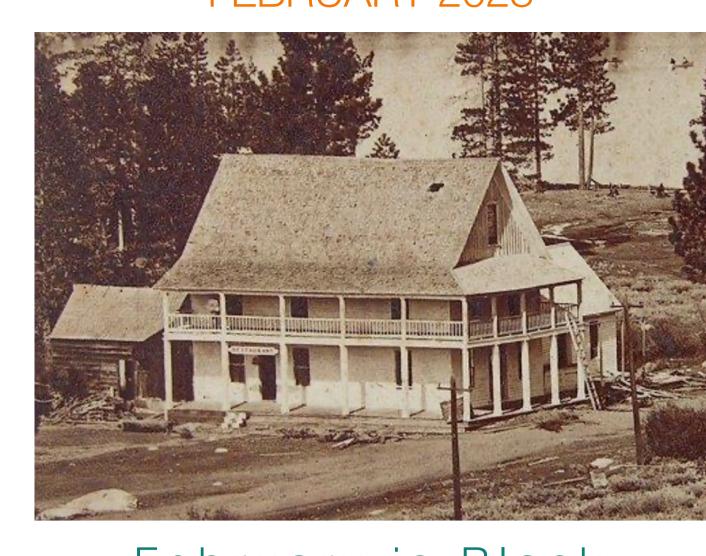


A Monthly Newsletter of the Truckee Arts Alliance

FEBRUARY 2023



February is Black History Month! According to the Truckee-Donner Historical Society (TDHS), the first Black resident

of what became known as the "Truckee area" appears in the US Civil War Draft of 1863. Johnathan Ackwood of Truckee (Donner) Lake enlisted at the age of 29. Names such as these, compiled by TDHS historian Chaun L. Mortier in a

document entitled, "African-American Demographics," read like a casting call for an original Netflix series on Negro Trailblazers of California: Anna Wolfe, owner of a boarding house on River Street, her husband a French Canadian shoemaker named John; and one of their lodgers, a seemingly solo 12-year-old named Josephine; and another hotel owner living on Donner Lake named Albert Johnson. Pictured here is Johnson's Donner Hotel and Saloon circa 1911. Could he be sitting in one of the boats in the upper right corner of the photograph? Local

author Mark McLaughlin writes for *Tahoe Weekly* of a former night watchman for the Truckee Lumber Company, who described Albert Johnson as "more than six feet in height, straight as an arrow, and with a broad, square shoulders. . . .a perfect specimen of physical manhood." Multiple historical records mention Johnson's beaming smile. Johnson lived in Truckee for over forty years, thirty-five of them running the hotel renting cabins, cooking for guests, fishing with visitors, and reading the clouds from his "mansion in the sky."

TAA invites you to take a look at TDHS's compilation here, then select a name and profile that intrigues you. Imagine this person in our Town and what they saw, how they spoke, who they loved. Then write a letter from this person to a recipient in their home state. How would they describe then what we now know as the

Truckee Cultural District? This February 2023, we wish to honor creatives such as Albert Johnson on TAA's Instagram account for Black History Month. Share the names of your favorite Black artists and art advocates with us in the comments—because Black art

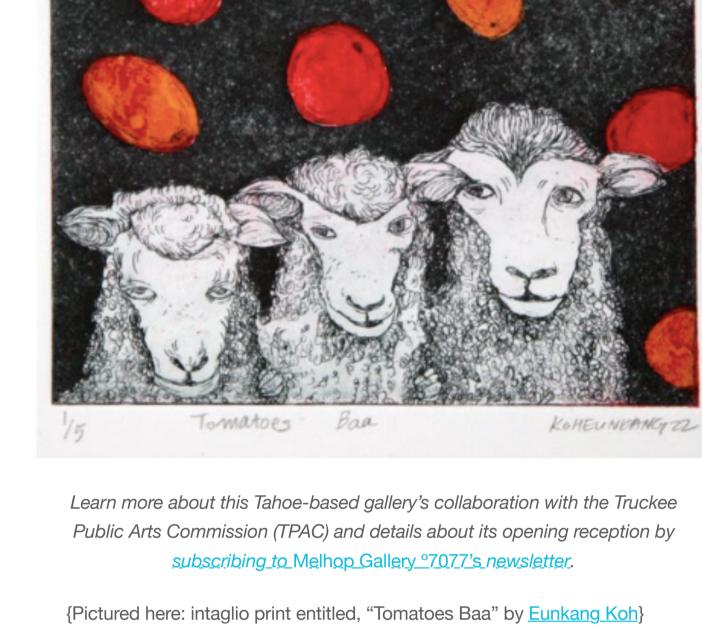
history is American art history. — The Truckee Arts Alliance {Photo of Donner Hotel and Saloon courtesy of the Truckee-Donner Historical Society}

SAVE THE DATE

Truckee-Donner Recreation Center March 2023

"Field Notes"—a Nomadic Exhibition

by Melhop Gallery °7077



FIRST FRIDAYS

Color of the Year

Art Walk in Downtown Truckee



In honor of the Pantone Color Institute's Color of the Year for 2023, Piper J Gallery hosts a First Friday event and Opening Reception for eight local artists whose botanicals, still lifes, portraits, landscapes, abstracts, and non-objective art feature, in Piper's words, "fresh, bold color." Friday, February 3, from 4:00-7:00pm Piper J Gallery

forecast colors of the coming year. Meet Pantone shade 18-1750.

10153 W. River St., Truckee Cultural District TRUCKEE THURSDAYS

TRUCKEE DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

Summer Festival, Year-Round Lifestyle

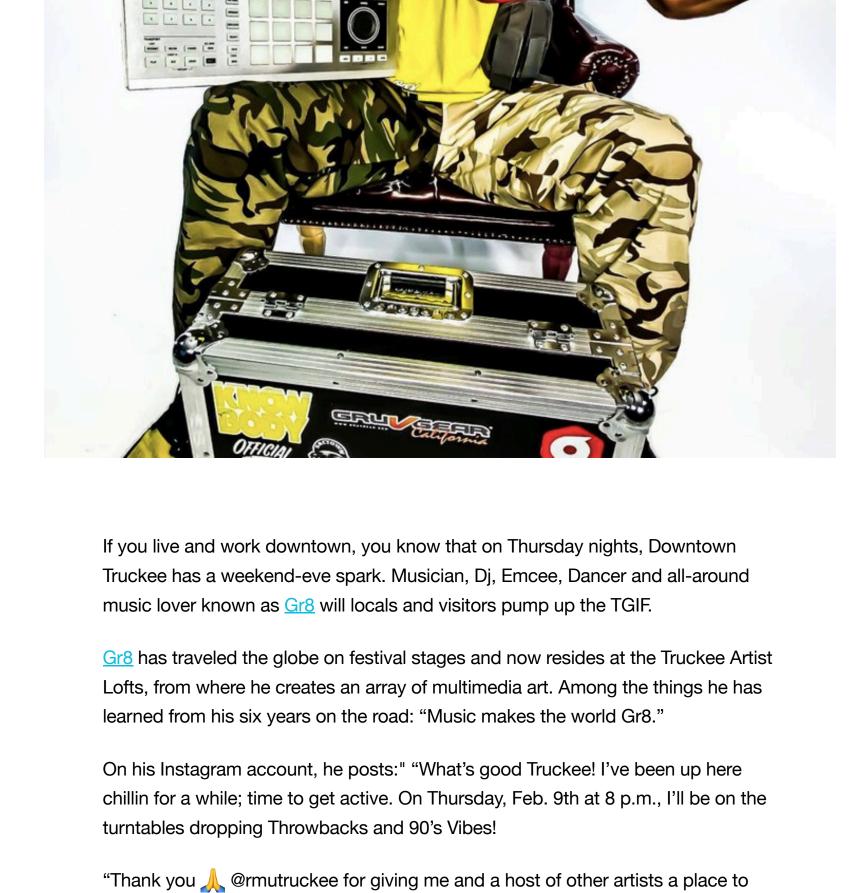
JUNE 22 — AUGUST 10



NEXT THURSDAY: FEB. 9

The Gr8 Vibe at Truckee RMU!

info@truckeethursdays.com



spin, play, and share their crafts! Look 'em up-they got a great lineup all month!" Thursday, February 9, from 8:00 p.m. **RMU Truckee** 10292 Donner Pass Road, Truckee Cultural District

CULTURAL ASSET MAP OF NEVADA COUNTY A Tale of Two Cultural Districts

These last three years have changed the landscape of our <u>Truckee Cultural</u> District. Ahead of the "The WPA & the California Creative Corps" event, we at TAA see a need to survey our Town again in synchronicity with our sister Cultural District in Grass Valley-Nevada City. With our February 2023 issue, TAA has created a spreadsheet with which to track locations for future Asset Map updates here, hoping to raise grant funds for a

larger mapping and cataloging project in the Truckee Cultural District. (Stay tuned.)

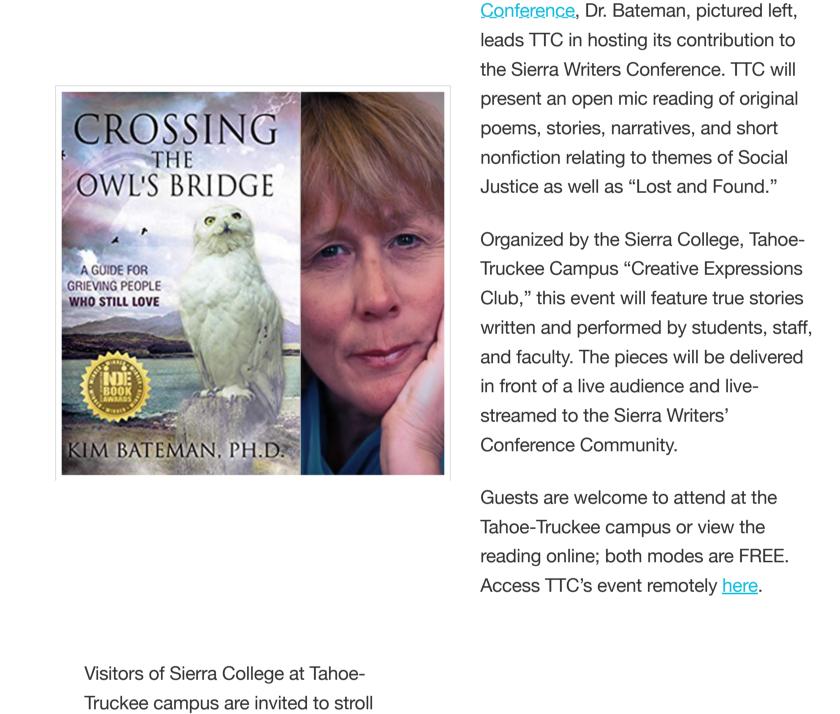
Our second entry is a newcomer to the Cultural Assets Map: Sierra College at

Tahoe-Truckee, a site of next week's Sierra Writers Conference.

THURSDAY | February 9th | 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Sierra College, Tahoe-Truckee Campus (TTC) officially opened in 2008, making it the fourth center in the Sierra Joint Community College District after Rocklin, Nevada County (Grass Valley), and Roseville. Dr. Kim Bateman is the Executive Dean of Sierra College, Tahoe-Truckee. Kim is a storyteller, Psychology Professor, and an award winning author. Her research interests include bereavement, humor, and the effects of technology on relationships. Her book called Crossing the Owl's Bridge: A Guide for Grieving People Who Still Love (Chiron Publications, 2016) won a New Generation Indie book award for nonfiction.

As part of the annual Sierra Writers



College campus with its own maker zone! Pictured right appears her "first draft" of a Christmas stocking. TAA thanks its cohort organization in Nevada County—the Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District—as one of the co-sponsors of "Lost and Found." Buy tickets for Nevada County- and Rocklin-based events, featuring Maxine Hong Kingston and Kim Stanley Robinson among others, here. Thursday, February 9, 5:00-6:30 p.m. Sierra College,

Tahoe-Truckee Campus

11001 College Trail, Truckee

Cultural District

down the hall on the first floor to peek

California System's makerspace

campuses. Kim wrote a successful

equipped with a laser printer, sewing

machines, and an embroidery machine,

making Tahoe-Truckee the only Sierra

into the one of the Community College of

\$150K grant to build an onsite workshop



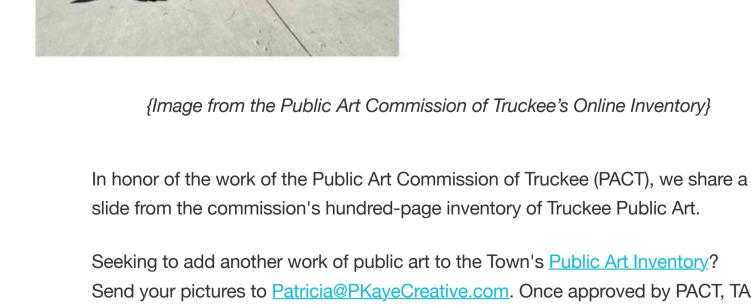
The Feather is at the entrance to Truckee Donner Recreation and

Parks District building building. It's made of powder-coated steel and was sculpture was sponsored by the Queen of Hearts Women's Fund.

· Completed: 2014

Artist: Lauren Bello Okerman

Address: 8924 Donner Pass Rd. (map)



Seeking to add another work of public art to the Town's <u>Public Art Inventory</u>? Send your pictures to PACT, TAA. Once approved by PACT, TAA will post it to your credit in our next newsletter.

~ Thank you for reading ~

ART MOVES MOUNTAINS RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

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