

A Monthly Newsletter of the Truckee Arts Alliance

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“When I let go of who I am, I become what I might be.”

—Lao Tzu

## Happy Chinese Lunar New Year!

January 22 marks the Chinese Lunar New Year, and lucky for us, the Year of the Rabbit—symbols of good fortune as well as beauty, family, country, and peace in Chinese culture. People born in a Rabbit Year have exquisite taste and a lucky star in their careers that can guide them from professional stasis. Rabbits also signal hope, and at the dawn of the new year, artists, and arts advocates living in California have much to be hopeful for, given a windfall in state funding.

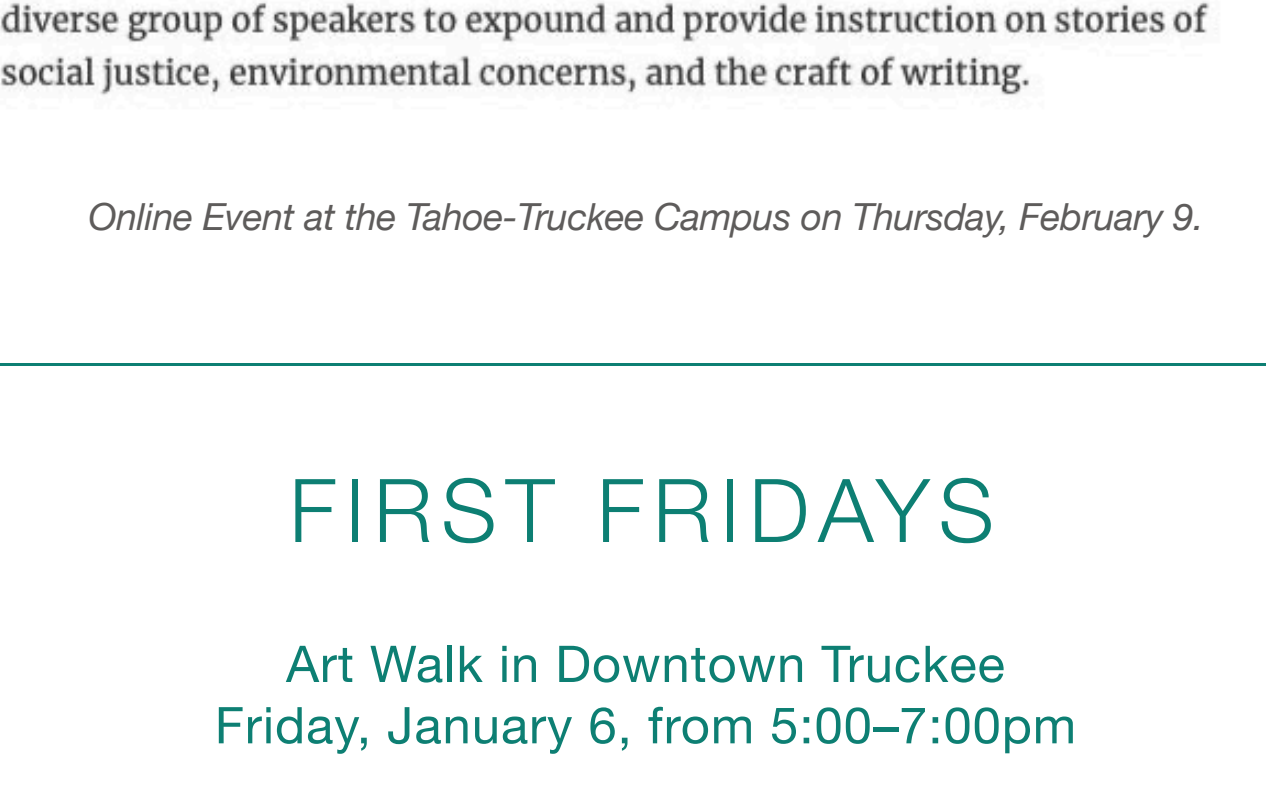
The Truckee Arts Alliance begins 2023 with renewed purpose. We begin with a new format for TAA's newsletter, *The Truckee Turntable*, and a call to action by the California Creative Corps.

We invite you to invest your creativity in Truckee's future and make space on the map for all cultural assets in our Truckee Cultural District.

Wishing you a year of renewal, inventiveness, and prosperity—[The Truckee Arts Alliance](https://www.truckeeartsalliance.org/).

## SAVE THE DATE

Sierra Writers Conference 2023  
February 8 through 16

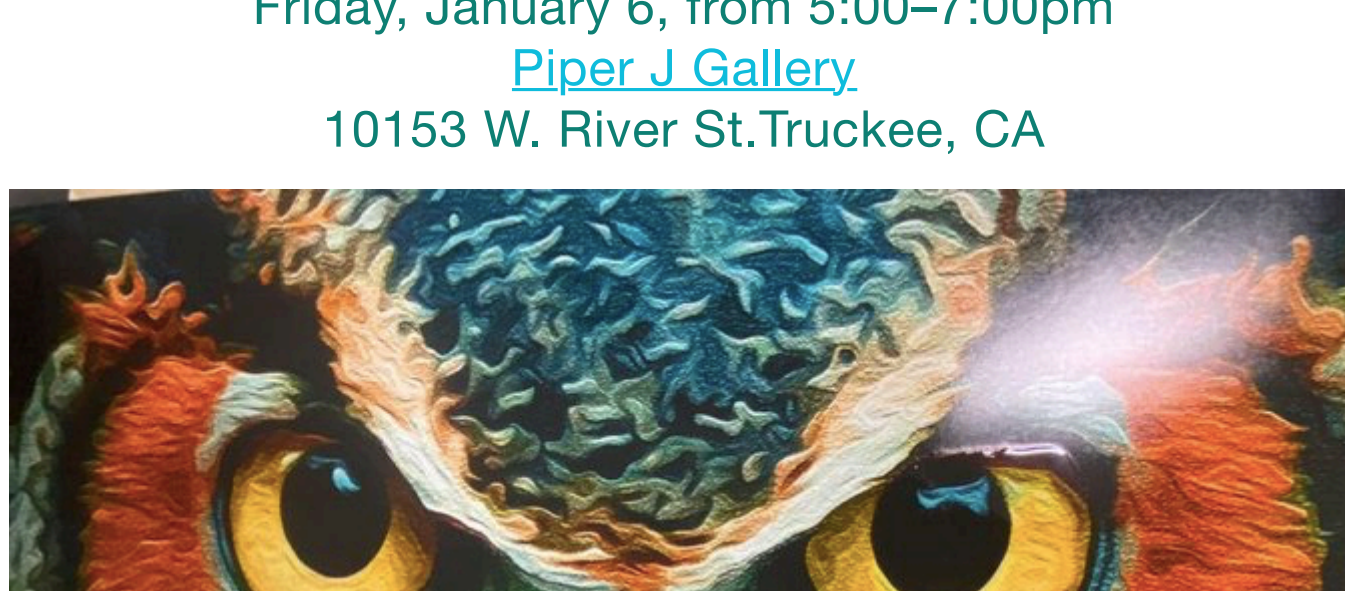


The 2023 Sierra Writers Conference celebrates the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sierra College Press and *Standing Guard*, its landmark book of stories about Japanese internment during WWII. This year's conference draws on the talent of a diverse group of speakers to expound and provide instruction on stories of social justice, environmental concerns, and the craft of writing.

Online Event at the Tahoe-Truckee Campus on Thursday, February 9.

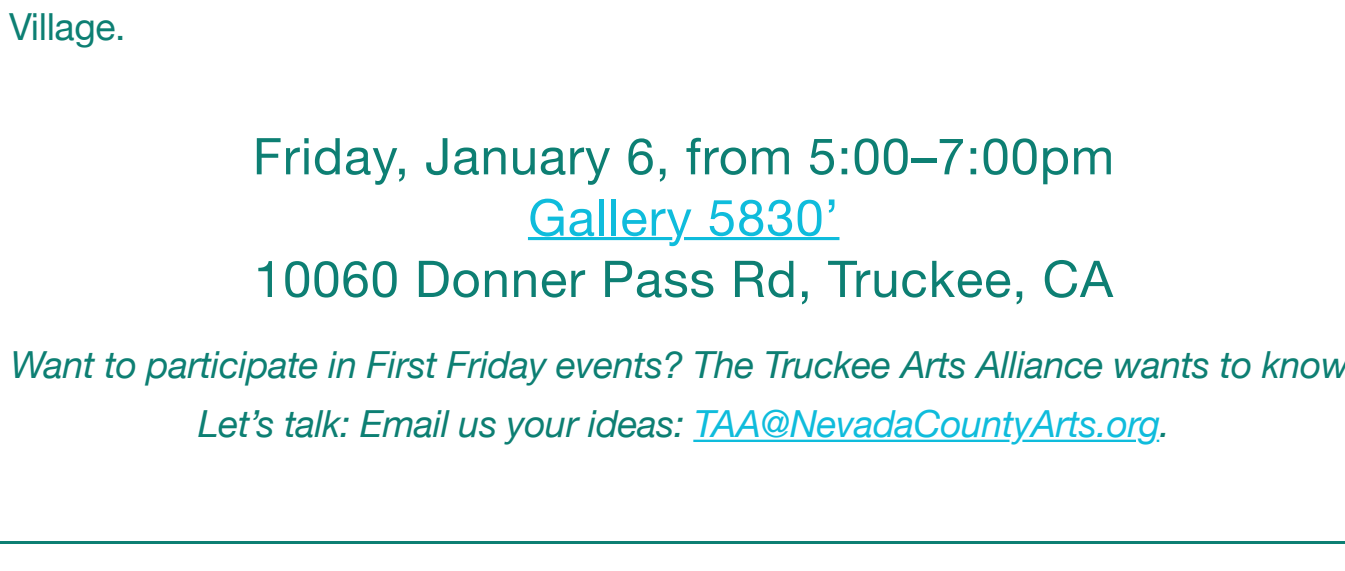
## FIRST FRIDAYS

Art Walk in Downtown Truckee  
Friday, January 6, from 5:00–7:00pm



[Piper J Gallery](https://www.piperjgallery.com/), one of the newest galleries in Downtown Truckee, hosts a “New Works” First Friday Reception featuring new art by [Kimbo Franke](https://www.kimbofranke.com/) and [Piper Johnson](https://www.piperjohnson.com/) on Friday, January 6, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Look for the yellow house: 10153 W. River St.

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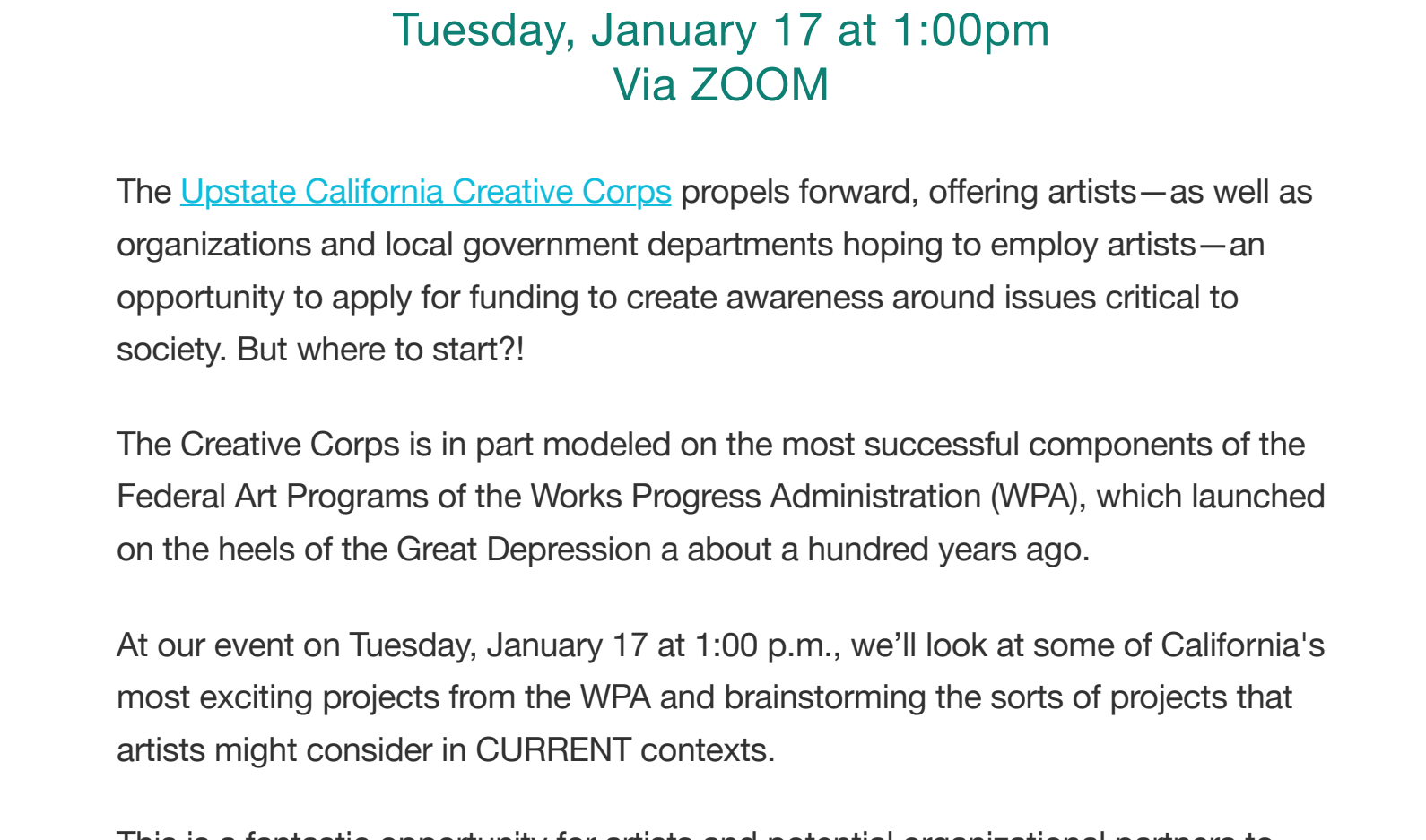


[Gallery 5830](https://www.gallery5830.com/) hosts a First Friday Reception featuring new art by Ryan “RYNo” Bahlman. On Friday, January 6, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. RYNo has created for Lib Technologies, Red Bull, and is founder of The HIVE artist collective in Incline Village.

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[Gallery 5830](https://www.gallery5830.com/)  
10060 Donner Pass Rd, Truckee, CA

Want to participate in First Friday events? *The Truckee Arts Alliance* wants to know. Let's talk: Email us your ideas: [TAA@NevadaCountyArts.org](mailto:TAA@NevadaCountyArts.org).

## SPECIAL GRANT EVENT ON JAN. 17



The California Creative Corps Wants YOU!

Tuesday, January 17 at 1:00pm  
Via ZOOM

The [Upstate California Creative Corps](https://www.upstatecc.org/) propels forward, offering artists—as well as organizations and local government departments hoping to employ artists—an opportunity to apply for funding to create awareness around issues critical to society. But where to start?!

The Creative Corps is in part modeled on the most successful components of the Federal Art Programs of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), which launched on the heels of the Great Depression a about a hundred years ago.

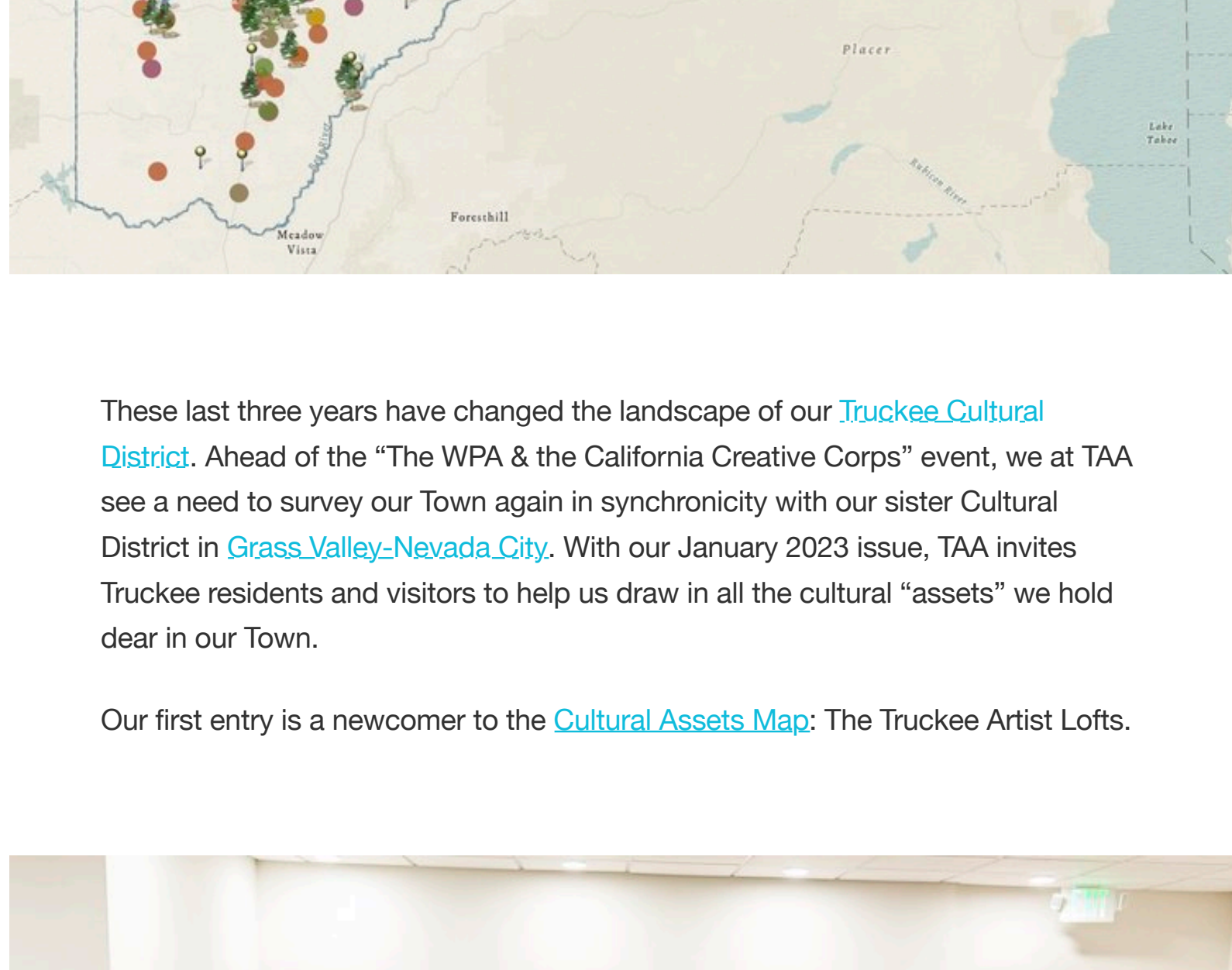
At our event on Tuesday, January 17 at 1:00 p.m., we'll look at some of California's most exciting projects from the WPA and brainstorming the sorts of projects that artists might consider in CURRENT contexts.

This is a fantastic opportunity for artists and potential organizational partners to get ahead of the curve in positioning themselves for applying to the Upstate California Creative Corps.

- [Register NOW](https://www.upstatecc.org/register)—then check your inbox for a link to join us.
- Learn about the event on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/upstatecc).
- Discover the Upstate [California Creative Corps](https://www.upstatecc.org/) pilot program.

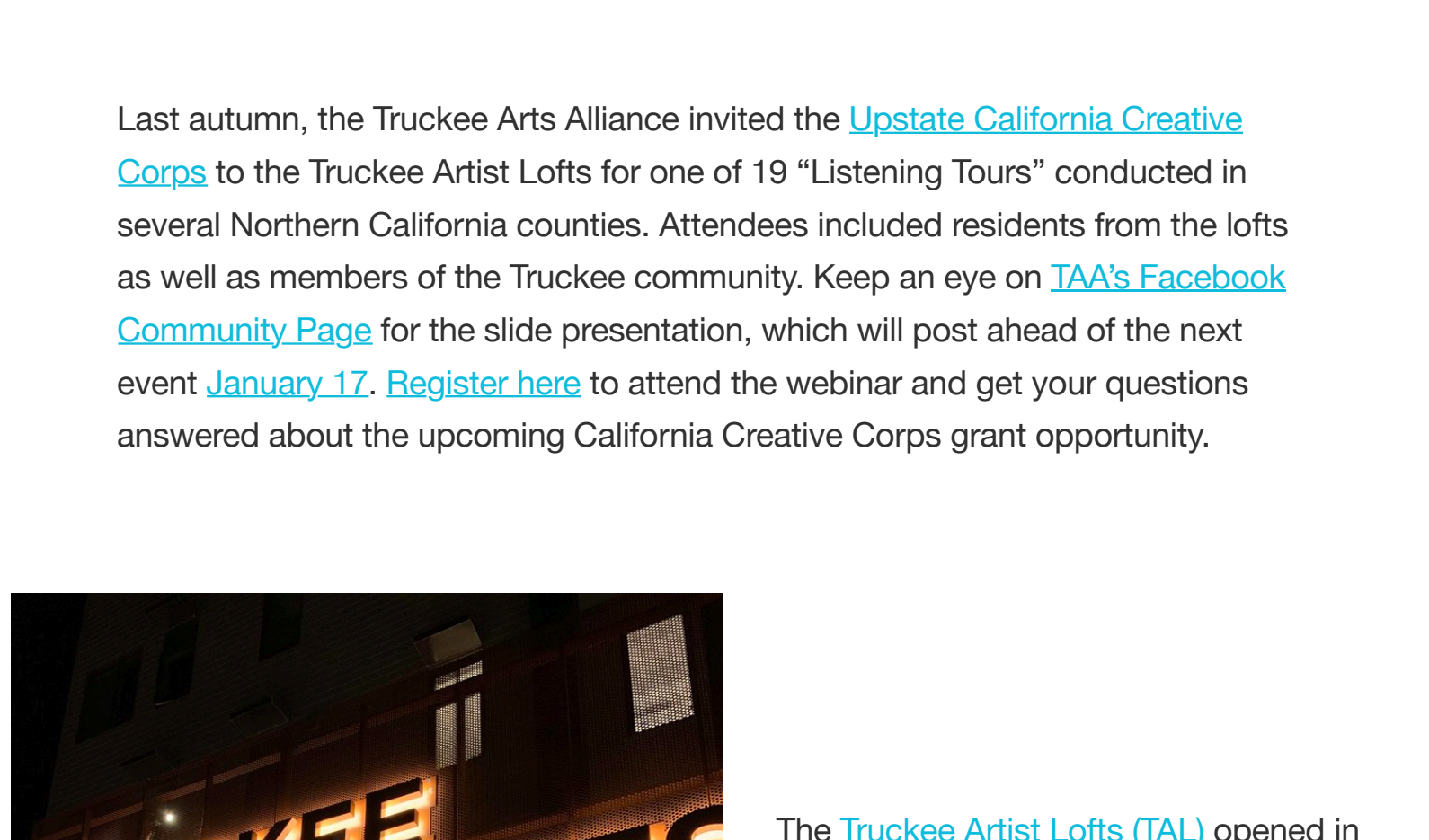
## CULTURAL ASSET MAP OF NEVADA COUNTY

A Tale of Two Cultural Districts

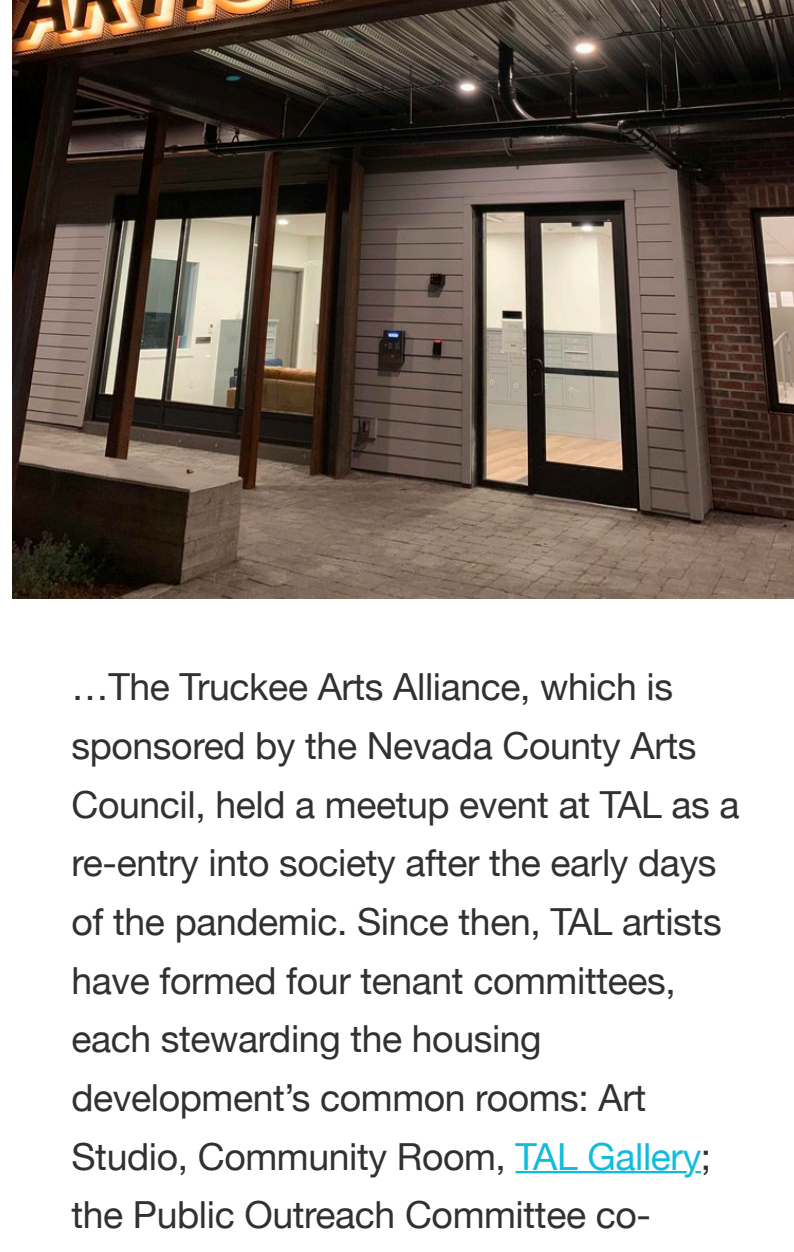


These last three years have changed the landscape of our [Truckee Cultural District](https://www.truckeeartsalliance.org/). Ahead of the “The WPA & the California Creative Corps” event, we at TAA see a need to survey our Town again in synchronicity with our sister Cultural District in [Grass Valley-Nevada City](https://www.grassvalleynevadacity.com/). With our January 2023 issue, TAA invites Truckee residents and visitors to help us draw in all the cultural “assets” we hold dear in our Town.

Our first entry is a newcomer to the [Cultural Assets Map](https://www.truckeeartsalliance.org/): The Truckee Artist Lofts.

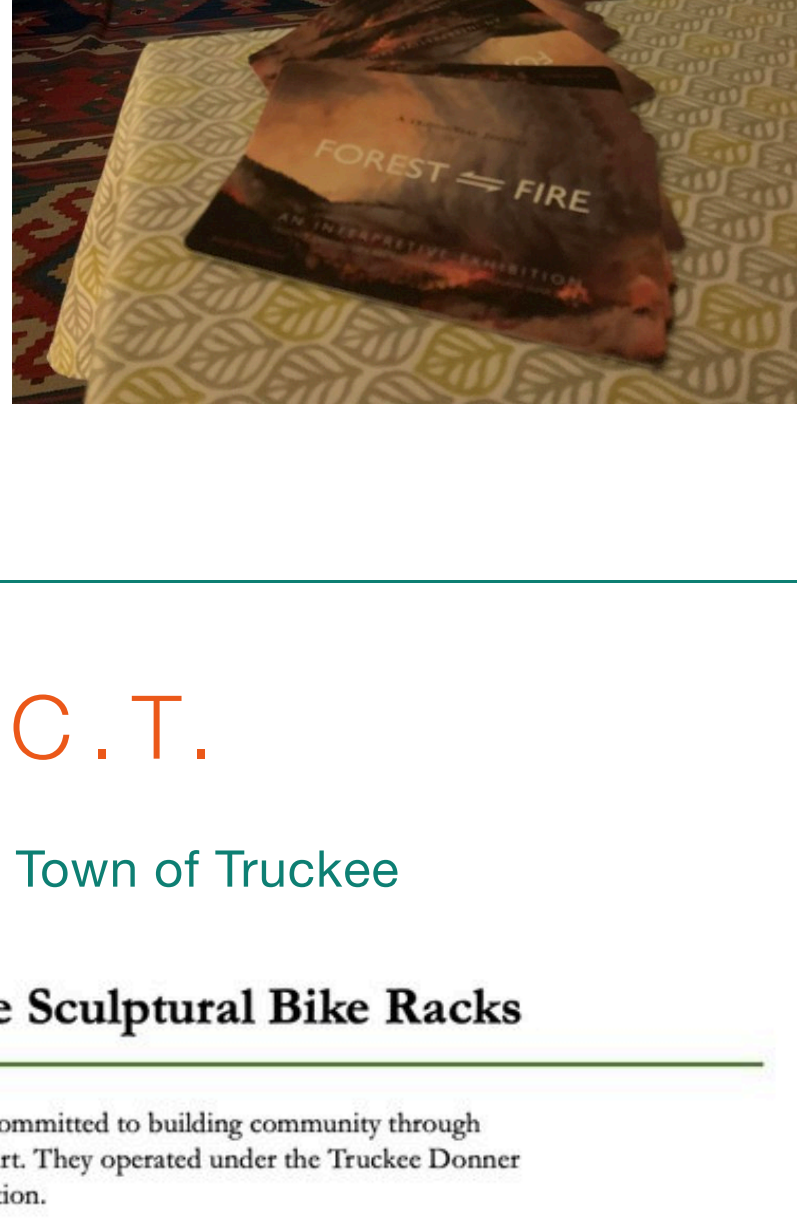


Last autumn, the Truckee Arts Alliance invited the [Upstate California Creative Corps](https://www.upstatecc.org/) to the Truckee Artist Lofts for one of 19 “Listening Tours” conducted in several Northern California counties. Attendees included residents from the lofts as well as members of the Truckee community. Keep an eye on [TAA's Facebook Community Page](https://www.facebook.com/truckeeartsalliance) for the slide presentation, which will post ahead of the next event [January 17](https://www.truckeeartsalliance.org/). [Register here](https://www.truckeeartsalliance.org/) to attend the webinar and get your questions answered about the upcoming California Creative Corps grant opportunity.



The [Truckee Artist Lofts \(TAL\)](https://www.truckeeartistlofts.com/) opened in the Summer of 2021 with 76 available affordable housing units for our California workforce. The Nevada County Arts Council provided mini-grants for TAL artists to attend and present at the Business of Art Symposium in Nevada City last October, which introduced TAL residents to their cohorts in Sacramento at the [Warehouse Artist Lofts](https://www.warehouseartistlofts.com/)...

...The Truckee Arts Alliance, which is sponsored by the Nevada County Arts Council, held a meetup event at TAL as a re-entry into society after the early days of the pandemic. Since then, TAL artists have formed four tenant committees, each stewarding the housing development's common rooms: Art Studio, Community Room, [TAL Gallery](https://www.truckeeartsalliance.org/); the Public Outreach Committee co-hosted its first public event with the “Upstate California Listening Tour” on November 30. TAL creatives, including myself, the writer-editor of TAA's newsletter, look forward to sharing our art with the Truckee community.



## P.A.C.T.

Public Art in the Town of Truckee

### Truckee Sculptural Bike Racks

The Truckee Public Arts Commission was a local group committed to building community through collaboration, promotion, and advocacy for local Public Art. They operated under the Truckee Donner Recreation and Park District, a non-profit 501c3 organization.

TPAC hosted tri-annual art shows held at the Truckee Community Recreation Center and installed six art-focused bike racks in Truckee, along with numerous collaborations with local and county organizations.

TPAC's goals were to aspire to facilitate bigger and brighter opportunities for public art in Truckee, with continued and accelerated collaboration, and to continue to engage our community culturally with a robust public arts program.

TPAC's shows often had a theme, one of which was an invitation for anyone in the community to design sculptural bike racks in 2014. In addition to local professional artists submitting designs, a few class of elementary school students submitted designs.

The story from Moonshine Ink about the overall project is here: <https://www.moonshineink.com/moonshine-ink-public-art-comes-to-truckee/>.

Image from the Public Art Commission of Truckee's Online Inventory.

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. A valiant preservation effort, it needs updating in 2023. PACT seeks an image of the six art-focused bike racks in Town. Have you seen one?

Send your pictures to [Patricia@PKayeCreative.com](mailto:Patricia@PKayeCreative.com), or perhaps [suggest an additional work of public art](https://www.truckeeartsalliance.org/) not pictured in the Town's [Public Art Inventory](https://www.truckeeartsalliance.org/) online. Once approved by PACT, TAA will post it to your credit in our next newsletter!

~ Thank you for reading ~



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