryan is also the **Associate Conductor** of the **Modesto Symphony Orchestra**, the **Director of Symphonic Orchestra & Opera** at **California State University, Sacramento**, the **Conductor** for the **Sacramento Youth Symphony's** premier orchestra, and most recently, he was announced as the **Associate Conductor and Associate Choral Conductor for the Auburn Symphony**. Whew!

Effortlessly moving between genres, Ryan currently enjoys a wide range of performances & positions. You can catch him in action as he shares his impressive knowledge of classical composers with the community in his **"Mondays with the Maestro"** series on Sacramento's Capitol Public Radio, or catch him in action as the Mountains will be in full display at this year's Summerfest,* summer concerts over the course of 3 weeks with the MIM choir and orchestra. The life of a true Maestro... I know.

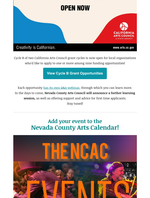
*Summerfest is a **Community Partner** of the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District.

Community Partner Spotlight: The Joy Luck Club



Community Partner Director of the Arts is performing **"The Joy Luck Club"** at the Nevada City Theatre until **May 14, 2022.**

"The Joy Luck Club" tells the story of four older women, all born in China, and their complex relationships with their American-born daughters, illuminating their hopes, dreams, and misunderstandings. Based on the book by Amy Tan and directed by Jeffrey Mason, with flashbacks to the mythical passage from to China to the new world, the four mothers and daughters struggle to reach across a seemingly insurmountable chasm of culture, generation and expectations to achieve understanding, strength and happiness. Buy the ticket



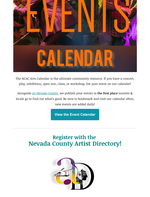
Those who attended on May 1st had the incredible pleasure of seeing Amy Tan, the author of the world-renowned book.

Don't miss your chance to see an entertaining, authentic theater production!

Purchase Joy Luck Club Tickets

In Case You Missed It: The 6th Sierra Poetry Festival Recap

A WEAR Photo you in everyone who attended the Sierra Poetry Festival on April 30th! It was a great success, with the featured poets and authors bringing a special kind of magic to The Miner's Foundry.



Next SPP, theme? Please take a moment to complete an audience survey, and let us know what your Sierra Poetry Festival experience.

Take the SPP Audience Survey

The California Arts Council Grant Cycle B for Arts Organizations is OPEN!

Cycle B of the California Arts Council grant cycle is now open for local organizations which like to apply to cover ongoing state funding operations!

View Cycle B Grant Opportunities

Each opportunity has its own deep webinar, through which you can learn more. So the slant is, **Nevada County Arts Council will announce a further Saturday session**, as well as offering a Zoom Q&A for the Grass Valley applicants. Stay tuned!

Add your event to the Nevada County Arts Calendar!

The NCAC Arts Calendar is the ultimate community resource. If you have a concert, play, exhibition, open site, class, or workshop happening in your area, we want to add your event!

Alongside our Nevada County, we publish your events in the **free** print version & book go to find out what you'll be seen in bookmark and visit our calendar often, new events are added daily!

View the Event Calendar

Register with the Nevada County Artist Directory!

If you are a writer, visual artist, sculptor, designer, filmmaker, photographer, actor, musician, performer or poet, Nevada County Arts Council is incredibly easy to join and it's **free of charge.**

Our online artist directory is a professional directory open to all artists living or working in Nevada County. Unique to California, as the only local county home to late-stage Gold Rush and Transcontinental Railroad, Nevada County Arts Council and Nevada County City Cultural District—our directory highlights Nevada County as the premier arts destination for art buyers in the Sierra Nevada foothills and Truckee Tahoe regions. Welcome to the home of the best artists in Northern California.

Register today!

That's all for this edition of Culture Connection. Stay creative!