



The Truckee Turntable

A Monthly Newsletter of the Truckee Arts Alliance

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First Friday Edition

"In my California, free sounds and free touch.

Free questions, free answers.

Free songs from parents and poets, those hopeful bodies of light."

—From the poem, *My California* by Lee Herrick

Poet Laureate of California, 2022

Lee Herrick Named New California Poet Laureate



Learn more about California Poet Laureate Lee Herrick at leeherrick.com.

Last month, Governor Newsom appointed Lee Herrick, a Fresno-based writer and professor with connections to our local Community of Writers, as the California Poet Laureate. Herrick was born in South Korea and was adopted at 10 months old by parents in Northern California. He teaches at Fresno City College as well as University of Nevada, Reno at Lake Tahoe. The [Los Angeles Times](#) reports Governor Newsom as saying, "Lee writes movingly about his identity as a Californian and encourages others to reflect on what the state means to them."

In a press release, the [California Arts Council](#) lauded Herrick for his eloquent rendering of the immigrant experience, "bringing to life the smell of *chapchae* and the sound of mariachi trumpets, the farmers market at midnight, and the small talk of Armenian neighbors. Herrick's work is a Whitmanesque celebration of the best spirit of our state, the vibrancy of the Central Valley, and ourselves."

Read "My California," by Lee Herrick

First Friday Returns in Truckee



December Holiday Gifts Exhibit

Small Works by 12 Local Artists

Meet the Artists reception First Friday

Dec. 2, 5-7pm

PiperJGallery.com



10153 West River Street
Truckee CA 96161



A beloved tradition has rekindled interest Downtown: First Fridays. Truckee opens its doors this evening to showcase their art and mingle artists with customers, serving light refreshment and an authentic retail experience. Downtown Truckee is home to several art galleries, so as more retailers participate, the First Friday list will pile on like fresh snow:

- > [December Holiday Gifts Exhibit](#): Piper J Gallery, 10153 West River St., 5–7 PM.
- > [First Festive Friday](#): Riverside Studios, 10076 Donner Pass Road, 4–7 PM.
- > [Gallery 5830' Art Show](#): Truckee Community Rec. Center, 10981 Truckee Way, until 7 PM.
- > [Locals' Shopping Night, Featuring Author Katy Hays](#): Word After Word Books, 10052 Donner Pass Road, 6–8 PM.

*Remember to take **FREE microtransit** to your next art event.*

Learn more about local author Katy Hays

Shop Local this Holiday Season





Love shopping local? Us, too. Locally made paintings, jewelry, home decor, and more have more gifting value because purchasers get closer to the story behind the art. Oftentimes, the creator is the person selling us the fruits of their passions. Mark your advent calendars for the following craft and maker fairs happening this month in the Truckee-Tahoe-Reno region:

Truckee Cultural District

- **Farmers + Makers Second Annual Holiday Block Party:** Thursday, Dec. 15th, 4–8 PM, Truckee Airport's Non-Profit Row, 12116 Chandelle Way, Truckee.
- **Record Sale & Swap:** Sunday, Dec. 18th, 12–3 PM, Alibi Ale Works—Truckee Public House, 10069 Bridge St., Truckee.

Over the River

- **Wyld Women Sip + Shop:** Wednesday, Dec. 14th, 6–8 PM, Reno Public Market, 299 E Plumb Ln., Reno, NV.
- **Carson Christmas Craft Fair:** Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 AM–5 PM, Fuji Park, 601 Old Clear Creek Road, Carson City, NV.

Through the Woods

- **Outdoor Holiday Market:** Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 2–7 PM, Muse Art Reclaimed, 855 N Lake Blvd., Tahoe City.
- **Artsy Holidays:** Saturday, Dec. 3 in **Tahoe City** and Saturday, Dec. 10 in **Kings Beach**; 1–4 PM, northtahoearts.org.
- **Nevada City Craft Fair 2022 Winter Show:** Sunday, Dec. 11th, 10 AM–5 PM,

Miner's Foundry, 325 Spring St., Nevada City.

Can't make the Farmers + Makers Block Party? Purchase a unique, up-cycled knits at Truckee Roundhouse maker [Judi Morales Meyer's Etsy site](#).

Shop at the Farmers + Makers Block Party

Opening at the Truckee Community Theater



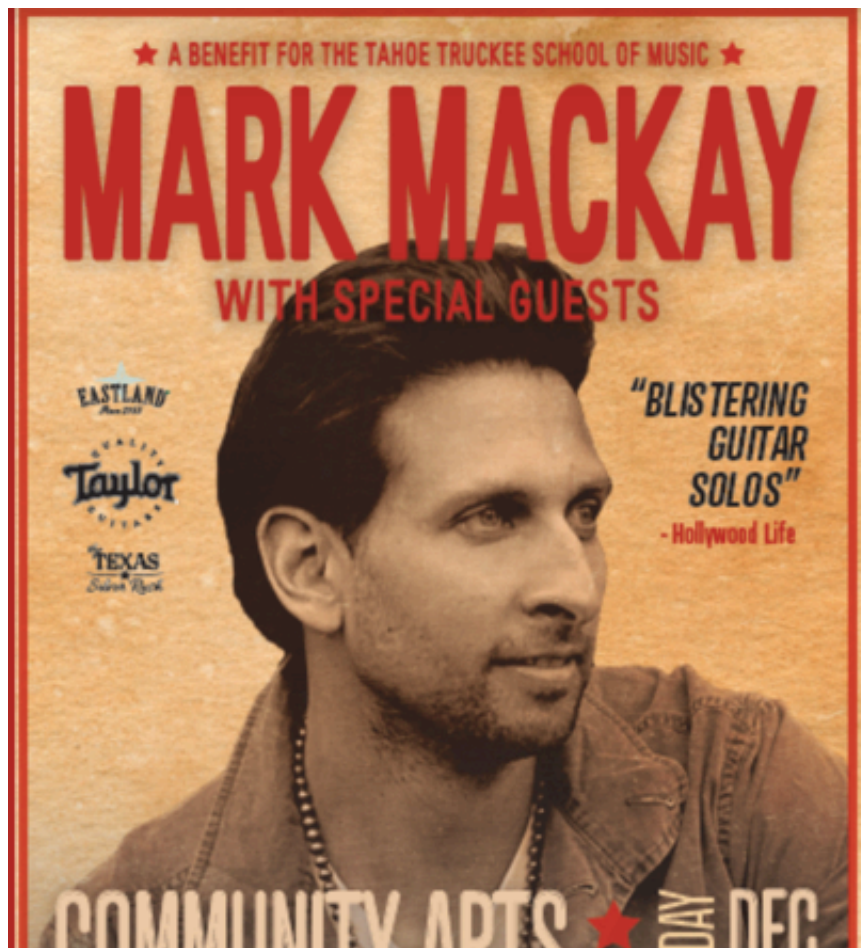


Concert Benefit for the Tahoe Truckee School of Music

Reposted from the Truckee Community Theater website: "When The Royal Shakespeare Company doesn't show up to perform their stirring rendition of A Christmas Carol, it's up to this intrepid band of hapless actors and technicians to pull together their own production in less than seven hours! Have you ever experienced backstage mayhem?"

Directed by Loren McCormac and Christopher Liedholm.

Purchase Tickets: [A Christmas Chaos](#)





Reposted from the Tahoe Truckee School of Music's recent newsletter: "Native Truckee musician Mark Mackay invites the Tahoe-Truckee community to his live performance on Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2022, 7pm at the Community Arts Center. This event sold out last year and limited tickets are available at the door so be sure to purchase in advance.

"Mark Mackay is an uninhibited guitarist with songwriting steeped in storytelling authenticity. He finds himself at the crossroads of country and rock 'n' roll. He plays to huge crowds all over the country and we are lucky to enjoy Mark and his music in an intimate Truckee venue.

"Selected Tahoe Truckee School of Music students will be performing before Mark gets on stage. Drinks are available for purchase courtesy of Alibi Ale House."

Watch a video of [Mark McKay performing in a montage of 2022 performances here.](#)

Purchase Tickets: Mark McKay

Truckee's Public Art Inventory Presented by the Public Art Commission of Truckee

View from the Martis Peak Fire Lookout Mural

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- **Completed:** 2013
 - **Artist:** Patricia Dale
 - **Address:** 10990 Dorchester Dr. ([map](#))

Glenshire Elementary School teachers Suzie Bates and Stephanie Bacon received an Excellence in Education Grant to fund artwork by the artist. She was able to fly in a small plane to take photographs of the views from above, and thus included in the mural are the photos she worked from to create the larger mural.

In addition to the views from Martis Peak, there are mammals, birds and plants in the mural that support students learning about local flora and fauna. The elevations of peaks are included to support math skills. When students throw snowballs or playground balls and touch the various elevations, they total their score in numbers.

The work is being restored as of 2021 with a grant from the Glenshire Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization.



In honor of the work of the [Public Art Commission of Truckee](#) (PACT), we share a slide from the commission's hundred-page inventory of Truckee Public Art. Have you seen this? Take a selfie at this mural tag us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

One item on PACT's Public Art Inventory, located at Tahoe Forest Hospital Gene Upshaw Cancer Center, has no image representation. Send TAA your image of Tahoe Forest's art installation, or perhaps another work of public art not pictured in the Town's online inventory, in an email to Patricia@PKayeCreative.com.

Learn More: Public Art in Truckee

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