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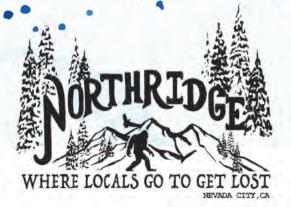
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Holidays in Nevada County

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Enjoy the Holiday Festivities at Cornish Christmas

Submitted by Grass Valley Downtown Association

Developed in 1967 to preserve Grass Valley's Cornish heritage and holiday traditions, Cornish Christmas remains one of the town's most cherished events.

The Cornish Town Crier rings in the start of the old-fashioned Christ-mas striding through downtown streets, proclaiming welcome with a Cornish Chant, inviting one and all to the tree-lighting ceremony that heralds the beginning of the annual Cornish Christmas celebration in downtown Grass Valley.

The crisp winter air, fragrant with the scent of pine, twinkling lights that magically light up the night, and shop windows dressed for the holiday season welcome you to the winter wonderland that is Cornish Christmas. As you step back in time and stroll through downtown, you'll find the Grass Valley Downtown Association (GVDA) and the Grass Valley Chamber's holiday drink booths located on Mill Street and at the Clocktower at Mill and Main with offerings to warm your spirit as you sip, stroll, and delight in the sights and sounds of a bygone era.

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.

The essence of an old-fashioned Christmas fills the night with carolers, musicians, fire pits, mistletoe, and roasted chestnuts. Visit the holiday murals and selfie stations alongside the Cornish Christmas favorites you know and love, and look for Santa, Mrs. Claus, the Walking Christmas Tree, Toy Soldier, and other holiday characters. You'll find handmade crafts and food vendors offering sweet treats and epicurean delights, and the town's shops, restaurants, wine-tasting rooms, tap houses, and bars are open, offering their own brand of holiday magic.

The beloved annual holiday event takes place on West Main Street from South Auburn Street to South Church Street and on the Mill Street Plaza, from 6-9 p.m. on Fridays Nov. 24, and Dec 1, 8, 15 & 22. The Tree Lighting Ceremony takes place on the first night of Cornish Christmas, November 24 at 6 p.m. near Mill and Bank Streets.

The event is held snow or shine, and admission is free. In the spirit of celebration, period/holiday attire is strongly encouraged for attendees! Throughout the holidays, downtown shops have extended hours and activities for all ages. Join us in downtown Grass Valley this festive season, supporting local businesses, enjoying food and libations, shopping, and strolling our festive holiday venue!

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

For more information visit the Grass Valley Downtown Association's website www.downtowngrassvalley.com, contact the GVDA at info@downtowngrassvalley.com, or call the office: 530-272-8315.



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The Book Seller

→he 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.

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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.

Thank you for choosing to shop local not only for the holidays, but all year round.





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 gaslit 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.

Dates to mark down

Sundays, December 3, 10 & 17 from 1:30-6 p.m. Wednesdays, December 6 & 13 from 5-9 p.m.





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Grass Valley, CA 95945



A Christmas Favorite Returns: LeGacy Presents Scrooge

Submitted by LeGacy Presents

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 24 through December 24. The playwright, Rodger Hoopman, returns in his 45th 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), and Catz Forsman (Marley & Christmas Present). Alexis Phillips returns once again as Belle, young Ebenezer's love who he gives up for the "greater love of money." Phillips also takes a comedic turn as Mrs. Dilber, and an elegant turn as Fred's wife, Lilli. Raegan Wessinger, Jesse Hollister, and Chris Whitlock return in multiple roles. A true "newcomer" is Wolfgang Newcomer playing young Ebenezer & Fred.

"Lots of returnees with some fresh faces, too...a delightful new Tiny Tim (Valencia McCraner) with new siblings (Heidi Ward & Joss Martinez)...everyone gets to play multiple parts....except for Scrooge! There



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Art Works Gallery

rt Works Gallery opened their Adoors 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 more. 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 over \$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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can only be one of him!" Director/Producer Sue LeGate-Halford said.

LeGate-Halford added, "We are so lucky to have our original cre-

ative 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 24 through December 24. One Thursday night show, December 21 at 7 p.m., and four Sunday matinees on December 3, 10 & 17, and a special Christmas Eve closing matinee, December 24 at 2 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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The Wild & Scenic Film Festival

Inspiring environmental activism and a love for nature through film. WSFF shares an urgent call to action, encouraging festival-goers to learn more about what they can do to save our threatened planet. Save the Date for the Festival's 22nd edition: February 15-19, 2024.

The five-day flagship festival is held annually in Nevada City and Grass Valley, California. Featuring films, workshops, visiting filmmakers and activist talks, family-friendly programs, art exhibitions, parties, and more. The 2024 festival will be a hybrid model with all films available in person, and some films accessible virtually through the Eventive platform.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is presented by the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL). SYRCL was founded in 1983 to protect and preserve the Yuba River. It continues that mission today and has expanded its efforts throughout the entire watershed. Locally, SYRCL raises funds and awareness to recover California's wild salmon and protect the Yuba River watershed. WSFF is the largest annual fundraiser event to support SYRCL and its mission.

The film festival was established in honor of SYRCL's successful campaign to achieve state Wild & Scenic status for 39 miles of the South Yuba

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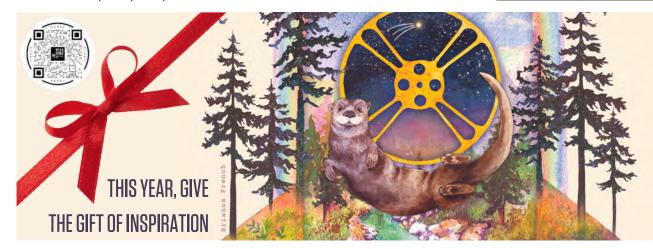
River. That victory took many years, thousands of volunteer hours and dollars and grassroots democracy on the river and at the Capitol. The film festival was born out of that spirit and it continues to be an event that celebrates and inspires activism.

The WSFF goes "On Tour" to around 150 events each year, partnering with groups working to protect and restore the important places in their communities. Wild & Scenic On Tour generates critical funds and increases awareness for grassroots environmental causes globally.

"Wild & Scenic continues to focus on storytelling and amplifying voices that have been systematically marginalized. Films serve as a potent tool to educate and inspire activism and growth, and Wild & Scenic is committed to offering programming that not only addresses environmental injustice, racism, and inequity in the outdoors and environmental movements but presents potential solutions and inspiration to take action as well," says Festival Director Lívia Campos de Menezes.



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Sing Joy with Sierra Master Chorale

Submitted by InConcert Sierra

Holiday joy and light is abundant as InConcert Sierra presents the Sierra Master Chorale and Orchestra "Sing Joy" concerts on **Saturday**, **December 16 and Sunday**, **December 17, 2023**.

Bringing a touch of magic to the holiday season, Conductor and SMC Music Director Alison Skinner has created a program that blends the calm darkness of winter with the warmth of seasonal lights and good cheer.

The program features "Lux Aeterna" by Morten Lauridsen, a choral masterpiece known for its beauty and ethereal qualities. The fact that it received a Grammy nomination shortly after its debut by the Los Angeles Master Chorale in 1997 speaks to its quality and impact. Lux Aeterna is known for its soaring melodies and clustered harmonic textures, which create a captivating and otherworldly musical experience. The second half of the program is full of joy, with a variety of carols and holiday songs. This includes a traditional bright Hanukkah song depicting a spinning dreidel in "S'Vivon," a sparkling Rutter carol



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The Center for the Arts in Grass Valley, CA is a cultural and educational organization that promotes and presents literary, visual and performing arts for the enrichment of our community.

The Center for the Arts has truly become the hub of arts for Nevada County. We are committed to bringing a diverse array of programming to western Nevada County, including music, dance, theater, film, visual art, comedy, youth arts education and literature. We manage and maintain a multi-use 21,000 square foot facility in downtown Grass Valley which includes a 492-seat Main Theater, a visual arts gallery, classroom space, and a 90 seat black box theater. We provide marketing and production services to support local artists and arts organizations, and collaborate with area nonprofits to provide event services and fundraising support.

The Center is the only cultural organization in Nevada County that offers such a variety of events to such a large demographic. In more than 150 performances a year, we serve audiences from 2- to 90-years-old and attract patrons from our area as well as Placer County, Sacramento, Tahoe, Reno and the Bay

In addition to improving the local quality of life through a rich arts scene, The Center's visibility in outlying regions makes it a viable economic engine for the county. The Center is committed to building Nevada County as a destination for the arts.





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"The Very Best Time of Year," the gorgeous melodies and wistful memories of "I'll be home for Christmas", Brahms' lovely arrangement ber orchestra composed of instrumentalists from the InConcert Sierra of "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming," and the lively and exuberant carol "Ding, Dong, Merrily on High."

The orchestra will be featured in an instrumental arrangement of the beloved" Carol of the Bells." There is something in this program for everyone, including sing-alongs of "Silver Bells" and "Deck the Hall." The combination of songs from different traditions and musical styles create a wonderful holiday experience, appealing to a wide range of musical tastes and spreading the joy of the season.

The choir is excited to share the joy of singing. "My favorite holiday piece from this season's program is....everything! The choir is such a spectacular group of people and such conscientious musicians, and just beautiful energy. I especially like the Lauridsen work, it is phenomenal and my first time performing it," said Liladevi Housholder, soprano.

Steve Nicholson, baritone, expressed his enthusiasm, "My favorite piece for this holiday concert is the 'Lux Aeterna'; it is such a great choral piece. I've sung it before with this choir, and anytime we get to perform it, it brings me immense joy."

The 60-member Sierra Master Chorale will perform with a 24-mem-Orchestra.

The 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.

> WHAT: Sing Joy with Sierra Master Chorale presented by InConcert Sierra

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m.

WHERE: 12889 Osborne Hill Road, Grass Valley, CA TICKETS: \$48 general (no added fees), youth under 18 free



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Nine-Foot Menorah to Light Up Nevada County

By Chyena Yusewitz

A lot has changed in Grass Valley in the past 13 years, since a letter Looking for Chanukah Candles was published in The Union, in which a Jewish resident writes how frustrating it was not to find a single box of Chanukah candles in the 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 norah, candles, dreidels, and chocolate gelt. community.

The highlight of this year's Chanukah events will be the 8th annual kindling of a public nine-foot Chanukah menorah erected at Robinson Plaza, 132 Main Street, Nevada City on **December 7**, followed by a community-wide outdoor celebration. 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 and encourage the right and liberty of all its citizens to worship God 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 Me-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.

About Chanukah

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights, begins



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.



Photos courtesy Elias Funez | Fire dancer Seguoia 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.



this year from December 7 to December 15. The History, Observances, and Customs of Chanukah can be found on www.JewishGV.com/Chanukah.

About the Sponsoring Organization

Chabad of Grass Valley offers Jewish education, outreach and social service programming for families and individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and affiliations. For more information, contact Rabbi Nochum Yusewitz at rabbi@JewishGV.com or 530-404-0020.



Chanukah Events Throughout the Week

- 8th Annual Menorah Lighting in Nevada City
 - Chanukah Glow Party for Children
 - Mommy & Me Chanukah Edition
 - Community Shabbat Chanukah Dinner
 - Car Menorah Procession
 - Latke Party
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Holidays at the Park

Submitted by Empire Mine

Celebrate the holiday season at Empire Mine State Historic Park! On Saturday, December 2nd from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., enjoy festive music and activities in the beautifully decorated historic grounds and buildings.

Candle dipping, tin punching, chestnut roasting, historic children's games, and blacksmithing demonstrations will be available for all. Tell Santa what's on your wishlist in the warmly decorated Clubhouse, tour the Bourn Cottage, and listen to the Cornish Choir and other live holiday music while you snack on Christmas cookies. See if you can find all of the pesky Cornish Piskies hidden around the grounds!

Doors open at 10 a.m., and the event begins at 11 a.m. Entrance fee is \$5 per person; age 5 and under are free. Fourth Graders and their families get in free with the California State Parks Adventure Pass (please obtain pass prior to arrival; visit www.parks.ca.gov/Adventure-Pass for information)

This annual event is organized in cooperation with the Sierra Gold Parks Foundation, a nonprofit organization that supports educational and interpretive programs for the three California State Parks in Western Nevada County.



LeGacy Presents

here'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 7th 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 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 45th 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!



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WHAT: Annual Park Holiday Event

WHEN: Saturday December 2, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

WHERE: Empire Mine State Historic Park,

10791 East Empire Street, Grass Valley CA

COST: \$5 per person; age 5 and under are free. Fourth Graders and families: free with California State Parks Adventure Pass



Photo courtesy California State Parks





Holidays at Miners Foundry

Submitted by Miners Foundry Cultural Center

Clara & The Nutcracker: December 7-10

The Miners Foundry Cultural Center and Holt Ballet Conservatory are pleased to present "Clara and The Nutcracker" in five performances from December 7 through 10, 2023.

Enjoy a delightful presentation of holiday cheer and tradition in historical Nevada City with a talented cast of dancers, colorful costumes, magical sets, and the wonderful music of the holidays. The Miners Foundry offers time-honored hospitality and HBC dancers bring vibrant energy and faithful dedication to the art of ballet in this classical favorite.

The Miners Foundry features a no-host full bar and treats will be available for purchase.

The Box Office opens one hour before each performance and the doors to the theatre open 30 minutes before each performance. Evening performances begin at 7 p.m. and Matinee performances begin at 1 p.m.

Enjoy family time together with this celebration of dance, music, and theater!



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Emily's Catering is not your average catering company, bakery, or event go to; they are EXCELLENT and should be at the top of your list for sweet and savory foods this holiday season. Emily's catering is not a traditional walk-in retail bakery, what they have created is a made to order specialty foods shop with seasonal holiday pop ups that go all out with the most amazing classic and comforting recipes.

When you step into their shop on Colfax Ave you will feel the love and attention to detail, you will be wowed by the presentation, and you will know that anything you select will taste as good as it looks. Open Thursdays and Fridays leading up to Christmas (plus Saturday December 22), their Holiday Pop Up Market has everything you need to fill your fridge in preparation for those busy holiday weekends. From seasonal dinners, vibrant soups and salads, famous layered polenta and lasagna casseroles, and the

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tastiest entrees will be made easy- just heat and serve. You will thank yourself later when you pick up Take and Bake items to fill your freezer, think about the fresh baked biscuits, cookies, cinnamon rolls, and turkey pot pie turnovers that could be in your future. Be the star of holiday events when you arrive with one of their bountiful appetizer trays, dessert bites platters, festive fudge or nostalgic cookie tins; their tried-and-true recipes will blow away even the most discerning of guests. The gift of food from Emily's is always appreciated by any hostess, office, or special teacher while showing you support local a business. Let Emily's do the work so you can enjoy precious moments with your family; count on Emily's Catering to make any meal complete this holiday season.



EmilysCateringandCakes.com

The Klezmatics—A Happy Joyous Hanukkah: December 13

The Miners Foundry Cultural Center is pleased to present The Klezmatics: A Happy Joyous Hanukkah, featuring songs by Woodie Guthrie on Wednesday, December 13, 2023. The bar opens at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m.

The Klezmatics are world-renowned and Grammy-winning superstars of the klezmer world. They erupted out of New York City's East Village in 1986 and revitalized klezmer for the new century with music that is steeped in Eastern European Jewish tradition and spirituality while incorporating contemporary themes such as human rights and anti-fundamentalism with eclectic musical influences including Arab, African, Latin and Balkan rhythms, jazz, and punk.

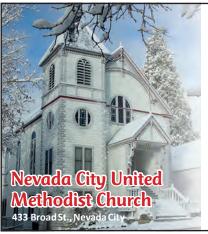
Nevada City Winter Craft Fair: December 17

Join us on Sunday, December 17, 2023, for the 12th Annual Nevada City Winter Craft Fair! We have over 70 of the top local Etsy crafters, designers, and artisans featuring handmade home decor, apparel, bath products, stationary, art, food, drinks, and more.

Nevada City Craft Fair is a juried exhibition of makers curated in the aesthetics of the modern rustic lifestyle that NCCF embodies. Hip, sustainable, yet innovative and whimsical represents the best of the region in our biennial craft fair held at the historic Miners Foundry in downtown Nevada City.

The first Nevada City Craft Festival was produced in the summer of 2010 by a group of local young crafters, artists, and social do-gooders who were inspired by the independent entrepreneurship and creative talents in their community as well as the success of the Renegade Craft Fairs across the US and Europe. The event continues to grow and to date has introduced over 10,000 attendees to more than 600 local and regional artists, designers, and crafters.

Nevada City Craft Fair is committed to presenting the freshest voices of the local hand-made movement, under one roof. Come celebrate with us!



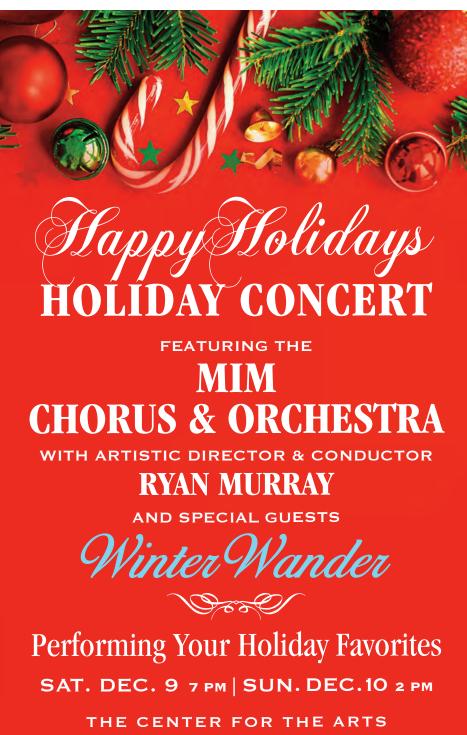
Craft Faire

Handcrafted gifts and goodies: needle arts, wood crafts, cards, candles, garden & home decor, toys, candy, iams & breads

> Santa will be available for photos (Bring your phone)

Fri and Sat, Nov 24 & 25, 10am – 4pm Sun, Nov 26, noon – 4pm Open for Victorian Christmas too!

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



314 W. MAIN STREET, GRASS VALLEY



32nd Annual Nevada County Toy Run

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 32nd 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, the 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 to 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 anticipation of the biker's arrival.

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Dear Residents of Nevada County.

In these interesting times with high interest rates and insurance costs, the real estate market still is strong, and inventory is low. Having said that, living in Nevada County is so special and I encourage everyone to enjoy all that this area has to offer! With the Holidays coming up, please support the local businesses who work so hard to bring great products and services to our community!

We also encourage you to support the local nonprofits that bring the quality of life we all enjoy here! \$10 per month can go a long way!

A sincere thank you to everyone and our wishes for a blessed Holiday Season! Team Simmons





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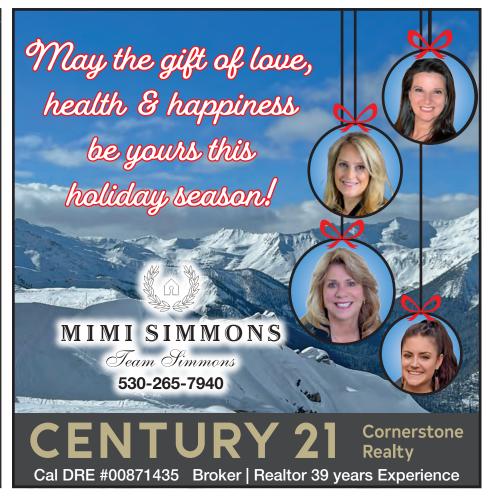
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Every year our partners IFM (Interfaith Food Ministry) and Nevada County Food Bank help make our Christmas dinners possible, to send home with every family in need. Without our sponsors, bikers, partners, and volunteers we could not make this happen. We are a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, if you aren't a biker and still want to participate, you can donate money, gift cards, and new toys the Friday before the event.

We will have vendors set up at the fairgrounds, food, drinks, and other items for sale. The bus dates will be posted soon for food donations.



Photo courtesy Elias Funez



This is our official invitation to all Nevada County Community members to find a spot along the parade route on December 9, 2023, to help cheer on all the bikers as they make their way to the fairgrounds. Help us mark the start of the holiday season in Nevada County, by joining us.

If you are interested in any aspect of the Nevada County Toy Run please feel free to check out Nevadacountytoyrun.com, nevadacountytoyrun@gmail.com, @nevadacountytoyrun on Facebook, or call us: Eric Oliver at 530-277-5004, or Chelci at 530-575-7127



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InConcert Sierra

A New Home

"As a kid, I went to my first InConcert Sierra concert in 1952, and that concert left an indelible mark," said Keith Porter, ICS board member. "More than 70 years later, ICS still attracts the best of emerging artists and world-renowned classical musicians from around the globe to perform in Grass Valley."

InConcert Sierra has presented classical music in Nevada County since 1946. In fall 2024, ICS will realize its dream of having a home for its concert series, InConcert Sierra Orchestra, Sierra Master Chorale, and expanding education programs.

The construction of its purposebuilt arts and cultural center for the community includes an acoustic concert hall, black box theater, and a conference center with an adjacent large kitchen.

"I strongly support this project and think it will create a sustainable future

for the Grass Valley/Nevada City Arts and Cultural District, encourage tourism, expand city and county revenues, and provide for community vitality that will enhance our highly desirable area," said Aimee Retzler, Executive Director of Sierra Harvest.

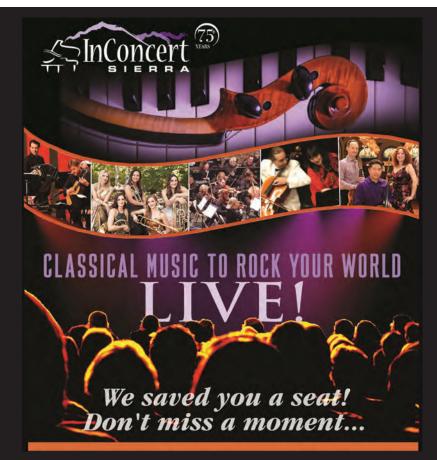
"The ICS project offers a rare acoustically designed venue for music which will be a jewel in the crown of Grass Valley. It will have great appeal to world-class artists and offer a supreme listening environment to diverse audiences. Having a venue with great acoustics is increasingly rare across the Country, this venue will become a beacon for high-quality acoustic concerts," says Alasdair Fraser, local resident, international touring musician, educator, and recording artist.

Tours and naming opportunities are available. For info, contact ICS.









December 16 & 17, 2023

Sierra Master Chorale

January 21, 2024

Jason Vieaux, guitar & Julien Labro, accordion

February 18, 2024

Wu Han, piano & David Finckel, cello

March 17, 2024

Fandango! Quartet

April 21, 2024

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May 19 & 20, 2024

Sierra Master Chorale

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Mail to: The Union Holiday Contest 464 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, CA 95945 Or scan and email to dscott@theunion.com For more information, please call 477-4237 For 3rd to 5th graders. Write your holiday poem on any holiday subject and submit to The Union by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. The poem must be written in black and fit in the space provided above. Selected poems will be featured in The Union on Dec. 23!

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CRAFTS & FRAMES

Holiday Coloring Contest



For Kindergartners to 2nd graders. Color the image and submit it by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. The artist of the first, second and third place colorings will receive a gift card to Ben Franklin and will be featured in The Union on Dec. 23.

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Holiday Calendar of Events

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIRE

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

Friday & Saturday, Nov. 24-25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Sunday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Nevada County Fairgrounds

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. 24 & Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22; 6-9 p.m.

Historic Downtown Grass Valley

(530) 272-8315 or downtowngrassvalley.com

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Nov. 24, 6-6:30 p.m.

Mill St., Union Building steps, Downtown Grass Valley

OFF BROADSTREET PRESENTS

Old Time Christmas Radio
Nov. 25 to Dec. 23, varying show times
305 Commercial Street, Nevada City
offbroadstreet.com

SCROOGE

LeGacy Productions' 2023 holiday presentation **Saturdays & Sundays Nov. 26 through Dec. 26, 7:30 p.m. (2 p.m. matinees on Dec. 12, 24, 26)** Nevada Theatre, 401 Broad Street, Nevada City (530) 913-2826 or legacypresents.com

CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS

Mark O'Connor's "An Appalachian Christmas"

Dec. 1, 8 - 10 p.m. (doors at 7 p.m.)

314 W. Main St., Grass Valley

(530) 274-8384 or thecenterforthearts.org

ADVENT DINNER AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Dec. 3, 5-8 p.m. (dinner at 6 p.m.) 18851 Hwy. 20 Nevada City holytrinitynevadacity.org

CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS

Tower of Power—Holiday & Hits Tour

Dec. 5, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

314 W. Main St., Grass Valley

(530) 274-8384 or thecenterforthearts.org

CENTER FOR THE ARTS PRESENTS

Happy Holidays Concert

Saturday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m.
314 W. Main St., Grass Valley
(530) 274-8384 or thecenterforthearts.org

8TH ANNUAL PUBLIC MENORAH LIGHTING

Dec. 7, 5 p.m.

Robinson Plaza, downtown Nevada City

TRUCKEE COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS

A Christmas Story—The Musical

Dec. 1-10, Fridays & Saturdays 7 p.m., Sundays 2 p.m.

10046 Church St. Truckee

Truckeecommunitytheater.com

HOLIDAYS AT THE EMPIRE MINE

Live music, Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus, and more! Saturday, Dec. 2, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
Empire Mine State Historic Park
10791 E. Empire Street
(530) 273-8522

ANNUAL NORTH COLUMBIA SCHOOLHOUSE HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRE

December 2-3, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

North Columbia Schoolhouse

17894 Tyler Foote Road

(530) 265-2826 or northcolumbiaschoolhouse.org

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Festive feasting, wandering carolers, live entertainment, and more! Sundays, Dec. 3, 10 & 17 from 1:30-6 p.m.
Wednesdays, Dec. 6 & 13 from 5-9 p.m.
Downtown Historic Nevada City
(530) 265-2692 or nevadacitychamber.com



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MINERS FOUNDRY AND HOLT BALLET CONSERVATORY PRESENT

Clara and the Nutcracker

December 7-10

Miners Foundry Cultural Center 325 Spring St., Nevada City (530) 265-5040 or minersfoundry.org

BEAR RIVER MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

Holiday Music Social
Dec. 8, at 6 p.m.
Bear River High School Multi-Purpose Room
11130 Magnolia Rd., Grass Valley
brtheater.org

NEVADA COUNTY FOOD & TOY RUN

Starting at the Rood Center, through downtown Nevada City & Grass Valley, ending at the Nevada County Fairgrounds
Parade will start **December 9, noon**

Nevadacountytoyrun.com or @nevadacountytoyrun on Facebook

MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS PRESENTS

Happy Holidays—Music for the Community

Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2 p.m.

The Center for the Arts, 314 W Main St., Grass Valley Musicinthemountains.org

NEVADA UNION CHOIR WINTER CONCERT

Thursday, Dec. 14, 7-9 p.m. NUHS Don Baggett Theater nuchoir.org

MINERS FOUNDRY PRESENTS

The Klezmatics: A Happy Joyous Hanukkah Dec. 13, 8 - 11 p.m. Miners Foundry Cultural Center 325 Spring St., Nevada City (530) 265-5040 or minersfoundry.org



Gold Country Kuk Sool Won

Gold Country Kuk Sool Won is owned and operated by husband and wife team, Tony and Lila Reyna. Now in its 29th year of business in Nevada County, Gold Country Kuk Sool Won is truly a family martial arts school with current students ranging in age from 3-80. Gold Country Kuk Sool Won has 400 students with over 63 active Black Belts.

Kuk Sool won is a comprehensive Korean martial art. The motto at Gold Country Kuk Sool won is:



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etiquette, patience and practice. We believe if you have good etiquette, are patient and work hard, then there are few things you won't be able to accomplish in life. The success of Gold Country Kuk Sool won is from the positive family atmosphere and the mutual respect that has made an impact in our lives and in the community as well.

In today's fast paced world many families are seeking a way to slow down and spend quality time together. There are few activities that families and couple can do together and receive the same physical and mental benefits as in Kuk Sool Won. The classes' high energy and positive atmosphere helps students reach their full potential while allowing them to progress at their own pace.



www.goldcountrykuksoolwon.com



NEVADA CITY WINTER CRAFT FAIR

Over 70 local crafters, designers, and artisans selling their wares Dec. 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Miners Foundry Cultural Center 325 Spring St., Nevada City (530) 265-5040 or minersfoundry.org

INCONCERT SIERRA PRESENTS

Sierra Master Chorale's Sing Joy Program Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Seventh-day Adventist Church, 12889 Osborne Hill Road Inconcertsierra.org or (530) 273-3990

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Christmas Blessings to All May Hope, Peace, Love and Joy abound in you this Christmas.

We invite you to join us in preparing for Christmas

Music & Inspiration for Christmas Wednesdays, 6pm

Starting November 29 with a Choral Christmas Evening

Sunday, Dec. 17 at 4pm A German Christmas Service

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 10am Worship Service with Holy Communion 4pm Candlelight Service



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BriarPatch Food Co-op

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We support Fair Trade, Certified Organic and Regenerative producers and work closely with local farmers to plan crops and ensure the sustainability of a local food system. We're building a delicious food movement, one bite at a time and are proud to announce that our second store location opened in August on Bell Road in Auburn!



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