GRASS VALLEY-NEVADA CITY
CULTURAL DISTRICT
CULTURE CONNECTION

Welcome to Culture Connection

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

MONTHLY CREATIVES MEETUP

Join us this Thursday, April 6th from 5-7pm

At the Foot Circle Press
12663 Nevada City Grass Valley

Join us for our April Creatives Meetup at the iconic home of Foot Circle Press in an enchanting setting. The original iconic Foot Circle Press, founded by Jim and Ann Dunn, offered several to-name artists, our creative workforce, and our Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District. Now, the iconic Foot Circle Press is home to a variety of artists, craftspeople, connections, show-ships, and the inspiration.

With April kicking off this Culture & Creativity Month, join us to share your vision, passions and projects, learn about the Nevada County Arts Council, and be the first to serve our creative community, and a little bit about the history of the Foot Circle Press.

Catering is encouraged

Nevada County Arts Council Presents

7th Annual Sierra Poetry Festival

April 10th, 2023
The Center for the Arts, Grass Valley

Attended by some of our most exciting local, national and international poets and poetry lovers, the Sierra Poetry Festival is a day-long celebration of spoken word and all things poetry! Mark your calendars for this special day.

Sierra Poetry Festival is a free international festival marking National Poetry Month in Northern California's Gold Country. Our festival is the largest festival in the region, bringing a rich literary community together to celebrate the spoken word and the power of poetry. Our festival is produced by the Nevada County Arts Council and sponsored by California Arts Council and Nevada County Arts Council, and we draw attention to our two celebrated California Cultural Districts.

Facebook Event

April is for the Arts

California Arts for the Arts is marking the 19th year of Arts, Culture & Creativity Month by engaging arts advocates and cultural leaders in a month-long celebration of the power and impact of the creative sector on our communities, resources, and advocacy opportunities.

We are hoping you will join us either in-person or on Zoom as we meet with our District 1 representatives to talk about the importance of the arts in our community by submitting an Interest Form. Arts Council staff will complete the "Contact Information" section, as well as the "Additional Information" – and we'll be in touch!

As a State-Local Partner with California Arts Council and the Center of Cultural Innovation, Nevada County Arts Council is proud to be celebrating the arts within our community and with local legislators – and we believe you do too!

Facebook Event

Community Arts Theater of the Sierra Presents

The Great Leap by Lauren Yee

Directed by Scott Gilbert
Nevada Theatre 401 Broad Street, Nevada City
Tickets: Free $25
Dates: **April 21 - May 28, 2023**

The Great Leap tells the story of Manford Lum, a scrub star of the sidewalk basketball courts of San Francisco's Chinatown who decides to take his life on American college team heading to Beijing for a "friendship" game. But amidst the pomp and circumstance of the trip, Manford's life-changing encounter with a collision of dreamy and politics through the game of basketball. Witty and touching, Lauren Yee's The Great Leap keeps tensions high right up to the final buzzer.

"Growing up, my father never talked about his experiences playing in China in the 1980s. His legendary team became shrouded in a nearly open China to play exhibition games against the Chinese Olympic team. Decades later, I found a box of his old journals and turned the inspiration for my play The Great Leap made. Of course, I made it a basketball. Yee, playwright

Tickets for The Great Leap

Nevada City Film Festival presents their annual

Comedy Nights

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Nevada Theatre, 401 Broad Street, Nevada City
Tickets: Free $25

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Business Spotlight

As part of Grass Valley Nevada City Cultural District's partnership with the business community, we are thrilled to shine a monthly spotlight on our local artisans. This month we shine the light on Dickens Dickens Dickens, Lunder and Lunder of Dayfactor, & Jill Rosen Brown in downtown Nevada City.

Originally from Santiago, Chile and here by way of Mexico, Mr. Decaliuk Cruz has been a resident of Nevada County for over 20 years. He has been in the arts and his business as through his parents' business, Dickens Dickens Dickens and his dream "Mexico Dream" artist was formerly known as Street Street Dreams and Dickens Dickens Dickens. Dickens Dickens Dickens, Lunder and Lunder is spitting out gifts, and great beauty to the community. Dickens Dickens Dickens is the community that she loves so dearly.

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Artists' Spotlight

We also want this month to talk with Paula Decaliuk Cruz about her passion for art. Paula Decaliuk Cruz is a local artist, who had her family's support. Said Decaliuk Cruz's beginnings in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and moved to Grass Valley, California. Decaliuk Cruz was the oldest of that she had a sister and brother that it was a child and knew that it was her dream to be an artist. Decaliuk Cruz of her life. Paula Decaliuk Cruz was a became crucial in her development, but it was her parents who helped her to pursue her dream.

With her children grown, Decaliuk Cruz could once again dedicate time to her study of art, and three years ago enrolled in the Studio Art program at Sierra College. Her teachers encouraged her to take her work to a higher level and from Mark Pitkin's Ceramics Academy to learn a few. Mark gave her the boost she needed to her creative community. "The variety," she said. "I feel proud of our artists. Nevada County is a place where artists can be free to explore different genres, styles and mediums, all with no fear. Many different artists are constantly themselves artists willingness to connect us with the heart."

This ties seems to be the other national two creative drive. When asked about the process, Mr. Decaliuk Cruz shared, "My creative process isn't set in stone and changes from day to day. I can be nearly captured by the process, and I can be nearly heart symbolizing us and focus on those things when creating. Whatever my creative attention, I am able to focus on the work without an."

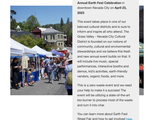
We appreciate what Paula Decaliuk Cruz is bringing to our community and hope that she continues to grow as an artist and a business owner.

Artworks Gallery - Second Saturday with Michelle Jewett

Saturday, April 8th 12pm-5pm
Artworks Gallery, Nevada City

Michelle will be at the gallery to talk about her artwork and her approach, as well as demonstrate on a small scale how she creates a feel of place.

Artworks Gallery, is located at 11108 Mt. Grass Valley



Kenny Broberg - Winner of the 2021 American Pianists Award

Sunday April 16, 2023 2pm
Pre-concert forum begins at 1:15pm
doors open at 1:00pm

InConcert Sierra, in collaboration with the American Pianists Association, has been presenting the 4th Chopin Piano Competition since 2009.

Before winning the prestigious 2021 American Pianists Awards, Broberg captured the Grand Prize at the Van Cliburn Competition, and was a finalist in the Chopin Institute's prestigious 2019 International Fryderyk Competition, as well as prizes at several other international competitions. He is lauded for his maestrose, intelligent and intense performances.

Program:

Cesar Franck/Harold Bauer
Prelude, Fugue, et Variation

Ludwig van Beethoven
Sonata in E Flat Major, op 31 no 3, Allegro"

Alvin Ellstein
Bellows in D flat Major, op 2

Intermission

Nicolas Medtner
Piano Sonata in minor, op 30 no. 2, Night Wind"

Get Pianists Do Unbelievable Belong

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Springtime at Ananda Crystal Hermitage

April 1 - May 7, 2023
10am-3pm every day

With 10,000 tulips, this year will be spectacular! Bring your family and your love and express quality time for yourself or for your friends and family.

Enjoy the terraced gardens above the lake house, meander through the paths and gardens, and sit by the lake and ponder the ever-changing beauty around the chapel.

The tulips, the absolutely charming chapel, the views of the Yuba River canyon, the gardens, the lake, the ducks, the silverfish, all combine to create something really unique."
- Housemaid Devanshi

Find out more and buy tickets here.

Earth Fest Street Fair

Join our friends at the Nevada City Chambers of Commerce for the **2nd Annual Earth Fest Celebration** on Saturday, April 22nd, 2023.

This event takes place in one of our beloved cultural districts and is a fun-filled and exciting day for all ages. Earth Fest Street Fair is a free event, open to the public, and is a community, cultural and environmental presentation and we believe this form and new annual event bodes well. It will feature a variety of artisan, performances, interactive booths and demos, kid's activities, earth-friendly vendors, organic foods, and more.

This is a zero waste event and we need volunteers to help make it happen. Earth Fest staff will be pulling a state-of-the-art bio-burner to process most of the waste and turn it into char.

You can learn more about Earth Fest Street Fair and how to get involved here.