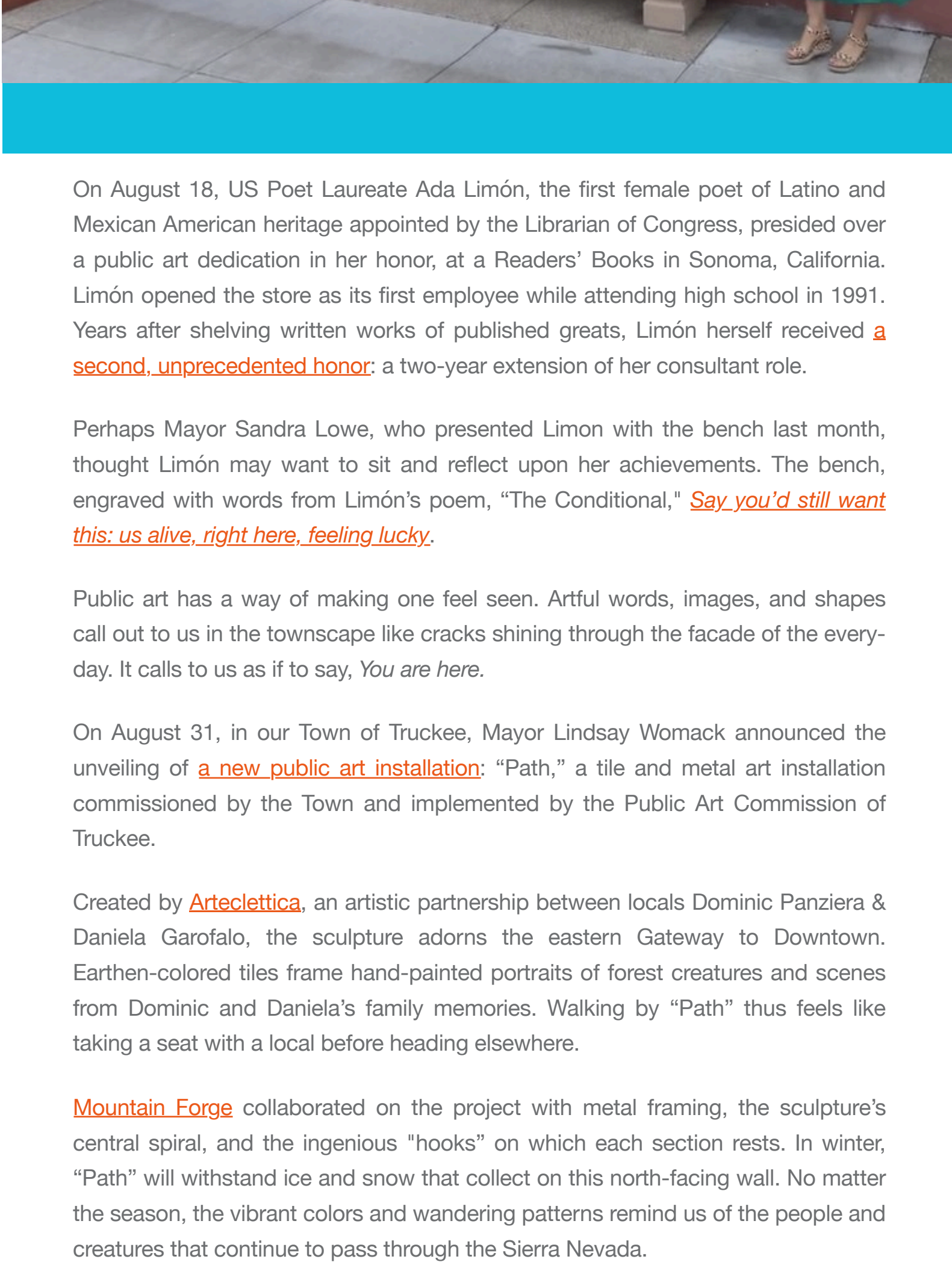


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Happy Latinx Heritage Month from the Truckee Cultural District



On August 18, US Poet Laureate Ada Limón, the first female poet of Latino and Mexican American heritage appointed by the Librarian of Congress, presided over a public art dedication in her honor, at a Readers' Books in Sonoma, California. Limón opened the store as its first employee while attending high school in 1991. Years after shelving written works of published greats, Limón herself received a **second, unprecedented honor**: a two-year extension of her consultant role.

Perhaps Mayor Sandra Lowe, who presented Limon with the bench last month, thought Limón may want to sit and reflect upon her achievements. The bench, engraved with words from Limón's poem, "The Conditional," *Say you'd still want this: us alive, right here, feeling lucky.*

Public art has a way of making one feel seen. Artful words, images, and shapes call out to us in the townscape like cracks shining through the facade of the everyday. It calls to us as if to say, *You are here.*

On August 31, in our Town of Truckee, Mayor Lindsay Wornack announced the unveiling of a **new public art installation**: "Path," a tile and metal art installation commissioned by the Town and implemented by the Public Art Commission of Truckee.

Created by **Artelecttica**, an artistic partnership between locals Dominic Panziera & Daniela Garofalo, the sculpture adorns the eastern facade of Downtown. Earthen-colored tiles frame hand-painted portraits of forest creatures and scenes from Dominic and Daniela's family memories. Walking by "Path" thus feels like taking a seat with a local before heading elsewhere.

Mountain Forge collaborated on the project with metal framing, the sculpture's central spiral, and the ingenious "hooks" on which each section rests. In winter, "Path" will withstand ice and snow that collect on this north-facing wall. No matter the season, the vibrant colors and wandering patterns remind us of the people and creatures that continue to pass through the Sierra Nevada.

TAA thanks the Town for this beautification of an already stunning Truckee Cultural District. We invite you to read our September art listings, then plan a walking tour by the "Path." Take a selfie and tag the @townoftruckee with the hashtag #pact.

Truckee creatives: What news or events do you see in the stars for October? Email TAA and let us know: TAA@NevadaCountyArts.org. You can also **Ad Your Event** in the [Nevada County Arts Council Calendar](#), which also features events in the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District.

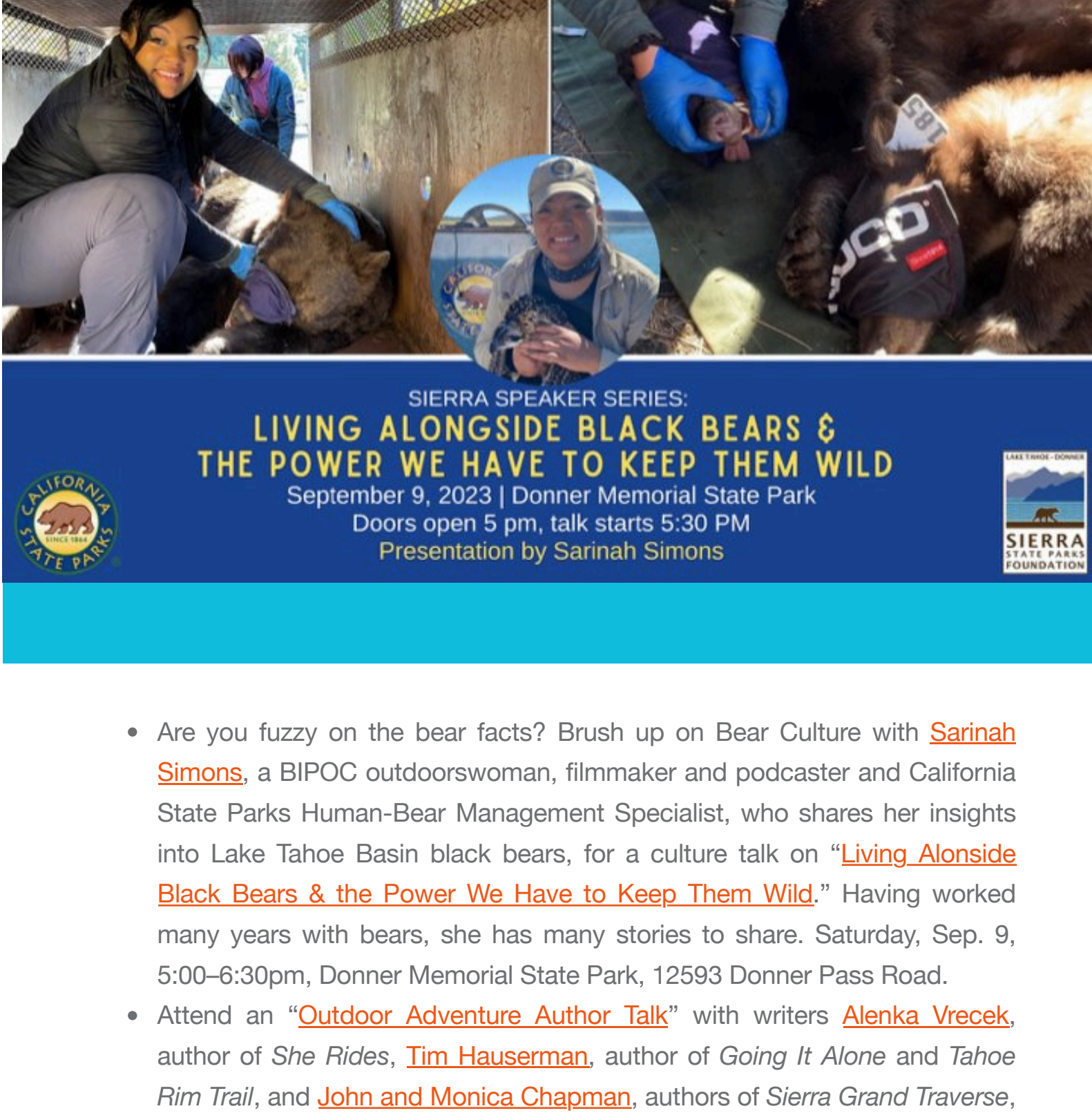
Thank you for reading and subscribing to the Truckee Turntable [here](#).



(Pictured at top: *Ada Limón, 24th Poet Laureate of the US, approaching a bench dedicated in her honor, engraved with the words, "Say you'd still want this: us alive, right here, feeling lucky." Limón grew up in Sonoma, California.*
 Photo courtesy of [Sonoma TV](#).)

(Pictured just above: *"Path," a public art installation commissioned by the Town of Truckee, features a stunning mosaic of hand-painted tiles, found ceramics in earthen colors, and encompassing metal. Located on Brockway Road, Truckee.*
 Photos courtesy of [Artelecttica](#) and [Mountain Forge](#).)

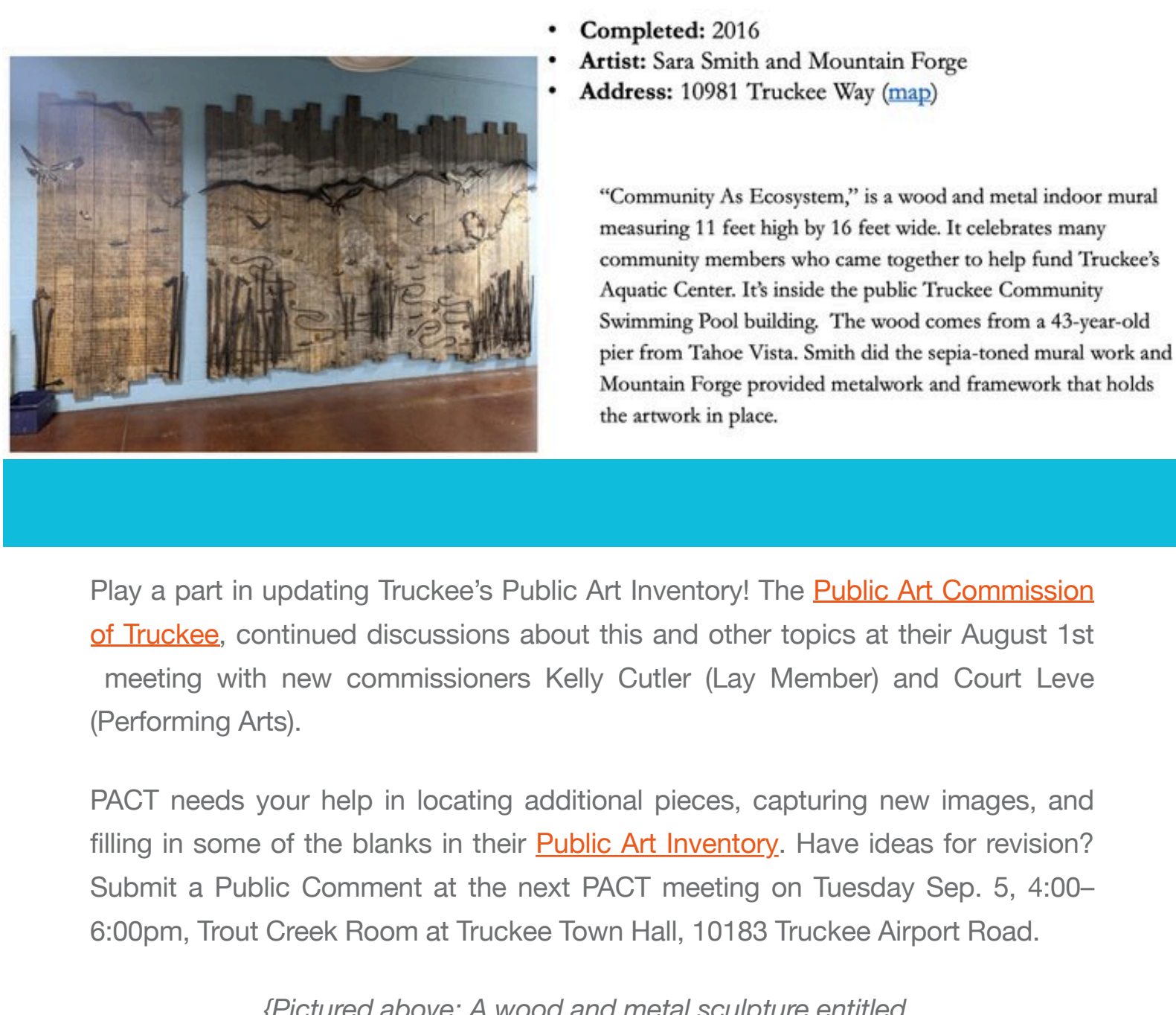
COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS



- Get involved with the [Mexican Heritage Festival](#)! Help with the 3rd Annual celebration by setting up, decorating, working in the art booth, or cleaning up using this [link](#). Then join in the [festivities](#) featuring live performances; arts and crafts; food, drinks and treats; and tons of traditional games including *Lotería*, and *Futbol*. Saturday, Sep. 16, 12:00–8:00pm, Truckee River Regional Park, 10500 Brockway Road.
- For the first time, [Truckee Reggae Fest](#) returns for a second act ("Part 2"). Today, dance under the Sierra stars with Black Uhuru and more. Presented by Late Nite Productions; tickets available [here](#). Saturday, Sep. 2, 3:00–10:00pm, Truckee River Regional Park Amphitheater, 10500 Brockway Road.
- The Tahoe Truckee School of Music and Truckee-Donner Recreation and Parks District collaborate to produce a FREE Fall Music Series called ["Truckee Community Concerts"](#) in Downtown Truckee, first presenting: [The Fresh Trax Band](#), Wednesday, Sep. 6, and [Lady and the Tramps Band](#) on Sep. 20, from 6:00–8:00pm, Community Arts Center, 10046 Church Street.
- Wrap yourself in fiber arts for this year's four-day [Sierra Nevada Yarn Crawl](#). Take a self-guided tour of our 9 participating local yarn stores in the Truckee-Tahoe-Reno region. Participating stores will hold special events, demonstrations, as well as a featured knitting and crochet kits for sale. Carry along your yarn crawl passport and have it stamped at each store along the way from Sep. 21–24 at various locations. Learn more [here](#).
- Slip on your cowboy boots for Truckee Mondays at Alibi Truckee! Line-dancing lessons provided by Casey Turak. \$5 cover donation suggested. Wednesday Sep. 6, 13, 20, and 27, 7:00–10:00pm, [Truckee Public House](#), 10069 Bridge Street.

(Pictured above: *A banner reading "Mexican Heritage Festival" above two women dancing in a field of flowers. They say, "¡Atención!"*
 Photo courtesy of [Fox Cultural Hall](#).)

CREATIVE OPPORTUNITIES



- Audition for the Truckee Community Theater's production of ["Mean Girls: Teen Edition"](#), directed by Carrie Haines and Stephen Moore. TCT casts up to 30 talented teens grades 8-12. Visit our website for the audition guide. Casting is by audition only; scholarships available. Wednesday, Sep. 6 and Thursday, Sep. 14; 3:30–6:00pm. Email your questions to info@truckeecommunitytheater.com.
- Learn the basics of serging while making a hooded neck wrap out of upcycled sweaters and fleece! This beginner, ["Intro to Serging"](#) class will walk you through our serger machines, from threading to tension, and allow you to gain confidence to use them for simple projects at the [Truckee Roundhouse](#)! Friday, Sep. 8, 5:00–8:00pm, Truckee Tahoe Airport, 12116 Chandelle Way, Suite E3.
- [Tangled Roots Writing](#) begins its most popular and longest-running [Monday Night Creative Workshop](#) offered by Truckee poet Karen Terry, who hosts fun and generative workshop for artists, writers, journalists, journalists, bloggers, beginners and experienced writers—for an in-person and online format. Do you wish you wrote more? Want to feel a sense of community when you write? Want to start a book or finish a book? Mondays, from Sep. 11–Oct. 16, 6:30–8:00pm. Learn more [here](#) and [here](#).
- Learn the natural, self-healing practices in this ["Seaweed Medicine Class"](#) hosted by Truckee's Tahoe Food Hub and Sierra Roots Wellness. Julie Drucker of Yemaya Seaweeds and Clinical Herbalist Mary McCallum go in depth about different types of seaweed and their medicine profiles, as well as explain a few take-home recipes. \$85 fee includes supplies and recipes. Saturday, Sep. 16, 2:00–5:00pm. Learn more [here](#) and register [here](#).
- Take a one-day ["Women's Fall Creative Art Retreat"](#) on the banks of the Truckee River. Participate in morning yoga, a Succulent Pumpkin Workshop, a Fall Floral Wreath Workshop, then enjoy a catered lunch to the music of sound bowls. A Makers Market features local artisans selling handmade goods. Saturday, Sep. 23, 11:00am–6:00pm, Truckee River Regional Park, 10500 Brockway Road.
- [Youth Speaks](#) has been selected to administer the Truckee Arts Council's [Individual Artist Fellowship Program](#), which will grant \$740,000 among 35 California-based individual artists and culture bearers at the intersection of culture, ancestral and Indigenous practices, and multi-racial movement work. Grant Awards Range from \$5,000 – \$50,000. Applications close on September 30, 11:59pm PST. Apply [here](#).
- The Tahoe-Truckee Community Foundation announced its launch of the [Jeff Hamilton Legacy Fund](#), which has a mission of recognizing individual by supporting their limitless potential. Nominate your choice(s) for Individual Artists [here](#) through Sep. 15.

(Pictured above: *Banner reading "Women's Fall Creative Art Retreat" above a reflective mountain pond in the Sierra Nevada.*
 Photo courtesy of [artandsoultretrats.net](#).)

CULTIVATING NATURE

- Are you fuzzy on the bear facts? Brush up on Bear Culture with [Sarinah Simons](#), a BIPOC outdoorswoman, filmmaker and podcaster and California State Parks Human-Bear Management Specialist, who shares her insights into Lake Tahoe Basin black bears, for a culture talk on ["Living Alongside Black Bears & the Power We Have to Keep Them Wild."](#) Having worked many years with bears, she has many stories to share. Saturday, Sep. 9, 5:00–6:30pm, Donner Adventure Center, 12593 Donner Park Road.
- Attend an ["Outdoor Adventure Author Talk"](#) with writers [Alenka Vrecek](#), author of *She Rides*, [Tim Hauserman](#), author of *Going It Alone* and Tahoe *Rim Trail*, and [John and Monica Chapman](#), authors of *Sierra Grand Traverse*, meet patrons to discuss their books, answer questions, and sign books. Must purchase \$15 tickets in advance. Friday, Sep. 15, 6:30–8:00pm, Word After Word Books, 10052 Donner Park Road.
- Bring the family to KidZone Museum's [Family Farm Festival](#), where guests can visit a petting zoo, engage in arts and crafts, and join in a bilingual sing-along! Learn more and register to volunteer [here](#). Sunday, Sep. 24, 10:00–1:00pm, KidZone Museum, 11711 Donner Park Road.
- Keep Truckee beautiful by making BIG LIFE Connections with Keep Truckee Green and the Truckee Litter Corps. Meet for a ["Donner Lake Cleanup"](#) on Thursday, Sep. 14, 5:30–7:00pm, Donner Lake.

(Pictured above: *Images of Sarinah Simons caring for bears in our Sierra Nevada region. She demonstrates how scientists tag and track bears in our area.*
 Photo courtesy of California State Parks.)

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Truckee continues to have a banner year for the arts. On Friday, September 22, join the Truckee Chamber in welcoming its new President and CEO, [Jessica Penman](#), who wrote a stirring Op-Ed for the [Sierra Sun](#).

The Truckee Chamber declares on its website: "We are so happy to celebrate our [Top of the Town—70th Annual Truckee Chamber Awards](#)! It is the one time every year when the business community comes together to celebrate Truckee. We honor and recognize excellence by presenting awards to our businesses, innovators, nonprofits, and a standout employee."

Learn more and buy tickets [here](#) for Friday, September 22, 5:00–7:30pm, Alder Creek Adventure Center, 15275 Alder Creek Road.

(Pictured above: *The "Top of the Town" logo featuring Sierra Nevada peaks, the highest summit donning a top hat.*
 Photo courtesy of the [Truckee Chamber of Commerce](#).)

PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC ART

Community as Ecosystem

- **Completed:** 2016
- **Artist:** Sara Smith and Mountain Forge
- **Address:** 10981 Truckee Way ([map](#))

"Community As Ecosystem," is a wood and metal indoor mural measuring 11 feet high by 16 feet wide. It celebrates many community members who came together to help fund Truckee's Aquatic Center. It's inside the public Truckee Community Swimming Pool building. The wood comes from a 43-year-old pier from Tahoe Vista. Smith did the sepia-toned mural work and Mountain Forge provided metalwork and framework that holds the artwork in place.

Play a part in updating Truckee's Public Art Inventory! The [Public Art Commission of Truckee](#), continued discussions about this and other topics at their August 1st meeting with new commissioners Kelly Cutler (Lay Member) and Court Leve (Performing Arts).

PACT needs your help in locating additional pieces, capturing new images, and filling in some of the blanks in their [Public Art Inventory](#). Have ideas for revision? Submit a Public Comment at the next PACT meeting on Tuesday Sep. 5, 4:00–6:00pm, Trout Creek Room at Truckee Town Hall, 10183 Truckee Airport Road.

(Pictured above: *A wood and metal sculpture entitled, "Community As Ecosystem," by Sara Smith and Mountain Forge. Smith revitalized planks from a broken Tahoe pier to create a wetland nature scene; metal framing by Mountain Forge holds the sculpture together.*
 Image courtesy of the [Public Art Commission of Truckee](#).)

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