

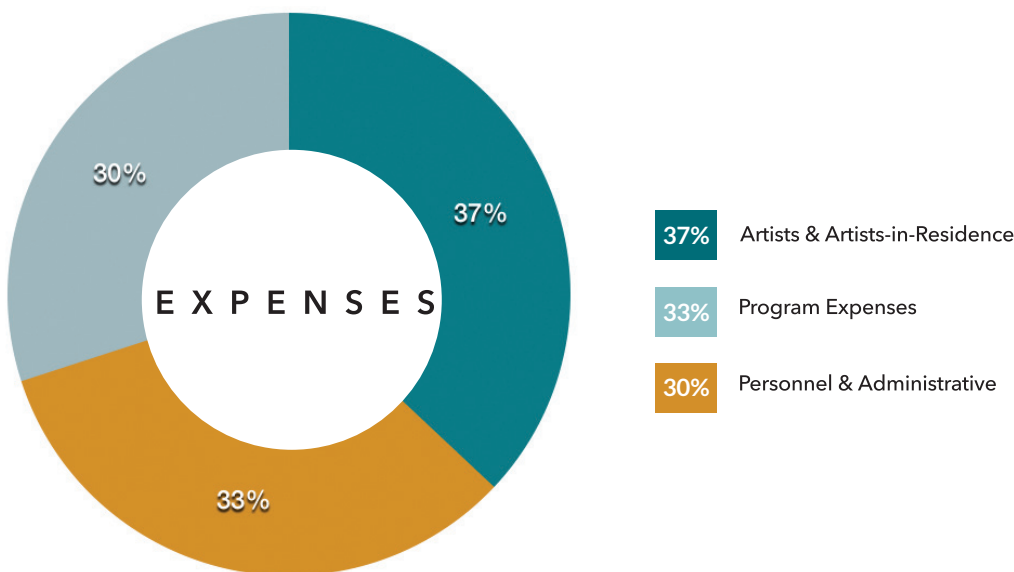
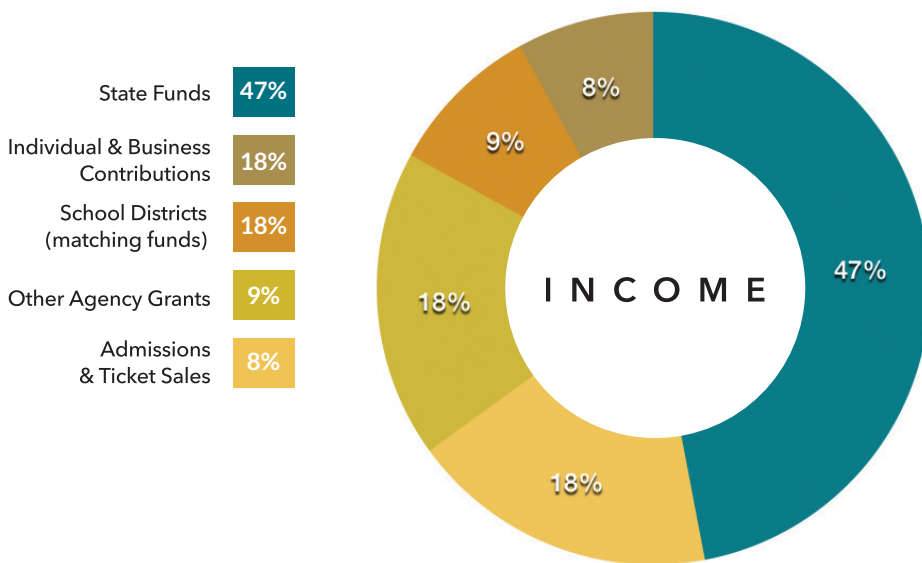
2018 ANNUAL REPORT

NEVADA COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL



WHO WE ARE

Nevada County Arts Council, by resolution of Nevada County Board of Supervisors, is State-Local Partner with California Arts Council. We facilitate collaborative efforts that promote and sustain the visual, literary, and performing arts of Nevada County in order to advance the cultural, social, and economic life of our community.



ON THE COVER

A full house at California Arts Council's public meeting in June 2018, hosted by Nevada County Arts Council at the Miners Foundry Cultural Center in Nevada City. Photo: Kial James.

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EXECUTIVE LETTER



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City of Nevada City
Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce
Nevada City Chamber of Commerce

With support from
The County of Nevada
Nevada County Economic Resource Council
Grass Valley Downtown Association

TRUCKEE CULTURAL DISTRICT

Truckee Public Art Commission
Town of Truckee
Truckee Chamber of Commerce

With support from
Nevada County Arts Council
Truckee Arts Alliance
The County of Nevada
Nevada County Economic Resource Council

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As we embrace all that 2019 promises, we also reflect upon a richly rewarding year past and the heroic support we've received from our community. During 2018 Nevada County Arts Council continued its unique programming; its support of artists, arts organizations and businesses; and was true to its aim to benefit the lives of those who live in our mountain home.

From providing hundreds of low income school children with **free access to arts education**; to exhibiting the photography of local veterans and creating our first **online gallery** to display and sell their work; to publishing our second annual Nevada County **Visual Artist and Gallery Guide** highlighting almost two hundred artists; to displaying the work of over thirty artists for our seminal ongoing program, **Belonging**, and to producing a film which has now screened at two important film festivals—these are just a few ways we've been ever present.

During 2018 we worked with **Americans for the Arts** to initiate the first countywide **economic impact study** of the arts, surveying close to a hundred entities engaged in arts programming, and over a thousand audience members. We simultaneously surveyed every public school in Nevada County in order to highlight creative flagship programs and identify gaps in standards or issues of access.

These surveys are a key component of countywide cultural planning. They recognize that Nevada County is unique in California as the only rural county home to two state-designated California Cultural Districts—**Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District** and **Truckee Cultural District**. They take into account the support for, and reinvigoration of, arts education in our schools—as well as the economic value of art and culture. In the context of planning, our surveys will assist local leaders across all sectors in making decisions that will affect future generations, our quality of life, the livability of our region, and the likelihood of investment in it in years to come.

Planning ahead, knowing that the California Cultural District Program is opening the doors to increased competition and brand new districts, we ask ourselves and you: what do we want and how do we make this happen?

As we complete the final touches of our 2018 Annual Report, we are close to publishing a very special digital map of **our county's cultural assets**, and in early spring we'll be publishing our Schools **State of the Arts Report** and launching our **Nevada County Arts Economic Impact Study**. With these tools we'll be able to look more closely at our creative people, organizations, businesses and neighborhood resources—and how they connect with each other. So, too, our historical places and sacred spaces. With planning, we'll be better placed to protect and nourish them, and to consider our home as both a place to live and a thriving destination.

Stay with us on this journey. Know how grateful we are for your support, companionship and participation. As you invest in our future, we invest in yours!

Eliza Tudor
Executive Director

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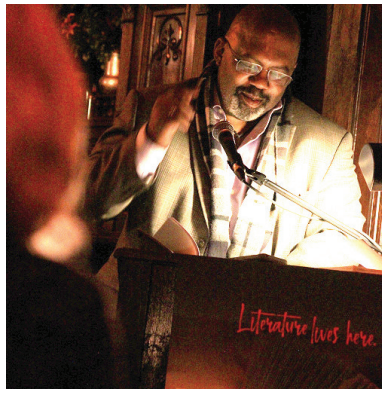
BELONGING

During 2018 we worked with Artist-in-Residence, Ruth Chase, to complete a documentary film and community exhibition, together with a year's worth of public art making workshops and dialogue. "Belonging", the film, was celebrated at Nevada City Film Festival and the Wild & Scenic Film Festival. Now in year two of Belonging, I AM HERE explores how women find and maintain their sense of belonging in our changing rural landscape and by June, we'll be mounting a public installation in downtown Nevada City.



IMAGE NATION

Under national award-winning photographer Michael Llewellyn, we presented the work of nine veterans for a four-month exhibition at the Eric Rood Center in Nevada City, while creating an online e-commerce gallery where our veteran alumni can display and sell their work, with all profits benefiting them. We thank Larry and Brenda Hoyle for their generosity in funding this important phase of Image Nation, ensuring its legacy in perpetuity.



YUBA LIT

This important reading series continues to thrive under its founder and producer Rachel Howard. Yuba Lit fosters our literary community by drawing on the wealth of serious writers who live here and on new perspectives and influences from Sacramento, the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond. During 2018 Yuba Lit presented nine accomplished Nevada County authors and celebrated five important authors from across California and beyond. Yuba Lit maintains a strict code of access to ensure a *No One Turned Away For Lack Of Funds Policy*.



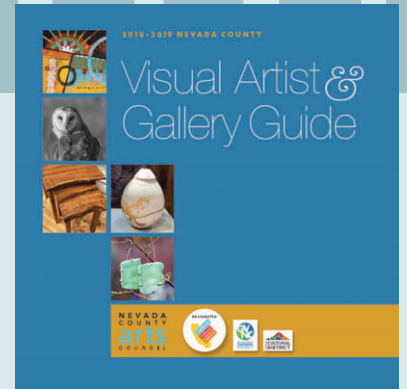
SIERRA POETRY FESTIVAL

In 2018 we presented our 2nd Annual *Sierra Poetry Festival* in capping National Poetry Month in the Sierra. National Book Award for Poetry prize-winner Robin Coste-Lewis attended as our keynote speaker alongside local, national and international poets, performers and presenters, and youth voices. Sierra Poetry Festival will again present poets, critics and visionaries for readings, slams, workshops, discussion and youth voices on April 27, 2019 at Sierra College.



NEVADA COUNTY COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Each year Nevada County Arts Council, in partnership with *InConcert Sierra*, co-chairs an Arts & Culture induction for new and emerging leaders across all sectors. We offer an overview of regional arts infrastructures, their programmatic diversity and our unique place in California. Up to thirty of our regional arts leaders participate in panels, presentations and Q&A. New leaders participate in site visits—and a bit of improv—while learning about the social and economic value of the arts and the impact it has on our local culture and lifestyle.



NEVADA COUNTY VISUAL ARTIST & GALLERY GUIDE

During 2018 we published our second annual *Nevada County Visual Artist & Gallery Guide*, in collaboration with *Sierra FoodWineArt*. Our guide promotes approximately 200 local artists—whether in collectives, galleries or individual studios—from here to Reno, Chico, Sacramento, San Francisco, Napa, Sonoma and beyond.



NEVADA COUNTY POET LAUREATE PROGRAM

Designed to promote literacy and an appreciation of poetry in Nevada County, poet Molly Fisk held bi-monthly Poetry Hours in cafes and community spaces, free and open to the public. She continues to write poems to mark key community events and engaged the community in conversation in multiple ways. Molly also represents local writers as a headliner poet at Sierra Poetry Festival which—for the coming year—implies a “Passing of the Laurels” ceremony after two years of true community service.



TRUCKEE ARTS ALLIANCE

During 2018 we became fiscal sponsors for Truckee’s arts advocacy organization, **Truckee Arts Alliance**. Truckee Arts Alliance, in collaboration with Truckee Public Arts Commission, the Town of Truckee and Truckee Chamber, forged a successful application to the state for California Cultural District designation. Truckee Arts Alliance continues to support advocacy efforts for the arts community in Truckee, meeting monthly.



STATE OF THE ARTS EDUCATION SURVEY

During 2018 we conducted a survey of all Western Nevada County public schools TK-12, in collaboration with Nevada County Superintendent of Schools and our School Districts. Our survey highlights unique and creative flagship programs, while identifying gaps in standards or issues of access, and is a key component of countywide cultural planning. It highlights the need for support for—and reinvigoration of—arts education in our schools.



BUSINESS ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

During 2018 we held three consecutive series of Business Engagement Workshops in collaboration with **Nevada City Chamber of Commerce** and **Grass Valley Downtown Association**. These were designed to better prepare our downtown merchants for our California Cultural District recognition, and to assist in more strategic marketing and social media use.



During the pilot phase of the California Cultural District Program Nevada County Arts Council has been hard at work supporting both Grass Valley-Nevada City Cultural District and Truckee Cultural District. Branding, marketing, surveying and public engagement continue as priorities, and in early 2019 we'll be launching our Nevada County Arts Economic Impact Study in partnership with Americans for the Arts, our State of the Arts Education Survey, and our digital map of Nevada County's cultural assets. Watch this space!



Alta Sierra School
Art Works Gallery
Bell Hill School
Blue Oaks Farm
BriarPatch Co-Op
California Arts Council
Charis Youth Center
Chicago Park School
Clear Creek School
Coldwell Banker Grass Roots Realty
Cottage Hill School
Deer Creek School
Dignity Health
Economic Resource Council
Federal Inmates who Participated in ACTING UP
Fidelity Brokerage Services
Flour Garden Bakery
Forest Charter School
Gold Miners Inn
Grass Valley Courtyard Suites
Grass Valley School District
Grass Valley Downtown Association
Grass Valley Summer School and After School Programs
Grizzly Hill School
House of Print & Copy
Jacobson Chiropractic
Java John's
Lyman Gilmore School
Magnolia School
Miners' Foundry
Morrison Hotel Gallery
Nevada City Film Festival
Nevada City School for the Arts
Nevada County Facilities Management Division
Nevada County Library
Nevada Union High School District
Peace Lutheran Church
Penn Valley School District
Ready Springs After School Programs
Scotten School
Seven Hills School
Sierra Montessori Academy
Sierra Theaters
SPD Markets
Students of Washington and Grizzly Hill Schools
The Book Seller
The Stonehouse
Three Forks Bakery & Brewery
Union Hill School
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Washington School
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Womens' Writing Salon
Yuba River Charter School
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Ivette Mosby
Joan Naszady
Celine Negrete
Nancy Nelson
Bill and Paula Newton
Eva Nichols
Judy and Eric Nielson
Jay and Homer Nottingham
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Jim O'Brien
Lauren O'Brien
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ARTS EDUCATION IN CLASSROOM SETTINGS

During 2018 we worked with our teaching artists and coaches to partner with these schools and learning centers, thanks in part to matching funds from the California Arts Council:

Bear River High School
Bell Hill Academy
Bitney College Prep
Charis Youth Center
Ghidotti Early College High School
Grizzly Hill School
Margaret G Scotten Elementary School
NEO Youth Center
Nevada Union High School
Ready Springs School
Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning
Washington School
Williams Ranch Elementary School



1

We created **model arts lessons** for 1st graders and served over 700 low-income 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students weekly through seriously fun, creative lessons combining Visual Arts Standards and academic curriculum in science, math, English and social studies.

2

We provided **professional development** to entire school staffs on integrating arts into their classrooms.

3

We piloted **Dream A Difference**, coaching middle school students in poetry and connecting them with students in Uganda and Bangladesh. From among the smallest school districts in the US our students now form part of an emerging global community of young people who are gaining awareness and learning empathy for the way others live and, in the spirit of sharing the poetry they write in the form of song and recitation, will share their own experience of life in rural California.

4

Through **Poetry Out Loud** we exposed high school students to a National Recitation contest that, for us, begins right here in Nevada County classrooms, helping them master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life.

5

We collaborated with **NEO Youth Center** to provide afterschool classes for middle and high school students in music, photography, painting and film making.

6

Through **Picture This**, we worked with Charis Youth Center to develop lesson plans and a project evaluation matrix towards a 30-week curriculum for young people whose lives have been affected by the juvenile justice system.

GETTING INVOLVED

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BECOME A MEMBER

Members are the backbone of the Nevada County Arts Council. Please join us.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Individual \$40
Family \$60
Business \$100

VOLUNTEER

Our volunteer positions are as varied as our volunteers. Anyone of any age can become a volunteer at Nevada County Arts Council. We personalize our volunteer work based on your skills and your interests.

Nevada County Arts Council is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization and your contributions are tax-deductible by law. For your records, our Employment Identification Number (EIN) is 27-0314493.

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 California Alliance for Arts Education
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 California Lawyers for the Arts
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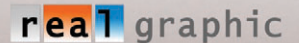
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 Welcome Home Vets
 Wild & Scenic Film Festival

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