GRASS VALLEY-NEVADA CITY CULTURAL DISTRICT

# 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.**

As if we didn't love art enough...
***April is*** *California Arts, Culture & Creativity month!*

For the entire state to stand behind the power of the arts is something really special, and we hope that you'll take it to heart. With pandemic protocols receding, venues and performing spaces are back in force. Visit our Community Arts Calendar and find an event any day or night of the week.

Now is the perfect time to become a member of the Nevada County Arts Council! Connect and support your local art agency in a REAL way by joining today!

Most importantly, create, connect, and indulge in what moves you. Whether it be music or painting, theatre, dance, or photography, make time each day this month for what inspires you. We'll be doing the same!

*- Artemis Arthur, Editor*

Our goal this month is to connect with and support OUR community of artists.
***Are you an artist or arts organization?***
There are ***many*** ways for you to be a part of **Arts, Culture & Creativity Month!**

## Join us for the April In-Person Creatives Meetup!

On **Thursday, April 7th,** join other local creatives and artists for the Nevada County Arts Council's monthly Creatives Meetup!

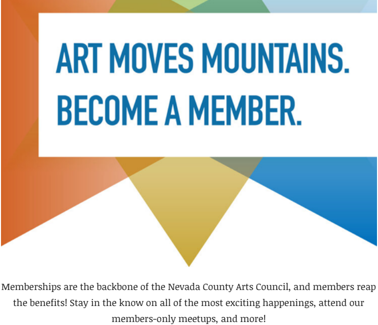
During these fun, laid back events, meet like-minded people who are working in the creative economy, learn about upcoming projects, and help us develop a meaningful and supportive local network.

Each month we meet at a new location to learn more about Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District.

This time, we'll be mingling at **The Iron Door**, within The Holbrooke Hotel. Said to have been both brothel and speakeasy, The Iron Door has been completely reimagined with warm amber lighting on original stone walls, plush banquettes and a beautiful custom bar set against original metal doors that once led to a series of underground tunnels.

Join us!

**Thursday, April 7th from 5-7 pm**
**The Iron Door (Inside Holbrooke Hotel), 212 W Main Street, Grass Valley**




Memberships are the backbone of the Nevada County Arts Council, and members reap the benefits! Stay in the know on all of the most exciting happenings, attend our members-only meetups, and more!

Memberships range from $5-$15 per month, so anyone and everyone can join our family of arts advocates.

**Become A Member Today!**

## Add your event to the Arts Calendar!

Our Community Arts Calendar is the ultimate resource. If you have a concert, play, exhibition, open mic, class, or workshop, list your event on our calendar!

Alongside Go Nevada County, we publish your events in **the first place** tourists & locals go to find out what's good. Be sure to bookmark and visit our calendar often; new events are added daily!

**View the Event Calendar**

## Contribute to our Cultural Asset Map!

NEVADA COUNTY CULTURAL ASSETS CALIFORNIA
NEVADA COUNTY ARTS.ORG

Trails, museums, historical sites, art galleries, artisan places to eat, drink and stay, performance spaces... all of these add to the richness of the Grass Valley-Nevada City experience.

If you spearhead any of these operations, we welcome you to add it to our Cultural Asset Map, and help us keep our map up-to-date, so that visitors can view the best of us at-a-glance.

**Add Your Cultural Asset**

## Register with the Nevada County Artist Directory!

If you are a writer, visual artist, sculptor, designer, filmmaker, photographer, actor, musician, performer or poet, please join us. It's incredibly easy to join and it's **free of charge.**

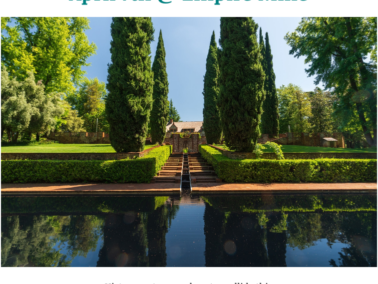
Our online artist directory is a professional directory open to all artists living or working in Nevada County. Unique in California as the only rural county home to two state-designated California Cultural Districts—Truckee Cultural District and Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District—our directory highlights Nevada County as *the* premier arts destination for art buyers in the Sierra Nevada foothills and Truckee-Tahoe region, and home to some of the best talent in Northern California.

**Register today!**

# national poetry month

Poetry lovers, rejoice! April is **National Poetry Month**, and there are events to celebrate, all month long as part of a collaboration between Sierra Poetry Festival, Nevada County Libraries, State Parks and many local venues:

## Poetry in the Park April 7th @ Empire Mine



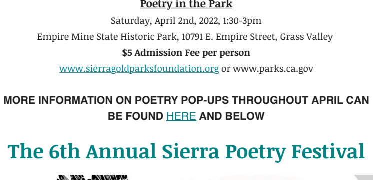
History, nature, and poetry collide this **Saturday, April 2**, for ***"Poetry in the Park"*** at Empire Mine State Historic Park in Grass Valley.

Presented by **California State Parks, Sierra Gold Parks Foundation,** and **Sierra Poetry Festival**, this is the **first local event** to kick off National Poetry Month and California's Arts, Culture & Creativity Month. It features students and local poets reading poems that were inspired by the Empire Mine.

**Poetry in the Park**
Saturday, April 2nd, 2022, 1:30-3pm
Empire Mine State Historic Park, 10791 E. Empire Street, Grass Valley
**$5 Admission Fee per person**
www.sierragoldparksfoundation.org or www.parks.ca.gov

**MORE INFORMATION ON POETRY POP-UPS THROUGHOUT APRIL CAN BE FOUND HERE AND BELOW**

## The 6th Annual Sierra Poetry Festival




**SIERRA POETRY FESTIVAL will present its 6th Annual mainstage event on April 30th,**
at Miners Foundry Cultural Center in Nevada City

Sierra Poetry Festival is a live international festival marking National Poetry Month from the rolling foothills of California's Gold Country to the rugged High Sierra, bringing a rich literary community together to celebrate the spoken word and reach out to brand new audiences in fresh ways.
Attended by some of our most exciting local, national and international poets and performers, and preceded by a month-long POP-UP POETRY FESTIVAL, it's a true indulgence for lovers of prose!

**Learn more about Sierra Poetry Festival**

## Pop-Up Poetry Events

There's no shortage of poetry events this month!
Mark your calendars and enjoy the following pop-ups:

**"Poetry In Parks" @ Empire Mine Park**
Sat Apr 2 from 1:30 -3:30 pm
10791 E Empire Street, Grass Valley

**"Just My Type" - A Group exercise in creative writing**
Each Monday in April (4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25) from 3-4 pm
Grass Valley Public Library, 207 Mill St, Grass Valley

**Sierra Poetry Festival Fundraiser @ Northridge**
Mon April 4 from 5-8 pm
Northridge Restaurant, 733 Nevada St, Nevada City

**Collage Club**
Every other Tuesday in April (4/5 & 4/19) from 3:30-4:30 pm
Grass Valley Public Library, 207 Mill St, Grass Valley

**Evelyn the Typewriter Poet**
Wed April 6 from 2-4 pm
Grass Valley Public Library, 207 Mill St, Grass Valley

**Poetry Happy Hour**
Thurs April 14 from 5-7:30 pm
Madelyn Helling Library, 980 Helling Way, Nevada City

**Five Women Poets @ The National Exchange Hotel**
Thurs April 21 from 6:30-7:30 pm
The National Exchange Hotel, 211 Broad Street, Nevada City

**After-Hours Poetry Show & Book Party**
Sat April 23 from 7-9 pm
Wild Eye Pub, 335 Mill Street, Grass Valley

**Wild Writing Wednesdays**
Wed April 27 from 4:30-5:30 pm
Nevada County Arts Council, 100 N Pine Street, Suite C, Nevada City

**The Susan Wooldridge Workshop**
Thurs April 28 from 5-7 pm
Nevada City Winery, 321 Spring Street, Nevada City

**SPF Media Lounge w/ KVMR Radio**
Fri April 29 from 5-7 pm
Nevada City Winery, 321 Spring Street, Nevada City

**Friday, April 22 is Earth Day,** but the celebrations don't have to end!
Join Wild & Scenic Film Festival as they screen their environmentally aware, award-winning films all weekend long.
WSFF is put on by the South Yuba River Citizen's League (SYRCL). As an organization genuinely dedicated to protecting our very own watersheds and spearheading activism in our community, it's truly the BEST way to celebrate Earth Day 2022!

**Get Your WSFF Earth Day 2022 Tickets**

*Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra present:*

## The Joy Luck Club

What would **Arts, Culture & Creativity Month** be without a unique theater experience?
Community Asian Theatre of the Sierra is bringing
**"The Joy Luck Club"** to the Nevada Theatre from **April 21 -May 14, 2022.**
Attend on May 1st, and you'll also have a chance to meet Amy Tan, the author of the world-renowned book!

**Purchase Joy Luck Club Tickets**

## One Last Thing: Artemis Arthur & Her Band @ Wild Eye Pub 4/28

Our very own Artemis Arthur and her band will be rocking the dancefloor at Wild Eye Pub with their catchy originals and early 2000's indie and alt rock covers. Be there or be square!

**Thursday, April 28th from 7-10 pm**
**Wild Eye Pub, 535 Mill Street, Grass Valley**
**$7 Cover at the door**

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