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Enjoy the Holiday Festivities at Cornish Christmas



Cornish Christmas invites you to mill around downtown, stroll with mulled wine, and visit winter wonderland holiday murals and selfie stations alongside the Cornish Christmas favorites you know and love. Shop our "Downtown Promenade" with extended Holiday Hours and activities for all ages. The beloved annual holiday event is taking place from 6-9 p.m. on Fridays Nov. 25, and Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23. There will be a tree lighting ceremony November 25 at 6 p.m. on Mill Street at 151 Mill St, Union Building steps.

Downtown Grass Valley will be filled with the sights and sounds of an old fashioned Christmas: carolers, musicians, fire pits, mistletoe, and chestnuts. Look for Santa and Mrs. Claus and other holiday characters. The event hosts craft and food vendors, and the town shops, restaurants, wine tasting rooms, tap houses, and bars are open. The streets will be awash in holiday décor, lights, and sparkling windows.

In addition to extended holiday shopping hours on certain days, the Grass Valley Downtown Association (GVDA) and the Grass Valley Chamber will have holiday drink booths located on Mill Street and at the Clocktower at Mill and Main. Enjoy mulled wine or a favorite hot holiday beverage from the beverage booths, and sip, stroll, and shop downtown to find your holiday treats.

Pause at the steps of the historic Union Building as the Cornish Carol Choir performs traditional homeland Christmas carols. Enjoy the wide selection of holiday music amongst the trappings of a historic gold rush town.

Developed in 1967 to preserve Grass Valley's Cornish heritage and holiday traditions, Cornish Christmas remains one of the town's most popular events. The Cornish Town Crier traditionally rings in the celebration at the start of the event. A variety of Cornish pasties are for sale from local shops and vendors. Learn more about Cornish history at the Cornish Cousin booth.

Event is held rain or shine, and admission is free. Period/holiday attire is strongly encouraged for attendees with extra surprises to come!

Join us this holiday season in supporting our local businesses, enjoying food and libations, shopping, and strolling downtown in our festive holiday environment!

Perfectly behaved pets on a leash are welcome at all downtown events.

For more information, contact the Grass Valley Downtown Association at info@downtowngrassvalley.com or call (530) 272-8315.



Photo by Joy Porter, Winding Road Imagery

Behind the Beard: Our local Santa

By Dora Scott

For roughly 360 days out of the year, Tim Luckinbill is a good-doing community man, a retiree who is extensively involved in the local Lions Clubs. For the handful of holiday days where joy fills the air and lights adorn houses and trees, Tim transforms into the big, bearded man of the North Pole—good ol' Santa Claus.

You see him on the streets of Cornish Christmas, you see him sometimes at Victorian Christmas, and you see him at the various Lions Club Christmas events. Looks can be deceiving because Tim is the spitting image of Santa with his full, white beard, kind eyes, and rosy cheeks, but have you ever wondered: What is it like behind the beard, interacting with hundreds of kids at Christmas events?

Tim grew up in the Grass Valley area and had a successful career at the AmeriGas store out of Colfax for almost 40 years. While he volunteered with the Lions Club

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Photo contributed by Tim Luckinbill

in the 70s and 80s, he had to stop to focus on work. When he retired, Tim recounted, "I was retired one week, and Lions Club was knocking on my door."

During one of Lions' service projects, cleaning the Colfax Highway, someone discerned his potential as Santa. Tim recalled how "this gal whipped into the ditch and stopped and said: 'Have you ever considered playing Santa Claus, or do you play Santa Claus?'" In the heat of summertime, and taken aback by the sudden remark, Tim responded, "Well, not really."

Tim's resemblance to Santa left such an impression on the woman that she took down his contact information and gave him a call when Christmas came around. Borrowing a Santa suit from the Penn Valley Lions Club, he committed to the role of Santa at Cornish Christmas in Grass Valley for the first time.

Tim stated that his first time playing Santa "turned out pretty nice. I was a little green, didn't know what to expect, but I had the best time with the kids."

While the night went by in a blur, with hundreds of kids sitting on his lap, interactions with the young kids particularly stood out to Tim. He recollected how the kids would "bring you a little bag of cookies, pictures that they've drawn... or a letter that they've written in their own handwriting...But those are the memorable moments—when the kids actually hand me something."

When working with children, Tim explained, "Anything can happen, and it usually will." When holding a baby, for instance, "the little baby threw up on me. It wasn't bad, and it was a little milk or something, so I just changed out of my gloves, wiped my sleeve off with a paper towel, and went back to work."

Tim goes through a few steps to get himself into the role. He stuffs a pillow into his suit to give him that big, signature belly. He keeps a long beard for his own sake, trimming it a few times a year, but he stops grooming it in August so it looks fuller during Christmas. Tim explained how appearances matter when convincing doubtful children: "Usually the ones that doubt a little come up and they say 'Is this real?', and I'll let them tug on (my beard) and that usually stops the question."

Tim has also nailed down how to navigate the barrage of annual questions he faces in the role. When children question where Rudolph or the other reindeer friends are, he tells them that they are up the road on a rooftop. He will even go the extra length to not be seen getting out of a car, having his ride drop him off a good enough distance away. Walking the street, he explained that "the crowds are small, so you actually get to interact with folks on the street…it's more personable."

While each kid usually brings Tim a list of what they want for Christmas—many of the items electronic games he's never heard of—there are a few kids wise beyond their years that ask for the intangible things that matter the most. "One of them that is the most memorable is a little girl, she was probably nine or ten. She just wanted peace, peace for the world,"Tim explained, holding back a few tears.

While Tim might not have reindeer, a sled, or helper elves, he offers something far more special. He gives a touch of magic to the Christmas celebrations in our county, bringing the community together.

It's almost that time of year again, folks, for Tim—ahem—Santa to visit our cozy little town. Find him at Cornish Christmas on Fridays, Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 23, from 6-9 p.m. to see the magic of the holidays.

The Book Seller

The Book Seller has been bringing books to Nevada County since 1976 with the goal of helping everyone find books they will love. From our local history section to our Kid Cave, we strive to have titles that will appeal to readers of every sort, and we can always special order titles if they aren't in stock. We have even been voted Best Book Store of Nevada County by readers of The Union for over fifteen years.

Our staff is always ready and willing to offer recommendations for even the most selective of readers and we have a wide array of literary themed gifts and games as well.

The Book Seller is more than just a store. It serves the community by hosting author events, running book fairs for the area's schools, and working with

the Friendship Club. We also have a monthly book club hosted by local book aficionado, Vicki Lorini.

The only reason we are still here is our amazing community. The power and dedication of our local readers has kept us running through thick and thin for over 46 years. We want to thank you for all of your support and hope that we will be able to continue serving this incredible community for many years to come.

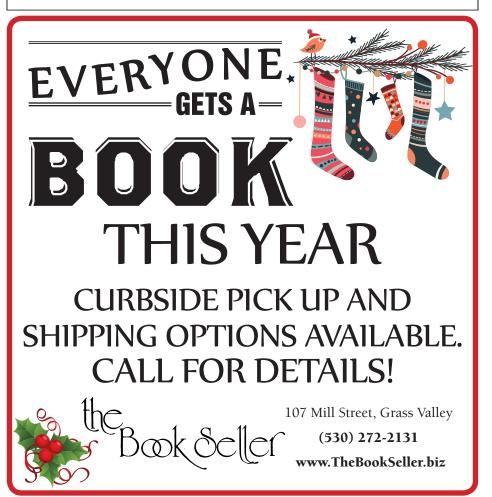
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Art Works Gallery

Art Works Gallery opened their doors on Memorial Day weekend, 2010. Beginning with five partners, the gallery quickly grew to thirty-two local artists.

"Our goal was to have a wide variety of affordable, high-quality art and to garner support for community fund raisers," says Gail Lipson, one of the founding partners. Their goal achieved, Art Works displays an eclectic array of art, from beautiful jewelry to clay works, to metal, silk, glass, paintings, photography and

Art Works is proud of their mission statement of always giving back to the community. Each December they host an annual party and fundraiser for the Nevada County Food Bank. In the past, they have also raised money for Neighborhood Center of the Arts, NEO, and Youth Art programs for The Center of the Arts. All in all, Art Works has raised nearly \$40,000 for local non-profits over the years.

Art Works individual members give back to the community by teaching the public about their processes. Each second Saturday of the month, inside the gallery or in the outside foyer in warmer months, artists demo their work. These demonstrations are always open and free to the public.





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Good Old Saint Nick: Childhood Memories of a German Christmas



When I grew up, one of my least favorite Christmas and Advent traditions was Saint Nicholas Day, which is celebrated on December 6 in Germany. The day before, I had to clean my boots to put them in front of the entrance door, hoping the Saint would come and put candies and chocolates in them.

You might wonder, why wasn't I happy about getting candy? Well, there was the "naughty and nice" hurdle to take. Of course, in my opinion, I was always an exceptionally nice kid, except, when I wasn't. One year, when I was four or five years old, Saint Nick came to the door in person (embodied by one of my older cousins, but I didn't know that at the time), and because I wasn't on the nice list, he wanted to put me in his bag and take me away. Only after much pleading on the side of my parents and me promising to be better next year, he walked out without me.

Today I know that Saint Nick was misused as a pedagogical crutch for my parents, but as a child it was all too real for me, and for years to come I dreaded St. Nicholas Day, even hiding when it knocked at the door.

In some parts of Germany, Saint Nicholas is accompanied by another figure, Knecht (Servant) Ruprecht, who often plays devil's advocate and points out the negative behavior of a child. He was the one punishing the children. These two figures eventually merged, and Saint Nicholas inherited some of Knecht Ruprecht's attitudes, like in my story above.

The real Saint Nicolas lived in the fourth century in present-day Turkey and was a Bishop. It is told that he had a heart for the poor people. One family had three daughters but no dowry. So, Saint Nicholas came at night and put money in each of the daughters' shoes. So, when Santa comes to bring presents for all on Christmas Day, the memory of Saint Nicholas is kept alive as a giver of good things to the needy and the poor. It reminds us that giving is better than receiving, an attitude worth fostering. However, in the legend, there is nothing about being naughty or nice, nor worthy or unworthy.

No matter what list you're on, whether you get coal (or birch rods) or presents, you are always welcome to the Christmas services and special programs hosted by most churches in the area.

At Peace Lutheran Church, we will be offering "Music and Inspiration for Christmas" as a special feature during Advent, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. So why don't you take a break in this, at times, hectic season and join us for a time to unwind and calm your thoughts.

You are also invited to the **Christmas Eve Service at 4 p.m. December 24, the Christmas Day Service at 10 a.m.**, or the German Language Christmas Service, December 18 at 4 p.m.

For more information, please contact Pastor Christian by email at pastor@peacelutherangv.org, or call (530)273-9631.

I hope you'll have a blessed Christmas!

2nd Annual Penn Valley Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair

By Dawna Marie Large

Mark your calendars and tell your family and friends that the 2nd Annual Penn Valley Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair has been scheduled for **Saturday**, November 26, 2022, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a backup date for the following Saturday, December 3 if it rains on November 26.

This year's event is being coordinated by Dawna Marie Large, an arts and crafts vendor herself. Large stated, "I was a vendor at this fair last year and really enjoyed myself! It was a beautiful day and there was a great turnout. I was really looking forward to doing it again this year, but when I called last year's coordinator to get the details I was told they had not found a coordinator this year so they were not having it. Next thing you know, I was volunteering! I'm really excited! I have met some wonderful people and I am learning a lot of things. It's a lot of work but will be well worth it to be able to bring the community together and provide a place for arts and craft vendors to exhibit their work. Luckily I have some great help from Destiny Bradt, Lisa Thomas, and Brittnie Neundorfer."

Listen to live music by popular musician Brian Coutch while you browse their collections of jewelry, tumblers, personalized shirts, bowl cozies, aprons, body scrubs and oils, candles, clocks, plants, planters, wreaths, ornaments, and so



Photo by Dawna Marie Large





much more—including a welder-turned-artist that Large found on Facebook Marketplace.

This year we will also have two very young entrepreneur brothers selling their crafts with the support of their mom, Debbie Campbell. "Our boys have always been curious and busy creating. They also regularly ask many questions related to business. At ages six and eight, they formed their business and called it R & J's Non-Stop Creations. Over the past few months, they've made several different sellable crafty items starting with birdseed pinecone feeders," said Campbell.

The letter to Santa station will be open and Santa Claus will try to take a little time out of his busy schedule to stop by for a quick hello and pick up letters around 11:30 a.m.

Classes are planned for various ages and will be held on the side porch of Buttermaker's Cottage. A rock painting class is planned for older teens and adults and will be taught by Kim Gilliland and Maddie Clark, starting at 11:30 a.m. There will be a small fee for this class for supplies and you need to sign up on the morning of the fair at the information booth. An all-ages class, "Build Your Own Puzzle," will be taught by artist Julia Prince-Buitenhuys, and will start at 1 p.m.

Face-painters Lil Lovan Ladies will return this year! Several vendors are donating an item from their stores and we will raffle each one of them off to fairgoers. You can stop by and pick up a free raffle ticket from the information

booth. There will also be a fund-raising raffle to earn much-needed funds for the Western Gateway Dog Park that will include a bean bag toss and photo shoot opportunity. 4ever Yours animal rescue will be there to showcase their adoptable small dogs!

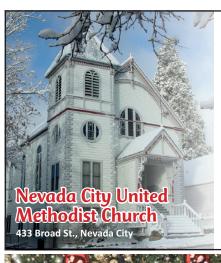
And if Robin Fielding from International Student Exchange is not visiting one of her foreign exchange students in Paris or Poland she will be there with information on how you can host a foreign exchange student! "Sharing lives.... Sharing worlds takes a big heart to open your home."

And last but not least, food! Aside from a variety of hand-baked goods, local favorites Kaliko's Hawaiian food and La Guaira Bistro Venezuelan food will return with all their deliciousness and we will also have a vegan option this year. "We at Vegan Circus are so excited to be a part of this event! We are excited to offer 100% Vegan Non-Gmo organic Carnival-style food to the Nevada County community!" said Drea Mason, founder.

And for dessert!? Cheri's hand-dipped ice cream bars will be there with a sweet addition of Huckleberry, Chocolate Ice cream, and Mango Sorbet! Chocolate Dipped Apples special orders for Christmas can be made! Many arts and craft vendors will also take custom orders so don't be afraid to ask! Finally, when you want to warm up stop by the Buttermakers Cottage where Jeri from Western Gateway's dog park will be selling hot chocolate and coffee!

If you have any questions about this fair please email Dawna Marie Large at dawnamarie_226@yahoo.com or find her on Facebook messenger.





Craft Faire

Handcrafted gifts and goodies needle arts, wood crafts, cards, candles, gardening & home decor, toys, candy, jams & jellies

Santa will be available for photos (Bring your phone)

Fri and Sat, Nov 25 & 26, 10am – 4pm Sun, Nov 27, noon – 4pm Open for Victorian Christmas too!

Come see the church in the Hallmark movie "A Christmas Card"!



Nine-Foot Menorah to Light Up Nevada County

By Chyena Yusewitz

A lot has changed in Grass Valley in the past 12 years, since a letter Looking for Chanukah Candles was published in The Union, in which a Jewish resident wrote how frustrating it was not to find a single box of Chanukah candles in 10 local supermarkets. Now, Chanukah items are easily accessible in many local stores and public Chanukah celebrations are rapidly gaining popularity. Chabad of Grass Valley is organizing eight nights of Chanukah celebrations for the entire community.

The highlight of this year's Chanukah events will be the 7th annual kindling of a public nine-foot Chanukah menorah erected at Robinson Plaza, 132 Main Street, Nevada City, followed by a community-wide outdoor celebration. Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, begins this year on the evening of Sunday, December 18, 2022 and concludes the evening of Monday, December 26. The ceremony, organized by Chabad Rabbi Nochum Yusewitz, will feature greetings by elected officials as well as entertainment for children and adults. Following the menorah lighting ceremony, participants will eat the night away with latkes, donuts, coffee, and more! The event is open to all, free of charge.

"The menorah serves as a symbol of Nevada County's dedication to preserve

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Photo by Elias Funez | Fire dancer Sequoia Criteser helps bring in the third night of Hanukkah Tuesday evening during a public ceremony held in Nevada City's Robinson Plaza and hosted by the Chabad of Grass Valley.

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and encourage the right and liberty of all its citizens to worship G-d freely, openly, and with pride," said Rabbi Yusewitz.

Today, the unprecedented public display of Chanukah has become a staple of Jewish cultural and religious life. Nevada City's menorah is one of more than 15,000 large public menorahs sponsored by Chabad in more than 100 countries around the world.

"The message of Chanukah is the message of light," added Rabbi Yusewitz, "A small amount of light dispels a lot of darkness. Another act of goodness and kindness, another act of light, can make all the difference."

Other Chanukah celebrations organized by Chabad this year include a Chanukah glow party for children, a car Menorah celebration, a latke party, and a community Shabbat dinner.

For more information about all of Chabad's Chanukah parties and Menorah Lightings scheduled for this year in Grass Valley and Nevada City, visit JewishGV.com/Chanukah or call (530) 404-0020

If you will be celebrating Chanukah at home this year, contact Rabbi Nochum Yusewitz for a free Chanukah kit including a Menorah, candles, dreidels, and chocolate gelt. Latkes and donuts can usually be included with advance request.

For more info or to RSVP for any of these events: Visit JewishGV.com/Chanukah, email rsvp@JewishGV.com or call (530) 404-0020.



Photo by Elias Funez | Rabbi Nochum Yusewitz lights the menorah on display during the 6th annual menorah lighting in downtown Nevada City. The menorah is lighted during each of the eight nights of Hanukkah, though this is the only public display held in downtown Nevada City.



Legacy Presents

There's a bit of Scrooge in all of us during the holidays and we sometimes need a reminder of what's really important at Christmas. That's where Christmas traditions come into play – and play is the word! This is LeGacy Presents 6th year of presenting the holiday musical play SCROOGE.

LeGacy Presents is a family owned theatre company that has been producing shows at the Nevada Theatre and other local venues since 2007. LeGacy first presented SCROOGE in 2015 and it has quickly become a Nevada City-Grass Valley tradition for area theatre-goers and holiday enthusiasts. It fittingly plays in the historic Nevada Theatre in Nevada City.

SCROOGE has the well earned reputation of being Northern California's favorite holiday musical. SCROOGE opened for the first time in November of 1978 at the Golden Bear Playhouse at Cal Expo Scroope

with Rodger Hoopman in the title role.

SCROOGE with Hoopman has played throughout Northern California for every holiday season since with lengthy runs in Davis, Roseville, Fairfield, Carmichael and in extended runs in over 10 other Sacramento locations. This will be his 44th year in the role of Ebenezer Scrooge.

This adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic, A CHRISTMAS CAROL, is a family focused version with 11 musical numbers with lyrics by Hoopman and music by Robert Knable with additional music by Warren Harrison.

With colorful, period costumes by Sharon Sciabica, unique and effective lighting by Les Solomon, and directed by LeGacy owner Sue LeGate Halford, Scrooge is a must see for the holiday season!

Nevada Theater - 401 Broad St., Nevada City, CA Box Office - 530-268-5419

www.legacypresents.com/index.html

A Christmas Favorite Returns: LeGacy Presents Scrooge



LeGacy Presents is proud to bring back the spirit of Christmas to the historic Nevada Theatre with the return of Rodger Hoopman's Scrooge, November 25 through December 24.

The playwright, Rodger Hoopman, returns in his 44th year as Ebenezer Scrooge, that rascal of a Dicken's character, who, with the help of three spirits, repents his greedy ways, finding joy and love in the true spirit of Christmas.

Joining Hoopman are LeGacy veterans Bruce Barnard (Ole Joe and Bob Cratchit), Jean Forsman (Christmas Past & Mrs. Cratchit), Catz Forsman (Marley & Christmas Present), Darin Peters (Fezziwig) & Kassady Kelly, serving as choreographer and playing Mrs. Fezziwig and Mrs. Dilber! Also returning are Robert Peters and Alexis Phillips, as the young lover Ebenezer and Belle. Sawyer Maddux and Chris Whitlock have also returned to play multiple roles.

"Lots of returnees with some fresh faces, too...a delightful new Tiny Tim (Will Banes) who has new siblings (Eva de Buyzer, Raegan Wessinger & Jesse Hollister)...everyone gets to play multiple parts....except for Scrooge! There can only be one of him!" Director/Producer Sue LeGate-Halford said.

LeGate-Halford added, "We are so lucky to have our original creative design team back, too. Beverly Marks on musical direction, Les Solomon on light design, and Elly Award winner Sharon Sciabica."

Scrooge plays Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. from November 25 through December 24. However, the show on Saturday, December 24 is at 2 p.m. There are also three matinee shows on December 4, 11, & 18 at 2 p.m., and a Thursday show on December 22 at 7 p.m.

Once again, the Food Bank of Nevada County will have concession items available for purchase. All proceeds go directly to the Food Bank.

Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door. Special reserved seating at \$35, available online (www.legacypresents) or by calling the box office at (530) 268 5419.



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North Columbia Schoolhouse Annual Holiday Craft Faire

Submitted by North Columbia Schoolhouse Cultural Center

Nevada City, CA —Each year the North Columbia Schoolhouse hosts a craft faire that offers high quality handmade crafts and gifts for all of your holiday needs. Fine arts and fantastic crafts, as well as homemade soups, baked goods and hot drinks. Come do your holiday shopping the old fashioned way—straight from the hands of the makers.

This year's vendors include pottery by Four Winds Studio, fresh holiday wreaths by You Bet Farms, weaving by Betsy Abrams, personal poems written on the spot by Pioneers of Ourselves, beaded handbags and adornments by Pam Saporta, felted wool teddy bears made by Jeanette Paganetti, paintings and prints by Molly Jochem, jewelry and knives by Dale & Judy, Beeswax Candles—back by popular demand—made by Tessa Foxly, crafty clothing and accessories by Ginger Wilson, whimsical sculptures by Nika & Jeannie, farm crafts by Ruby, Pat Richies' Tie dyed Beauties, and much more.

While shopping, you can enjoy a hot bowl of soup and a cup of tea in the Craft Faire Café. Sweet treats made by the wonderful San Juan Ridge bakers will also be available.

Admission is free. The fair will open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4. Visitors from afar will have the chance to enjoy a scenic drive leaving behind the hustle and bustle of town to do some holiday shopping in this classic, natural setting. One of a kind, handmade and hand found treasures are available for this weekend only at the North Columbia Holiday Craft Faire.

For more information, visit www.northcolumbiaschoolhouse.org, call (530) 265-2826, or email schoolhouse@ncscc.us



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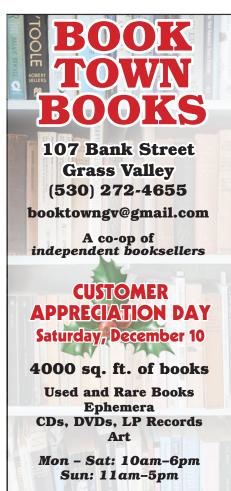
Nevada County Toy Run Returns to Spread Christmas Cheer

Submitted by Eric Oliver

The **second Saturday of December** every year, rain or shine, several thousand motorcycles rumble through the streets of Nevada City and Grass Valley en route to the Nevada County Fairgrounds, a parade like no other.

This year, the 31st annual Nevada County Toy Run will start at the Rood Center (950 Maidu Ave, Nevada City, CA), where the bikers will gather to rein in the new holiday season before heading down at noon, through the streets of downtown Nevada City over to downtown Grass Valley. With the support of GVPD, local law enforcement, the City of Grass Valley, Grass Valley Downtown Association, and The Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce, this year we will get back to the original route on Mill Street, where we hope to see many spectators watch the parade. Once everyone arrives at the Nevada County Fairgrounds (1228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley, CA), the bikes will unload new unwrapped toys, gifts, and food for the local families in need that might not otherwise have Christmas this year. There are hundreds of families and children waiting in

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anticipation of the bikers arrival.

This year we will have vendors set up food, drinks, and other items for sale at the fairgrounds. The Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce will have a hot chocolate and coffee booth set up; we are so grateful for their participation this year.

As the new board of directors takes over the Toy Run, we are all very excited to keep the tradition alive. This event benefits so many families in our community, and we want to make sure no one is left out.

Every year our partners Interfaith Food Ministries (IFM) and Nevada County Food Bank help make our Christmas dinners possible, sending them to the homes of families in need. Without our sponsors, bikers, partners, and volunteers we could not make this happen. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. If you aren't a biker and still want to participate, you can donate money, gift cards, and/or new toys the Friday before the event.

This is an official invitation to all Nevada County community members to find a spot along the parade route (which will be posted soon) to help cheer on all the bikers as they make their way to the fairgrounds on **December 10**, **2022**. Help us mark the start of the holiday season in Nevada County. If you are interested in any aspect of the Nevada County Toy Run please feel free to check out our website, email us, reach out on Facebook, or call us.

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Nevada City's Victorian Christmas

Submitted by the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce

The aroma of chestnuts wafting through the air, costumed carolers singing, vendors with artisan wares, and the twinkling glow of gas-lit lamps filling the street. There's a reason Victorian Christmas has been named one of the best Christmas fairs in the nation—the entire town is decked with glowing Christmas lights and fresh boughs of greenery, transforming the streets of Nevada City into a magical winter wonderland reminiscent of years past.

This annual family tradition takes place on three Sundays and two Wednesdays throughout the month of December. Over one-hundred unique vendors will have booths with handmade goods, unique wares, and delicious food for all to enjoy.

There are holiday activities and treats for all ages including brass bands, fiddlers, free hot roasted chestnuts, jugglers, visits with Santa, and more! To add to the holiday cheer, Father Christmas will be strolling the streets with good tidings for all.

Victorian Christmas is a magical experience you won't forget and a great place to find amazing gifts for all the special people in your life. Be sure to also peruse the many incredible downtown stores and restaurants which will stay open late.

The Nevada City Chamber of Commerce welcomes everyone to join in on the festivities. Attendees are encouraged to avoid the hassle of parking by taking the shuttle from the Rood Center for a small \$5 fee. More details can be found at nevadacitychamber.com.



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Dates to mark down:

Sundays, December 4, 11 & 18 from 1:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays, December 7 & 14 from 5-9 p.m.

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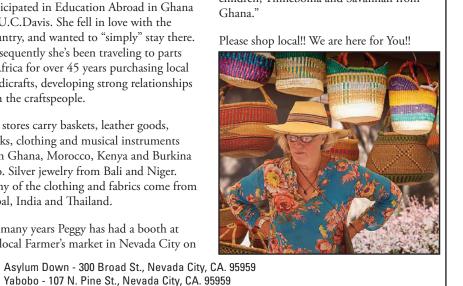
Her "career" started in 1974 when she participated in Education Abroad in Ghana via U.C.Davis. She fell in love with the Country, and wanted to "simply" stay there. Subsequently she's been traveling to parts of Africa for over 45 years purchasing local handicrafts, developing strong relationships with the craftspeople.

The stores carry baskets, leather goods, masks, clothing and musical instruments from Ghana, Morocco, Kenya and Burkina Faso. Silver jewelry from Bali and Niger. Many of the clothing and fabrics come from Nepal, India and Thailand.

For many years Peggy has had a booth at the local Farmer's market in Nevada City on Saturdays selling baskets.



"I've been very fortunate to experience only fabulous adventures and relationships in Africa. The most adventurous, crossing the Sahara Desert from Algeria to Ghana on four different occasions. The most meaningful, adopting my two children, Yinneboma and Savannah from





Get in the Festive Spirit at The Center



The Holiday season is just around the corner, and The Center for the Arts has a lineup of family-friendly programs to get you into the festive spirit. Whether you are looking to learn a new skill or explore holiday traditions from around the world, this season is going to be merry and bright with fun, energetic offerings for the entire family. Here are the festive events coming to The Center this holiday season:

Vienna Boys Choir—November 23, 2022 | Doors 5:00 p.m. Showtime 6:00 p.m. | \$60-\$75

Since 1498, the Vienna Boys Choir has been entertaining audiences with their repertoire consisting of medieval, contemporary, and experimental music. A not-forprofit group, the Vienna Boys Choir consists of 100 boys and young men between the ages of ten and fourteen, from dozens of nations, divided into four different touring groups that give a total of 300 concerts and performances each year. Presented by Music in the Mountains and The Center for the Arts.

Irish Christmas in America—November 27, 2022 | Doors 2:00 p.m. Showtime 3:00 p.m. | \$35-\$45

Produced by Sligo fiddler Oisin Mac Diarmada, this popular Irish Christmas in America show features top Irish music, song, and dance in an engaging performance rich in humor and boundless energy. This family-friendly performance features lively instrumental tunes on fiddle, flute, uilleann pipes, and harp, along with thrilling Irish old-style dancing from Samantha Harvey set before a backdrop of photographs depicting rich historical traditions of Ireland. Originally conceived in 2005, Irish Christmas in America continues to bring traditional, and sometimes unknown, customs to American viewers.

Squirrel Nut Zippers Christmas Caravan Tour—December 7, 2022 Doors 6:30 p.m. Showtime 7:30 p.m. | \$25-\$45

North Carolina natives, Squirrel Nut Zippers is a swing and jazz band formed in the 1990s. Fusing Delta blues, gypsy jazz, 1930s-era swing, klezmer, as well as other styles, this is the first Christmas Caravan tour for the band since 2018. Performing hits from their Christmas Caravan and Mardi Gras for Christmas albums as well as classic Christmas songs, Squirrel Nut Zippers promise a raucous and entertaining evening for fans old and new. Accompanying the band is comedian and magician Christopher Wonder.

2022 The Center for the Arts Board Bake Off—December 2, 2022 Auction goes live | December 21 bidding ends | All pick-ups Dec. 22-23

This is our end-of-year Silent Auction fundraiser. Delicious baked goods will be contributed by every board member, some staff, and community members. Join in on the fun of having holiday-baked items prepared for you, and support your local arts organization!

Please follow us @thecenterforthearts to find out more, and get the Clickbid auction link in December.



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Holiday Joy with the SMC

Submitted by InConcert Sierra

InConcert Sierra presents the Sierra Master Chorale's program, "Holiday Joy." Familiar carols with a lively twist and new seasonal favorites, all combine with the spirited sound of brass, percussion, and organ, on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18 in Grass Valley.

"This holiday season, we are grateful for the ability to gather together with family and friends. For many of us, sharing music is an essential tradition of the holidays. Our 2022 holiday program is full of joy, with high energy, rhythmic arrangements of carols, new and old, to keep your spirits bright," said Alison Skinner, SMC Music Director and Conductor.

The program includes the jubilant fanfare of Eleanor Daley's "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," Carl Schalk's "Before the Marvel of this Night," a sparkling arrangement of the traditional English carol "I Saw Three Ships," John Rutter's quintessential "Angel's Carol," David Willcocks' lovely English carol "Once in Royal David's City," and Dov Frimmer's "Al Hanissim" with traditional Hebrew Chanukah text.

The main course of this musical feast is Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata," a dramatic three-movement work. "This is one my favorite Christmas works; I hope everyone enjoys it as much as I do," says Skinner.

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The program also includes the traditional and beloved audience sing-alongs, celebratory spirituals and carols, and a delightful closing arrangement of Jerry Herman's classic, "We Need a Little Christmas" for an exciting send-off for the holiday season.

The 60-member SMC is a high-caliber auditioned community choir founded in 2008 and is part of InConcert Sierra, a Nevada County non-profit organization presenting classical concerts, and robust music education offerings for all ages, since 1946. Alison Skinner has been the music director and conductor of the SMC since January 2019.

The holiday performances will be at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grass Valley, 12889 Osborne Hill Road. For more information, please visit www.inconcertsierra.org or call (530) 273-3990.



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Music in the Mountains Presents Your Holiday Favorites

By Hilary Hodge

Music in the Mountains (MIM) brings you festive holiday concerts featuring traditional favorites, joyful sing-a-long carols, and a program that promises to fill the entire family with the spirit of the season. Featuring talented soloists Shawnette Sulker and Robert Balonek, along with the MIM Festival Chorus, and MIM Festival Orchestra, Music in the Mountains presents songs of the season at The Center for the Arts in downtown Grass Valley.

Regarded as one of the region's premier holiday concerts, the professional orchestra and 70-member chorus will entertain and inspire audiences with such beloved songs as, "O Holy Night", selections from Handel's Messiah, and a new arrangement of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" made famous by the popular A Capella group VOCES8-with much, much more.

"Holiday music invokes the nostalgia of the past and a kindness for the future. It has a way of bringing people together," notes MIM Executive Director Jenny Darlington-Person. "During the pandemic, more than 5,000 households watched our holiday concerts online. We are excited to present our amazing soloists and musicians live and in-person at the beautiful Center for the Arts in Grass Valley."

Bring your family and friends and enjoy the sounds of the season on **December 10** and 11. Tickets are on sale now with prices starting at \$20 and children under 18 free. "Happy Holidays" will run for two shows at The Center for the Arts, a 7 p.m. show on Saturday, December 10 and a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday, December 11.



Submitted by Music in the Mountains





Christmas Calendar of Events

HOLIDAYS ATTHE EMPIRE MINE

Friday, Nov. 25 & Saturday, Nov. 25 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Empire Mine State Historic Park 10791 E. Empire Street (530) 273-8522

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIRE

Live entertainment, community bonfire, wagon rides, food, and unique gifts from more than 100 talented artisans

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 25-26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nevada County Fairgrounds 11228 McCourtney Road, Grass Valley nevadacountyfair.com

CORNISH CHRISTMAS

Delicious food, handmade arts and crafts, carolers, live music, and more Fridays Nov. 25 & Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23; 6-9 p.m.

Downtown Grass Valley (530) 272-8315 or downtowngrassvalley.com

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Nov. 25, 6-6:30 p.m.

Mill St., Union Building steps, Downtown Grass Valley

SCROOGE

LeGacy Presents' 2022 holiday presentation

Saturdays & Sundays Nov. 25 through Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m.

Nevada Theatre, 401 Broad Street, Nevada City (530) 913-2826 or legacypresents.com

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IN PENN VALLEY

Shop at the many wonderful small businesses for your holiday gifts Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

2ND ANNUAL PENN VALLEY HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFT FAIR Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Western Gateway Park, Penn Valley Email Dawna Marie Large at dawnmarie_226@yahoo.com

COWBOY CHRISTMAS

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Saturday, Nov. 26, 5-8 p.m.

Penn Valley Shopping Center (530) 432-1802 or pennvalleychamber.com

CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS

Irish Christmas in America Features Irish music and dancing

Nov. 27, 3 p.m.

The Center for the Arts 314 W Main St., Grass Valley (530) 274-8384 or thecenterforthearts.org

CHANUKAH FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

December 18-26

Robinson Plaza, downtown Nevada City (530) 404-0020 or JewishGV.com/Chanukah

CENTER FOR THE ARTS & THE MAINSTAGE PLAYMAKERS PRESENT

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Dec. 2-4, check website for show times
315 Richardson Street, Grass Valley
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thecenterforthearts.org

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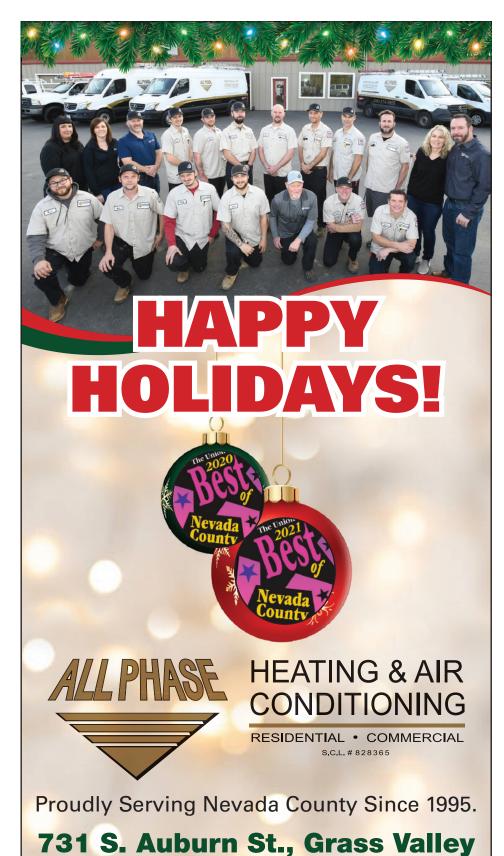
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The Community Foundation Site (530) 432-1802 or pennvalleychamber.com

ANNUAL NORTH COLUMBIA SCHOOLHOUSE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRE

December 3-4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. North Columbia Schoolhouse 17894 Tyler Foote Road (530) 265-2826 or northcolumbiaschoolhouse.org

CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS

Squirrel Nut Zippers Christmas Caravan Tour Fusion of Delta Blues, gypsy jazz, 1930s-era swing, and more **Wednesday, Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m.** 314 W Main St., Grass Valley (530) 274-8384 or thecenterforthearts.org

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Festive feasting, wandering carolers, live entertainment, and more!

Sundays, Dec. 4, 11 & 18 from 1:30-6 p.m.

Wednesdays, Dec. 7 & 14 from 5-9 p.m.

Downtown Historic Nevada City (530) 265-2692 or nevadacitychamber.com

NEVADA COUNTY FOOD & TOY RUN

Will ride through downtown Grass Valley, donations & vendors at fairgrounds.

Donations accepted the **Dec. 9** at the fairgrounds.

Parade will be **Saturday, Dec. 10** Nevadacountytoyrun.com or @ nevadacountytoyrun on Facebook

MUSIC INTHE MOUNTAINS PRESENTS

Happy Holidays—Music for the Community Saturday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 11, 2 p.m.
The Center for the Arts, 314 W Main St., Grass Valley
Musicinthemountains.org

NEVADA CITY WINTER CRAFT FAIR

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Center for the Arts 314 W. Main St.

Collavoce.org or (530) 270-9407

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Saturday, Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Seventh-day Adventist Church, 12889 Osborne Hill Road Inconcertsierra.org or (530) 273-3990

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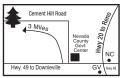
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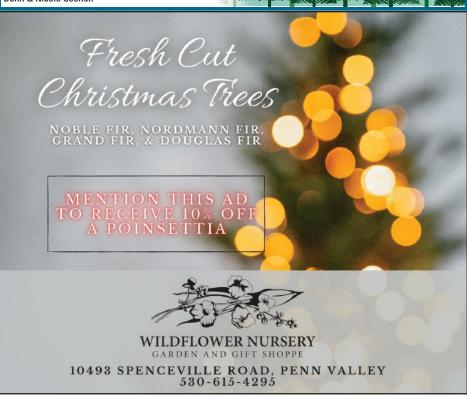
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