



FUNDING REQUEST: Arts and Culture El Dorado respectfully requests funding support from the General Fund for fiscal year 2024-2025, in the amount of \$95,600. In deliberating this request, we ask that you consider of the following:

- Now in its 40th year, Arts and Culture El Dorado is designated by the Board of Supervisors as the agency responsible for supporting culture and the arts throughout the County, and serves as the State-Local Partner to the California Arts Council. Throughout the State, nearly all County arts agencies receive support from their County governments; this is an important statement by decision-makers about quality of life in every County.
- In 2022, Arts and Culture was awarded funding of 50 cents per capita for a total of \$95,600. (The statewide average for county arts funding is 63 cents per capita.) In consideration of County budget constraints, our request has remained the same since that time, even though we are adding new programs all the time. Please see Programs marked **NEW**, starting on Page 5.
- Our programs and services reach every supervisorial district, with programs for veterans, families, older adults and caregivers, young people, and the general public. We provide services for artists, arts organizations, and visitors to our region. We work with schools and libraries, senior centers, merchants, nonprofits, and municipal and County departments.
- In addition to targeted programs and services, we engage in strategic planning and other focused initiatives that create the foundation necessary to build vibrant communities.
- Switchboard Gallery presents exhibitions and events that celebrate what is special about El Dorado County and has attracted visitors from 480 unique zip codes (see attached zip code list). Our recent exhibition *SENDING IT: Climbing El Dorado* attracted over 900 visitors alone over a 2-month period.
- Funding from El Dorado County is used to leverage other grants and awards at approximately a 2:1 ratio, bringing another \$200,000 in economic development to El Dorado County. In 2023, our work with the Office of Arts and Culture in Sacramento brought over \$768,000 in arts funding to the County. It is critical that a county arts agency be in place to support the creative ecosystem necessary to bring state and federal taxpayer dollars home.
- As a small nonprofit, we operate at maximum efficiency, with a small organizational footprint and the ability to respond quickly to the needs of our constituency and the community. It would not be possible for a County department to duplicate our programs, services, and resources without a cost increase of several hundred percent.
- It is important to note that while County funds will not be allocated to each and every program or project itemized in the cultural activities proposed for fiscal year 2025, it is the County's operational support that enables this broad range of services countywide. A scope of services with specific deliverables will be developed upon the funding decision.

Following is a summary of our cultural activities for the current fiscal year, and a look ahead to the proposed activities for the next fiscal year.

Please note that our public programs are always free and open to all. An asterisk* denotes programs that are ongoing from FY 2024 to FY 2025.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FY 2023, COMPLETED AND PENDING:

***Arts Incubator:** We provide fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services to help build the capacity of cultural projects and emerging arts groups which are not 501(c)(3) organizations. Donations made to the project through the Incubator are considered charitable in nature and may be tax-deductible. Arts and Culture El Dorado accepts Incubator projects which have an arts and culture focus and serve the public good. We currently host ten projects in the Incubator (up from six last year at this time): Arts and Culture Alpine County, Camino Roundabout Sculpture Project, The Green Room Artists Fund, Veraison, One Thread, Placerville Friends of Tibet, See the Elephant, Studio 81, Sugar Skull Art Walk, and Red Paint Collective, representing performing, visual, and literary arts, and cultural heritage.

***Poetry Out Loud:** Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation competition for high school students. In El Dorado County, the competition is administered by Arts and Culture El Dorado in partnership with the California Arts Council. A vehicle for inspiration and instruction, Poetry Out Loud provides students with a variety of resources to help them memorize, interpret, and recite poetry, instilling in students not just an appreciation of poetry, but also a sense of accomplishment and confidence in their public speaking abilities. In March 2023, our winning students hailed from Oak Ridge High School, Charter University Prep, and Union Mine High School.

***Young Artist Awards:** Arts and Culture El Dorado's Young Artist Awards honor the memory of four bright lights in our community who were great supporters of the arts, and whose lives represent the talent, thoughtfulness, generosity, and commitment to our community that make El Dorado County such a special place to live. These awards are presented to outstanding high school juniors and seniors in each of four categories: music, visual art, theater, and nature-inspired art of any discipline. The awards are:

- Richard H. Bush Award for Music
- Joey Cattone Award for Visual Art
- Lanny Langston Award for Theater
- Jane Van Camp Award for Nature-Inspired Art

Students will be nominated by El Dorado County high school teachers. The four families will participate in the selection process, and an honorarium of \$500 will be presented to each awardee. An awards ceremony, which will be free and open to the public, will take place at the Switchboard Gallery, 525 Main Street, Placerville, on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

The students who receive these awards will exemplify the talent and immense potential of our El Dorado County high school students. As an annual program, the Young Artist Awards will continue to celebrate the great promise of younger generations and honor the lives and legacies of the “bright lights” who came before them.

***Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop:** Veterans' Voices is a free and ongoing writing workshop that is open to all veterans, from any branch of service. It offers a supportive environment and the tools needed for the writing of fiction and nonfiction stories, service related or not, as well as memoir, poetry and drama. Newcomers are always welcome. For fiscal year 2024 we will complete 32 workshops and have published our latest anthology of work from the program, this year entitled *Around the Table*, containing 25 stories by 12 of our veteran writers.

The Big Read: A literary festival featuring events and workshops at El Dorado County libraries through June 2024, including book talks, cross-generational “story swap”, self-portrait workshops, a graphic anthology, StorySlam, oral history collecting, artists talks, and “A Picture’s Worth” gallery exhibition. The Big Read broadens our understanding of our world, our neighbors, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience. Showcasing a diverse range of themes, voices, and perspectives, The Big Read aims to inspire meaningful conversations, artistic responses, and new discoveries and connections in each community. El Dorado County is participating by sharing in the experience of reading *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?*, by Roz Chast.

Placerville Public Art Plan: Arts and Culture El Dorado was awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to work with the City of Placerville in the creation of a public art plan. This plan, which was included in the City of Placerville Strategic Plan for 2023-24, convened focus groups for community discussions about our civic identity; key elements from the discussions will be incorporated into the plan and guidelines so that all voices will contribute to Placerville’s public art in years to come. The plan has now been finalized and will be presented to City Council on 4/9/24.

***Old City Hall Renovation/Center for Arts and Agriculture:** Arts and Culture has established a partnership with the City of Placerville to work collaboratively on renovating Confidence Hall and the Emigrant Jane Stuart Building. The project is entering the final phase of structural investigation, and fundraising is ongoing. The Old Telephone Building will be repurposed as the Center for Arts and Agriculture, and when complete, the three spaces will form a vibrant hub of cultural and educational resources, firmly rooted in the character and culture of rural El Dorado County.

***Gallery Exhibitions: All Gallery Exhibitions are accompanied by a full-color professional exhibition catalogue, free to gallery visitors; free public programs are also developed for each exhibition, such as an artist talk, film screening, workshop, or other public event.**

FIRE/LAND: Knowing the Territory. A multimedia exhibition produced in partnership with American River Conservancy, Myrtle Tree Arts and lead artist Ameera Godwin. In conjunction with a live performance at Wakamatsu Farm, this exhibition was a creative exploration of wildfire, ecological change, and resilience in El Dorado County, and included several public events and performances. Closed August 6, 2023.

Details + Materials: Works by Claudine Granthem. This exhibition honored the work of long-time El Dorado County resident Claudine Granthem. With a strong oeuvre that consists of painting, wood and metal sculpture, and drawings, Granthem's work is at once architectural and deeply human. August 24 – October 1, 2023.

Sugar Skull Art Walk: Honoring Our Ancestors. The Sugar Skull Art Walk is a community project that engages local artist-designers in creating Day of the Dead “ofrendas” on Main Street. The goal of

this project is to help unify communities through art, music, and the shared human experience of loss. The ofrendas were on view in Switchboard Gallery from October 15 to November 4, 2023.

SENDING IT: Climbing El Dorado. This exhibition examined the unique and world-renowned climbing features perched along Hwy 50. The exhibition focuses on Lover's Leap, Phantom Spires, and Sugarloaf - three large granite outcroppings that attract climbers from around the globe. Taking a grass-roots curatorial approach, the exhibition combines community sourced photographs with images from the personal archives of legendary climber Royal Robbins, along with maps, ephemera, oral histories and video presentations. Presented in Placerville November 16, 2023, to January 28, 2024, and in South Lake Tahoe from February 23 to April 21, 2024. Special presentation by Ben Gabriel, President of the American Alpine Club, on January 23, 2024. This exhibition attracted over 900 visitors to Switchboard Gallery.

Youth Arts Month: EDHS Student Takeover at Switchboard Gallery. In honor of National Youth Art Month, Arts and Culture El Dorado is excited to launch our first annual Youth Arts Exhibition, showcasing artworks created by El Dorado County youth, grades 9-12. This Spring 2024, El Dorado High School students will take over Switchboard Gallery, curating a show of their own works. Each successive year we'll feature a different high school, focusing on the youth culture of each unique El Dorado County community.

Ars Vinifera: The Art of the Wine Label. Celebrating the symbiosis of art and agriculture, this exhibition will showcase original artworks that grace the labels of El Dorado County's world class wines. This exhibition will complement El Dorado Wines Passport Weekend. April 11 – May 19, 2024.

A Picture's Worth: The Big Read at the Gallery. This exhibition of illustrator Gavin Sellers-Norman's original work features illustrations inspired by community-sourced oral histories and original audio recordings by personal historian Mariah Padilla. Opens with a reception on May 23 at 6 pm and runs through June 30, 2024.

***Switchboard Connections:** El Dorado County Poet Laureate Emerita Lara Gularte holds workshops in the Switchboard Gallery, during which the works on display are considered as inspiration for poetry. Poems written during these workshops will be read at public poetry readings in the Gallery.

***Promotion of Cultural Activities:** To date, 208 eblasts and social media posts have promoted the music and poetry events, art openings, tours, classes, arts opportunities, and many other cultural activities available throughout El Dorado County. In partnership with the South Lake Tahoe Arts, Culture and Tourism Commission and the Tahoe Art League, a special "sampler" eblast is sent on a regular basis highlighting special things to do and see in the South Lake Tahoe region.

The summer issue of our publication *ARTS 99* profiled Superintendent Dr. Ed Manansala, celebrated promising students who received Young Artist Awards and participated in Poetry Out Loud, and publicized a daylong, interactive exhibition of art from local Veterans at the Veterans Memorial Building in Placerville. The fall issue included stories about American River Conservancy's "Concerts for a Cause", the influential local artist Claudine Granthem, two important cultural hubs in Georgetown, Art on the Divide and Music on the Divide, and several local grassroots arts organizations who were the recipients of a prestigious California Creative Corps grant. The winter issue focused on a public art installation from

local sculptor Terry Bennet, Georgetown-based poet Stephen Meadows, who was recently announced as the 2023-2025 El Dorado County Poet Laureate, and an exhibition celebrating the history and culture of El Dorado County's storied climbing community. The upcoming issue will highlight the work of local artist Justin Sawyer, who is constructing an enormous sculpture celebrating El Dorado County's wine region, and "Closer to Home", a California Creative Corps project that is working with LGBTQ youth in the region.

Creative Currents, our column in the Mountain Democrat, featured profiles of Heather Freer, beloved Drama teacher at Union Mine High School; James Marquez, former director of Center Street Gallery and the Foothill Indian Education Alliance; Charlotte Higgins, a celebrated playwright living and working in El Dorado County; Darby Patterson, a local author and sculptor creating a bronze tribute to the Heroes of the Caldor Fire; Zack Pangborn, proprietor and curator of Main Street's Volution Gallery; Brian Hayes and Sarah Murray, legends of the local pottery community; and Blue Barn Provisions, a local business operated by Christine and Edouard Wehr. The upcoming column will feature Justin Boyd, owner of Marco's Cafe and lead organizer of the Golden Road Gathering music festival at the El Dorado County fairgrounds.

***Public Art/Signage for Camino Roundabout and Meyers Roundabouts:** Arts and Culture El Dorado is assisting with planning, development, and fundraising for a sculptural element to grace the new roundabout in Camino. In addition, Arts and Culture is working with the office of Supervisor Brooke Laine and County transportation staff on elements for the two Meyers roundabouts.

***Poet Laureate/Laureate Trail:** We have inaugurated our fourth Poet Laureate, Stephen Meadows of Georgetown. Stephen, who has long been passionate about the crucial importance of early life literacy, is working with young people on poetry workshops and readings, with the goal of instilling an enduring love of poetry and a facility with language and the literary arts. Having a background as an educator in the BOMUSD system, he will work in schools, after school programs, and the library system. He hopes to include families in the process, so that parents learn about the importance of literacy and exposure to the literary arts and continue to prioritize them in their childrens' lives after Stephen's poetry project concludes. We have begun to develop our Laureate Trail schedule for 2024-25, with poetry events at all six County libraries. On September 8, 2023, we presented California Poet Laureate Lee Herrick at a special event at the Placerville Library.

***Colors From the Farm:** In early May 2024, we will once again partner with Ag in the Classroom and participate in Farm Day, the hands-on field trip for third-graders to learn about the role of agriculture in our everyday lives. Our project is called "Colors From the Farm" and invites the kids to learn about dyes made from fruits and vegetables and then create a hand-dyed fabric all their own.

***California Creative Corps:** In partnership with the Sacramento Office of Arts and Culture, we are serving as the communications hub for this statewide program to create job opportunities for local artists and arts organizations. In 2024 we held information sessions and offered grant-writing assistance and grant sponsorship for this important opportunity. A total of \$768,070 was awarded to organizations in El Dorado County.

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES FY 2025, PROPOSED:

NEW: South Lake Tahoe Strategic Arts Planning: Currently in development with the City of South Lake Tahoe and the South Lake Tahoe Arts, Culture and Tourism Commission. In late 2023, Arts and Culture El

Dorado held a series of conversations with City leaders regarding the mission of the ACT Commission, and culture and the arts generally in South Lake Tahoe. It was determined that focused strategic arts planning for the region could help create a unifying cultural vision, and that this planning initiative should include the City of South Lake Tahoe as well as the unincorporated areas of the County within the Tahoe Basin.

NEW: Main Street Public Art Project: Arising from a request through a Community Enhancement Fund at the El Dorado Community Foundation, this project will develop artworks along Main Street that, in accordance with the new Placerville Public Art Plan, tell all the stories of Placerville’s illustrious past.

NEW: Theater Roundtable: In response to requests from our theatrical community, Arts and Culture will inaugurate an annual Theater Roundtable. At these events, theater artists and practitioners will be able to network, exchange ideas and resources, and build a strong and vibrant countywide theater scene.

NEW: Strategic Arts Education Planning with the County Office of Education: Arts and Culture is in the development stages of strategic arts planning with EDCOE. One specific focus will be Prop 28, the voter-back Art and Music K-12 Education Funding Initiative. Arts and Culture has made specific inroads into navigating this important opportunity, which will bring over \$4.2 million to El Dorado County school districts.

NEW: Veterans Voices Playwriting Workshop: Based on the ongoing creative writing workshop for vets, this program will explore the art of playwriting with a play developed by the veterans themselves and produced using professional actors.

NEW: Upper Room Creative Workshops: In collaboration with The Upper Room, we will offer regular writing and art-making workshops for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

NEW: Makers Market: We have received consistent feedback from the public that a Makers Market would be a welcome opportunity for artists and artisans to showcase and sell their work. We are exploring this possibility with locations in each supervisorial district.

NEW: Slope and Basin: Our new biannual literary journal will publish poetry and prose by poets and writers based in El Dorado County. The journal, named for the Western Slope of the Sierra and the Lake Tahoe Basin, which are separated by the Sierra Nevada’s towering “Granite Curtain”, will serve as a literary bridge between geographically and culturally disconnected communities within our rural County.

NEW: Three Cities, Three Stories: Building on the success of the NEA Big Read program, Arts and Culture will present focused literary festivals in partnership with local bookstores – in El Dorado Hills at Face in a Book, in Placerville at The Bookery, and in South Lake Tahoe at Cuppa Tahoe. Book talks, story swaps, readings, and films on the themes of each chosen book will be presented.

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Spectres on Glass: Images and Stories from Placerville's Early Photography Studios. Featuring original glass negatives from the early 1900s, this exhibition pictures residents of Placerville past. Left in the attic above Main Street's historic Newspaper Company, these negatives hail from the original portrait studio that inhabited the building's second floor. Ghostly images of babies, families, and individuals grace the glass plates alongside reproductions of the positive photographic prints. We take a look at the individual's stories, the photographer's practice, as well as the architectural history of Main Street. July and August 2024.

Slope and Basin: Visualizing the Written Word from Tahoe and the Western Slope. To celebrate the launch of Arts and Culture's new literary publication, this exhibition will offer an immersive experience into the visuality of language. Shops on Main Street will display lines of poetry and prose, transforming the street into one cohesive literary experience.

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Works Progress: The W.P.A. in El Dorado County. This exhibition will explore and celebrate W.P.A. projects in Placerville and projects in and around El Dorado County, and will include the history of the Works Progress Administration and its New Deal sister programs, the Public Works of Art Project, the Section on Painting and Sculpture, and the Treasury Relief Act. In collaboration with El Dorado Gold 1848, we will present a special focus on W.P.A. artist Tom E. Hall, whose *Forest Genetics* mural graces the headquarters of EDG 1848, next door to Switchboard Gallery. November-December 2024

Art and Technology. In partnership with the Innovation Center at Folsom Lake College, an exploration of electronics and technology as artistic mediums. Unprecedented in El Dorado County, this exhibition features repurposing of archaic technologies and creative uses for coding and computer programming. January-February 2025

Following the Thread: Fiber Arts and Artists. A look at regional fiber arts production, with focus on locally-sourced fibers - both from animal and plant sources. This exhibition will highlight the processing of fibers by local makers and artists: from raw wool and plant fibers to finished product. March- April 2025.

Rafting El Dorado. The American is one of the country's premier recreational rivers, with its Middle and South Forks winding through our region. This exhibition pays tribute to the rich history and vivid culture of whitewater rafting in El Dorado County. Drawing from oral histories, news archives, documentary films, and photographs, we'll dive into how this industry shapes our region. May-June 2025.

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***Poet Laureate/Laureate Trail:** Our new Poet Laureate for 2023-2025 will embark on the Laureate Trail, with stops at all six El Dorado County Public Libraries, as well as a special poetry project of his/her own design.

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APPENDICES:

1. Arts and Culture El Dorado info card
2. Arts Incubator Projects
3. Poetry Out Loud and Young Artist Awards
4. Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop
5. The Big Read
6. Old City Hall Renovation Project
7. Gallery Exhibition Catalogues
8. Gallery Visitors by Zip Code
9. *Arts 99*
10. 2023 Annual Report

POETRY OUT LOUD

Youth poetry recitation competition

ARTS 99

Quarterly publication with cultural news and interviews

YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS

Cash awards for artistic excellence among El Dorado County high school students

POET LAUREATE

Honoring a noted local poet



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VETERAN'S VOICES WRITING WORKSHOP

Ongoing writing workshops and published anthologies



SWITCHBOARD GALLERY

Exhibitions celebrating the unique culture of El Dorado County

COLORS FROM THE FARM

Third-graders learn about plant-based dyes on Farm Day

LAUREATE TRAIL

Poet Laureate's literary tour of El Dorado County

THE BIG READ

Countywide book talks, oral histories, films and more

SWITCHBOARD CONNECTIONS

Poetry events in the Gallery



PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN

Community-driven plan for public art in Placerville

CAMINO ROUNDABOUT BEAUTIFICATION

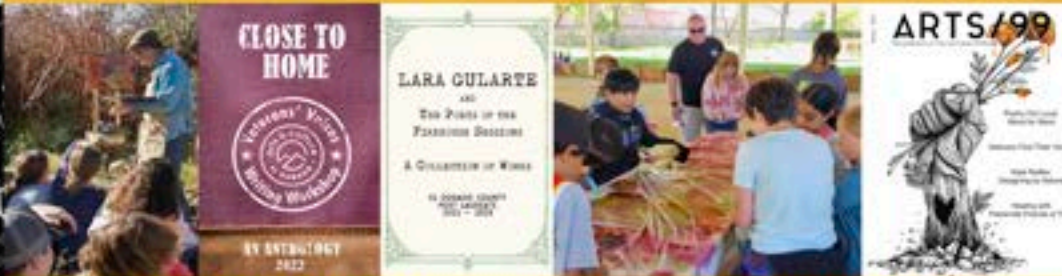
Sculptural element for traffic circle

POET LAUREATE CHAPBOOK

Published chapbook of works written during a poet's tenure as Laureate

CREATIVE CURRENTS

Interviews of local creatives for monthly Mountain Democrat column



FISCAL SPONSORSHIP

Support services to emerging cultural groups

LOCAL PROJECTS

Creates partnerships among cultural projects

CULTURAL IMPACT

Philanthropy ripple effect

SIERRA RE:LEAF

Wildfire recovery and recovery

Arts Incubator Projects



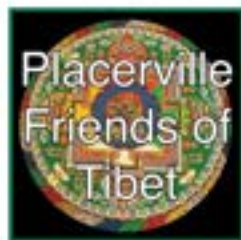
Arts and Culture Alpine County provides leadership to support, promote, and connect arts and culture in Alpine County.



Green Room Artists Fund provides funding for entertainment and performing artists in El Dorado County.



One Thread's mission is to empower individuals, groups and communities, through knitting lessons with expert instructors and quality materials.



Placerville Friends of Tibet shares the culture of Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism within our region's communities.



The mission of See the Elephant! is to make performance more accessible by providing opportunities and building partnerships in theatre and dance.



Studio 81 is the drama club at El Dorado High School's theatre department under the direction of Program Director Paul Tomei.



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Red Paint Collective advances wellness, reclamation, and sovereignty of Native, Indigenous and Latino Cultural Arts.



Young Artist Award Winners 2023



Poetry Out Loud Finalists 2024



Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop

Veterans' Voices is a free ongoing writing workshop that is open to all El Dorado County veterans from any branch of service. It offers a supportive environment and the tools necessary for the writing of fiction and nonfiction stories, novels, memoir, poetry and drama. Arts and Culture El Dorado administers the program, which is supported in part by the California Arts Council and the County of El Dorado Veterans Affairs Commission.

This program is also funded in part by Creative Forces: NEA Military Healing Arts Network, an initiative of the National Endowment in partnership with the U.S. Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs. Creative Forces Community Engagement Grant program is managed by Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Information about the Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop can be found at www.ArtsAndCultureElDorado.org

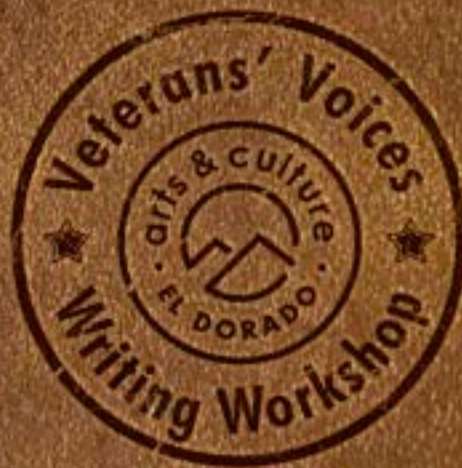
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ABOUT THE WORKSHOP LEADER

Jack Carman received his B.A. from Fresno State in 1975, with a teaching credential in English, and earned a Masters in Liberal Arts from CSU Sacramento, in 2011. He has taught high school English for 17 years, has 10 years of experience in alternative education, and 15 years in mainstream education. He has also facilitated a number of adult writing classes.

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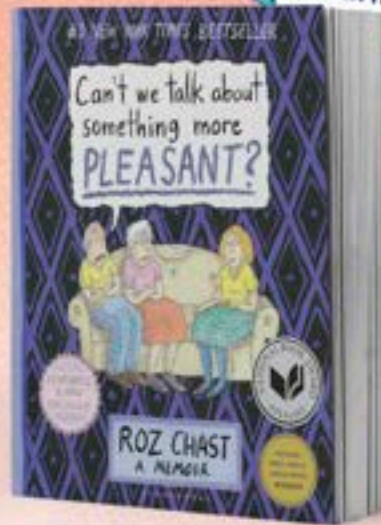
Veterans' Voices

AN ANTHOLOGY 2023



NEA Big READ

Featuring



A literary festival featuring events and workshops at El Dorado County libraries through May 2024

Book Talks • Cross-Generational Story Swap
Self-portrait Workshops • Graphic Anthology • StorySlam
Artist Talk • "A Picture's Worth" Gallery Exhibition

Schedule of Events

Visit artsandcultureeldorado.org, scan the QR code, visit your local El Dorado Co. library branch, or call (530) 295-3496. to request a schedule.



KICKOFF EVENT

Saturday, 1.27.24 @ 2pm -
Placerville Library - 345 Fair Lane - Placerville
Get a free copy of "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant" and join us for talks and a short film screening.



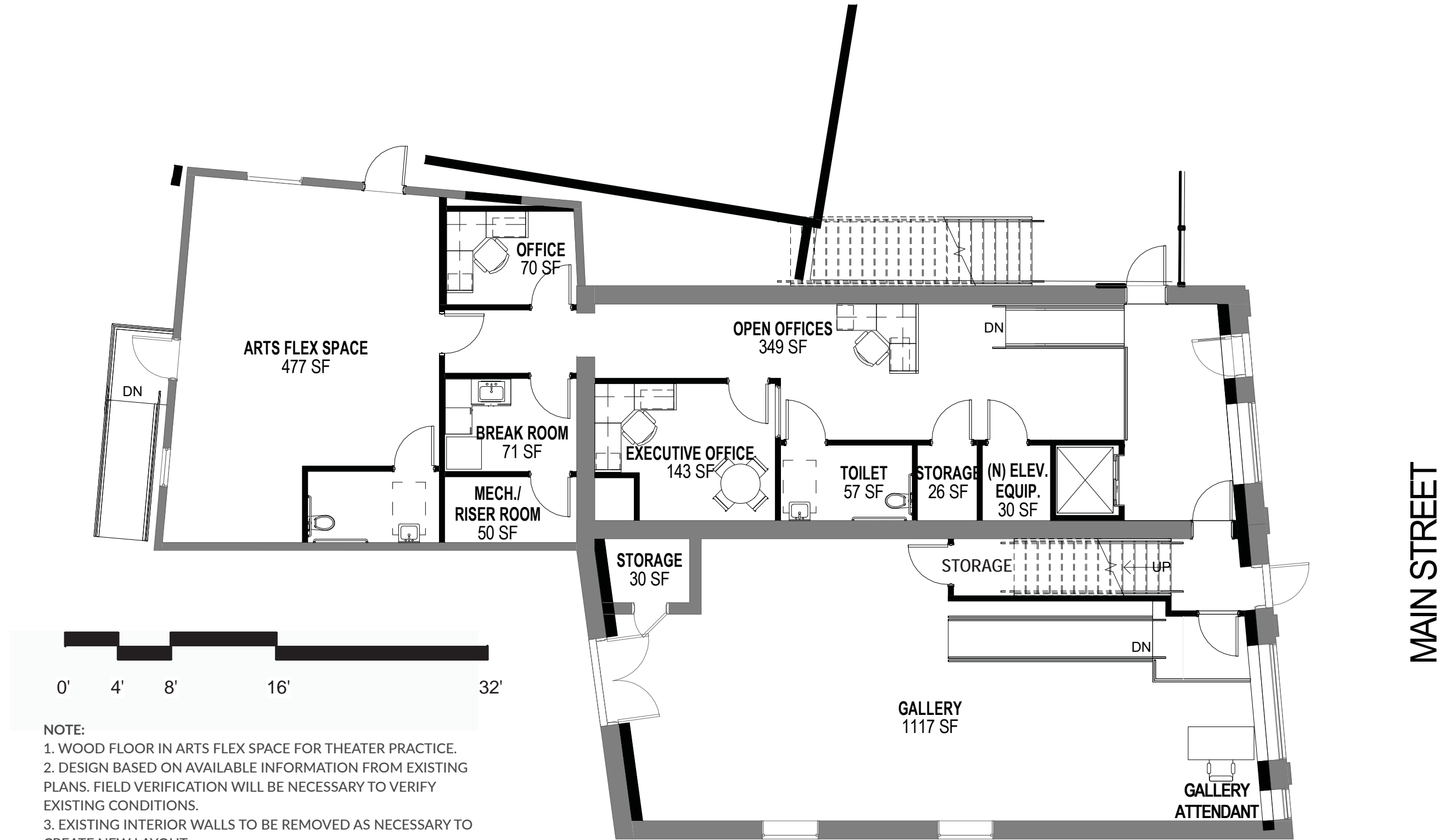
We want to hear your story!
Sign up to sit in our **STORY RECORDING BOOTH**

Hosted at 4 branch libraries. Recorded stories will be compiled into an oral history anthology featuring an original soundtrack

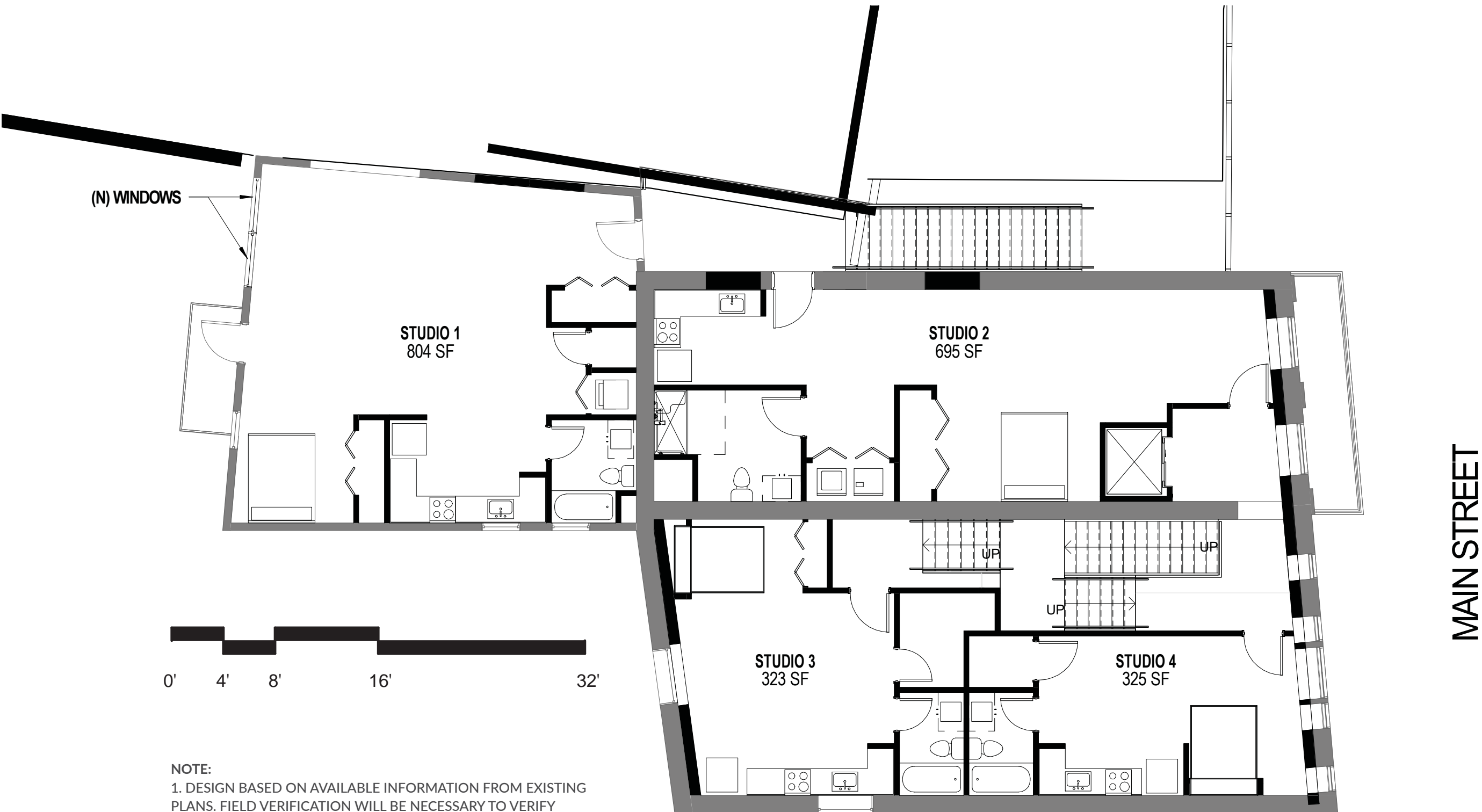


NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

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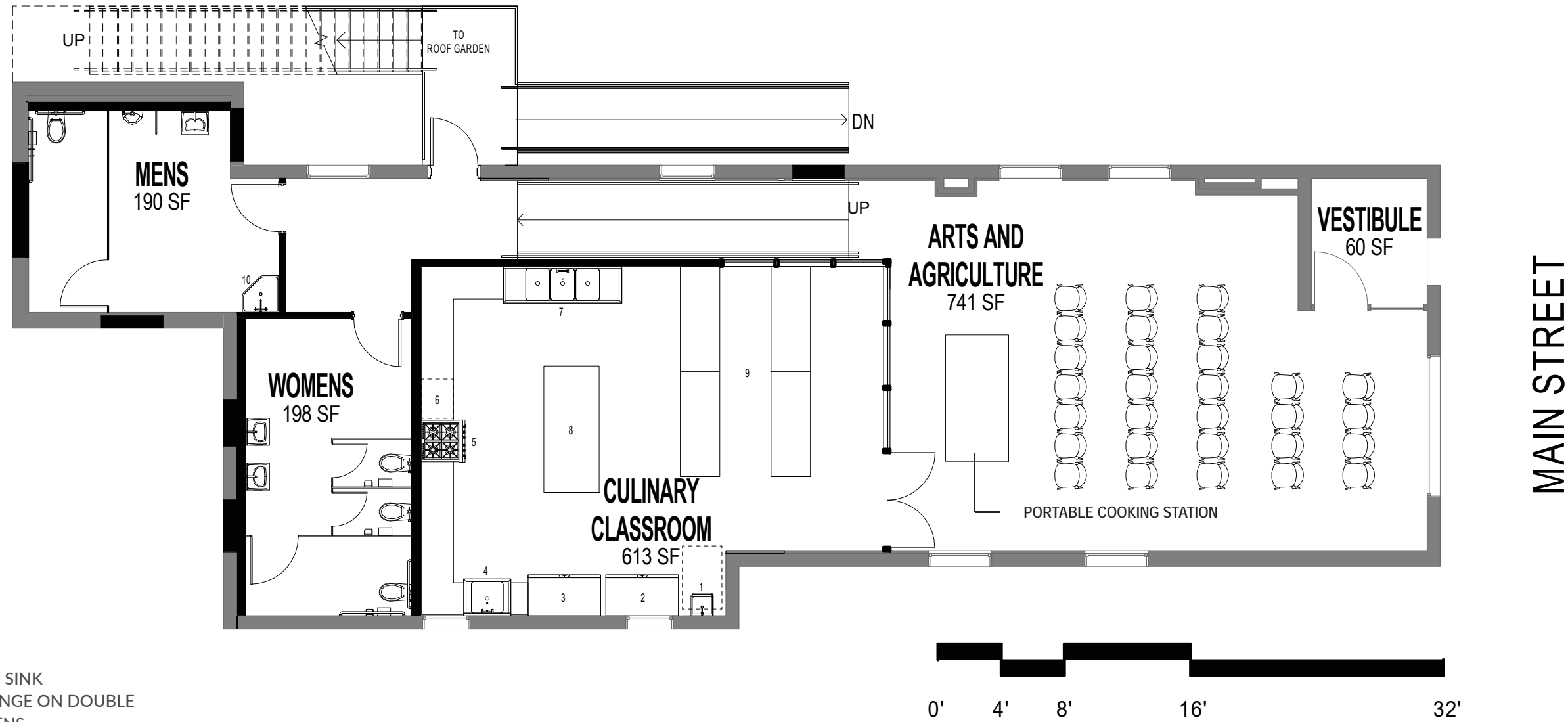


CONFIDENCE & EMIGRANT JANE BUILDINGS - LEVEL 01
GALLERY, OFFICE, AND ARTS FLEX SPACE - THEATER & DANCE REHEARSAL SPACE, OPTION 1



NOTE:
 1. DESIGN BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM EXISTING PLANS. FIELD VERIFICATION WILL BE NECESSARY TO VERIFY EXISTING CONDITIONS.
 2. EXISTING INTERIOR WALLS TO BE REMOVED AS NECESSARY TO CREATE NEW LAYOUT.

**CONFIDENCE & EMIGRANT JANE BUILDINGS - LEVEL 02
 STUDIO APARTMENTS**



LEGEND:

- 1. HANDWASH SINK
- 2. REFRIGERATOR
- 3. FREEZER
- 4. VEGETABLE WASH SINK
- 5. FOUR BURNER RANGE ON DOUBLE CONVECTION OVENS
- 6. CONVECTION OVEN
- 7. THREE COMPARTMENT SINK
- 8. PREP ISLAND ON CASTERS
- 9. CLASSROOM WORK AREA

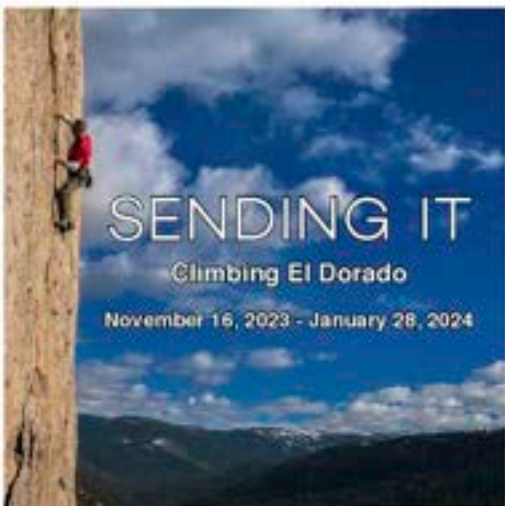
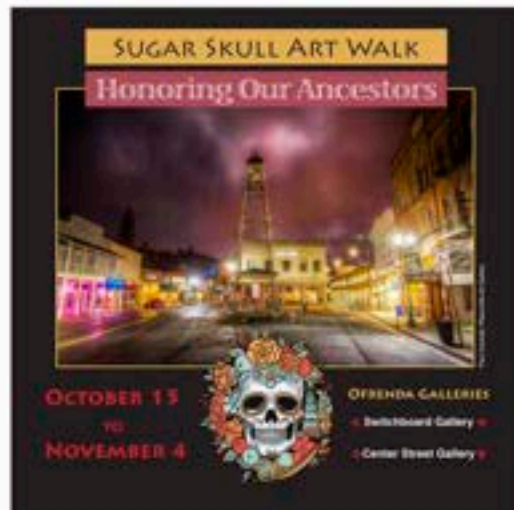
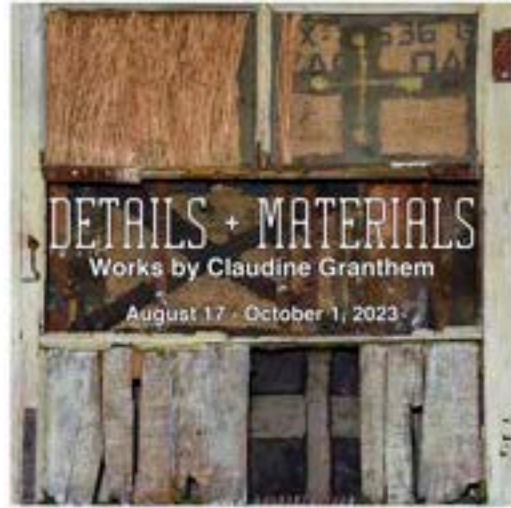
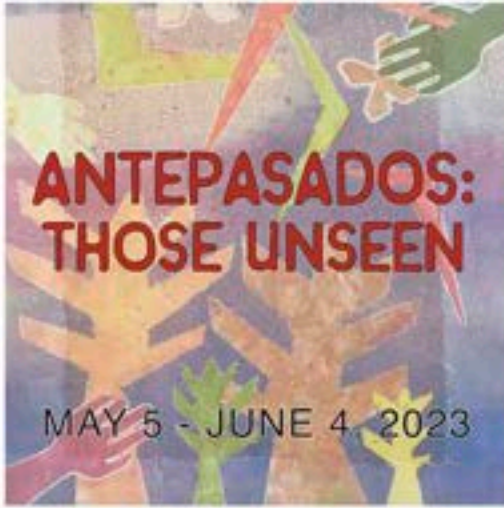
NOTE:

- 1. WOOD FLOOR IN ARTS AND AGRICULTURE DEMONSTRATION SPACE.
- 2. DESIGN BASED ON AVAILABLE INFORMATION FROM EXISTING PLANS. FIELD VERIFICATION WILL BE NECESSARY TO VERIFY EXISTING CONDITIONS. EXISTING INTERIOR WALLS TO BE REMOVED AS NECESSARY TO CREATE NEW LAYOUT.

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GALLERY VISITORS BY ZIP CODE

ZIP CODE LOCATION

01834	Groveland, MA	60630	Chicago, IL
02050	Marshfield, MA	60653	Chicago, IL
02445	Boston, MA	63139	Saint Louis, MO
02484	Lexington, MA	68103	Omaha, NE
02809	Bristol, RI	68123	Belivue, NE
03038	Derry, NH	69358	Morrill, NE
03062	Nashua, NH	75003	Paris, France
03449	Argentina	75703	Tyler, TX
03857	Newmarket, NH	76036	Crowley, Tx
06457	Middletown, CT	76048	Granburg, TX
06784	Sherman, CT	78109	Convese, TX
10026	Manhattan, NY	78620	Dripping springs, TX
10524	Putnam, New York	78645	Lago Vista TX
11228	Brooklyn, NY	78676	Wimberley, TX
11238	Brooklyn, NY	78702	Austin, TX
14170	Buffalo, NY	79065	Pampa, TX
14809	Avoca, NY	80202	Denver, CO
19806	Wilmington, DE	80204	Denver, CO
21045	Columbia, MD	81301	Durango, CO
21054	Gambrills, MD	81657	Vail, CO
22401	Fredricksberg, VA	82443	Thermopolis, WY
22840	Harrisburg, VA	83647	Mountain Home, ID
27405	Greensboro, NC	83702	Boise, ID
27587	Wake Forest, NC	83815	Coeur d'Alene, ID
27604	Raleigh, NC	84043	Lehi, UT
27612	Raleigh, NC	84049	Midway, UT
28409	Wilmington, NC	84111	Salt Lake City, UT
30100	Venice, Italy	84121	Salt Lake City, UT
30764	Fanklin, TN	84121	Cottonwood Heights, UT
31312	Guyton, GA	84414	Ogden, UT
31803	Zellabee, GA	84660	Spanish Fork, UT
32136	Flagler Beach, FL	85298	Gilbert, AZ
32818	Ocoee, FL	85344	Parker, AZ
32963	Veno Beach, FL	85705	Tucson, AZ
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33617	Tampa, FL	87109	Albuquerque, NM
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56301	Saint Cloud, MN	89511	Saddlehorn, NV
57108	Sioux Falls, SD	89703	Carson City, NV
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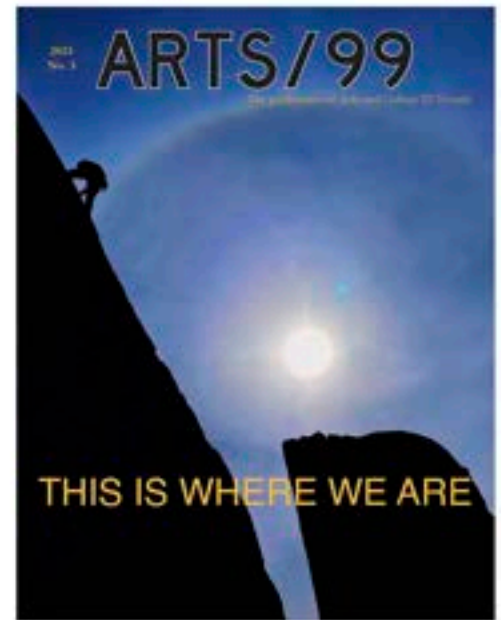
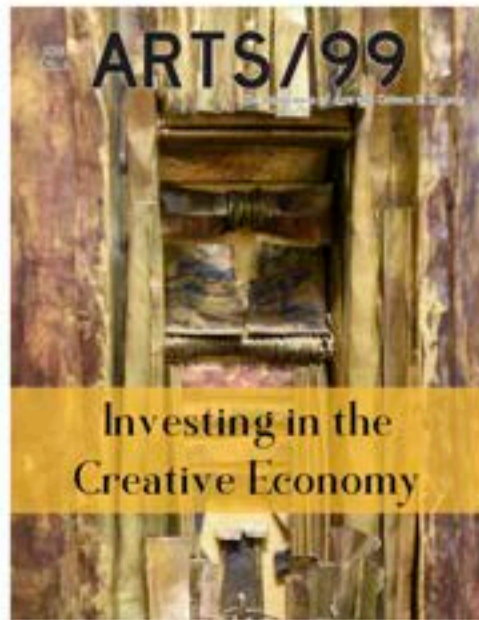
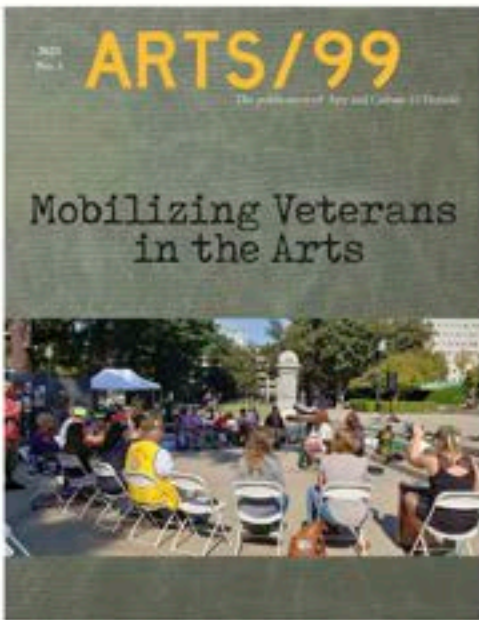
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92563	Murieta, CA	94516	Concord, CA
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95685	Sutter Creek, CA	96707	Kapolei, HI
95687	Vacaville, CA	96822	Honolulu, HI
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95695	Woodland, CA	97202	Portland, OR
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95727	Elk Grove, CA	97227	Portland, Or
95742	Rancho Cordova, CA	97233	Portland, or
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96003	Redding, CA		



The printed publication of Arts and Culture El Dorado.
The name Arts 99 points to Highways 49 and 50, on which you can travel north, south, east and west around El Dorado County.
News and stories about arts and culture from around El Dorado County.



2023 ANNUAL REPORT

ARTS AND CULTURE EL DORADO



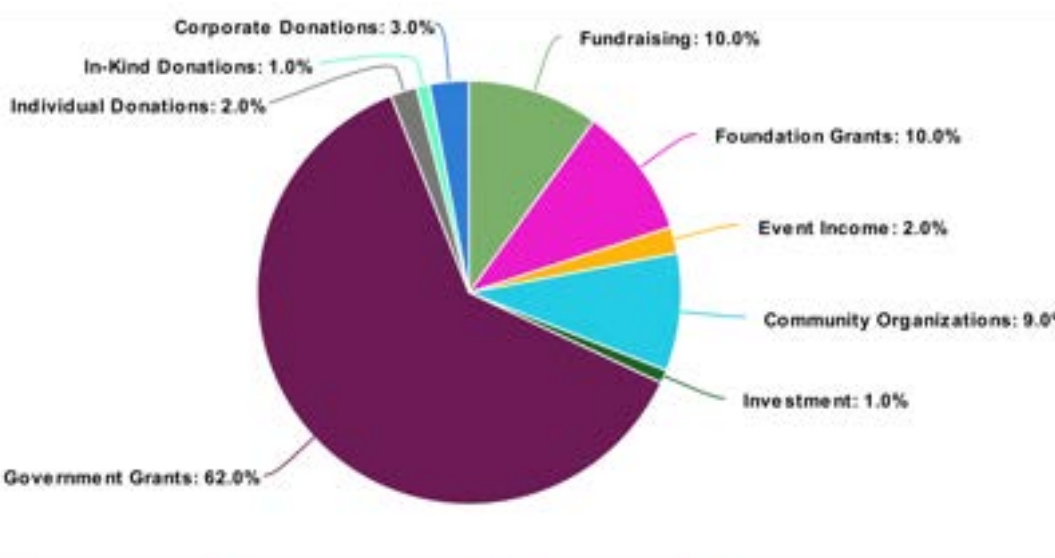
WHO WE ARE

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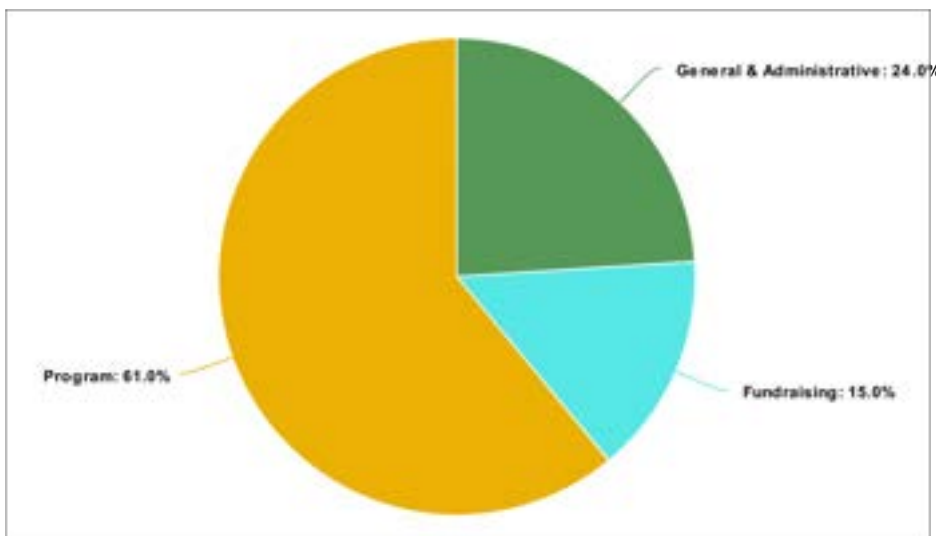
- *Hija Mia*, by Marisa Sayago
- Jayce Kaldunski receives the 2023 Lanny Langston Award for Theater from Tish Langston
- Switchboard Gallery and Offices
- Ed Manansala at 2023 Carpenter Award

Arts and Culture El Dorado’s mission to promote, connect, and empower arts and culture throughout the county is achieved by targeted programs and services, a vibrant gallery exhibition series, and a focus on initiatives which support and sustain the cultural life of the region.

INCOME



EXPENSES



KEY PEOPLE

2022-23 Board Members

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Kilt and Cork Partnership

Arts and Culture El Dorado continued the partnership with Russ Reyes and Kilt & Cork, who will produce the Saureel Summer Nights Concert Series, the Motherlode Beer and Music Festival, and Oktoberfest.



Gallery Exhibitions

Antepasados: Those Unseen examined the complexity of human relationships, kinship, and the invisible presence of those who have come before us.

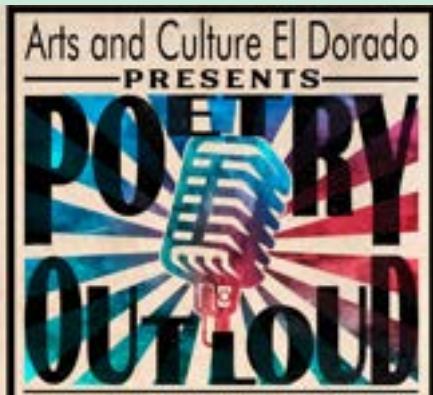
Fireland: The Exhibition showcased Ameera Godwin's creative journey into local forest lands in response to wildfire and climate grief, vulnerability, and responsibility.



Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop and Anthology

Veterans' Voices is a free, ongoing writing workshop that is open to all veterans, from any branch of service. It offers a supportive environment and the tools needed for the writing of stories, nonfiction, memoir, poetry and drama. At the end of the year, workshop participants are given the option to submit their work to a commemorative anthology.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud encourages the study and appreciation of great poetry through a national recitation competition at the high school level. Structured like a spelling bee, students compete first in the classroom, then school, then county, state and country level.



California Creative Corps

A major investment has been made in El Dorado County's creative economy: \$803,000. California Creative Corps (CCC) is a workforce development opportunity for artists and cultural practitioners, and arts and social service sector organizations. The 2021-22 California State Budget included a \$60 million one-time General Fund allocation for the California Arts Council to implement the CCC pilot program.



Colors From the Farm

Arts and Culture El Dorado participates in Ag in the Classroom's annual Farm Day (an event for all of El Dorado County's third graders) by hosting a booth where students use dye from produce to color fabric.



Young Artist Awards

The Young Artist Awards honor juniors and seniors at El Dorado County high schools in four categories: Music, Theatre, Visual Art, and Nature-inspired Art. The awards are not necessarily intended to reward artistic achievements; rather, they are meant to recognize the inspiring potential and exceptional promise of budding young artists in El Dorado County.



Arts HQ

Arts HQ was part of a series of “pop-up community creative arts cafés” that are presented on an ongoing basis throughout California. These pop-up cafés are the result of a partnership between California’s Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission and VETART, a San Diego-based arts non-profit.



Arts Incubator

Arts Incubator provides fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services to help build the capacity of cultural projects and emerging arts groups which are not 501(c)(3) organizations. Accepted projects have an arts and culture focus and serve the public good.

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Switchboard Connections

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Arts and Culture El Dorado is proud to host Poet Laureate Lara Gularte for The Firehouse Sessions - a series of workshops and poetry readings centered on ekphrasis, the practice of describing visual art in a literary mode. The artwork displayed in Confidence Firehouse Gallery serves as inspiration and as backdrop for these workshops.



Public Art Master Plan

In 2022, Arts and Culture El Dorado engaged City leadership in a dialogue about the need for a public art plan in order to establish decision-making guidelines for public art proposals that come before the Council and a roadmap for developing new artworks and funding sources.



El Dorado County Laureate Trail

Laureate Trail allows the public to join the El Dorado County Poet Laureate on a literary tour of the county. The Laureate is joined by local poets, Poetry Out Loud winners and special guests at El Dorado County Libraries in each district in the county for free poetry readings and events.

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Green Room Artists Fund provides funding for entertainment and performing artists in El Dorado County.



The Legion of Live Artists (LOLA) provides support and a living wage to local artists performing the act of visual art live at events



One Thread's mission is to empower individuals, groups and communities, through knitting lessons with expert instructors and quality materials.



Placerville Friends of Tibet shares the culture of Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism within our region's communities.



See the Elephant! strives to make performance more accessible by providing opportunities and building partnerships in theatre and dance.



Studio 81 is the drama club at El Dorado High School's theatre department under the direction of Program Director Paul Tomei.

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QUARTERLY REPORT TO COUNTY OF EL DORADO, JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Arts Incubator

- Fiscal oversight of seven projects in our Incubator program: Green Room Artists Fund, Arts and Culture Alpine County, Studio 81, Sugar Skull Art Walk, See the Elephant, Placerville Friends of Tibet, One Thread
- Consultations with Program Manager and Executive Director
- Project bookkeeping
- Monthly Incubator newsletter
- Assistance with grant-writing and fundraising
- Enhanced incubator partner access to online resources

• Expenses include Program Manager wages and bookkeeper: \$3,600

Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop

- Workshop Facilitator, Jack Carman, respected local educator, conducted 8 Workshop sessions in partnership with the Veterans Memorial Building
- Published fifth Workshop anthology *What Do You Want to Know?:* 43 stories by 9 writers
- Ongoing partnership with Vet Art, developing new regional opportunities for veterans
- Wrapped up participation in Creative Forces (collaboration between National Endowment for the Arts and the Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs)

• Expenses include anthology printing, graphic design, and Program Manager wages; Facilitator compensation covered by a separate grant: \$4,200

Gallery Exhibitions and Public Programs

- *FIRE/LAND: Knowing the Territory.* Multimedia exhibition produced in partnership with American River Conservancy, Myrtle Tree Arts, and lead artist Ameera Godwin. In conjunction with a live performance at Wakamatsu Farm, exhibition was a creative exploration of wildfire, ecological change, and resilience in El Dorado County. Exhibition ran through 7/27/23
- *FIRE/LAND* Artist talk 7/13/23
- *FIRE/LAND*, Clare Frank, author of *Burnt, A Memoir of Fighting Fire.* Author talk and reading 7/19/23
- Switchboard Connections: Poetry workshop 7/26/23 and reading 8/3/23; workshop 9/14/23 and reading 9/28/23
- *Details and Materials: The Work of Claudine Granthem.* Exhibition honoring the work of long-time El Dorado County resident Claudine Granthem – a strong body of work consisting of painting, wood and metal sculpture, and drawings, at once architectural and deeply human. Opening reception 8/24

- Planning and development for next exhibitions *Sugar Skull Art Walk: Honoring Our Ancestors* and *SENDING IT: Climbing El Dorado*.

- Expenses include exhibition costs, supplies, printing exhibition catalogue, graphic designer and curator wages: \$5,800

Poetry Out Loud

- Planning and implementation of fall roll-out of this high school poetry program: communicating with schools and teachers, developing materials for schools, marketing, graphic design
- School competitions scheduled, recruiting judges
- New this year: Developing program for home-school students to participate in Poetry Out Loud at the Georgetown Library

- Expenses include Program Manager wages: \$1,100

Slope and Basin

- New this year: Development of new literary journal showcasing the fiction, nonfiction, and poetry of the County; first issue in 2024
- Name reflects the connection between Western Slope and Tahoe Basin

- Expenses include Executive Director and Program Manager wages: \$500

Poet Laureate and Laureate Trail

- Announced 2023-25 Poet Laureate Stephen Meadows
- Poet Laureate event at Placerville Library 9/8/23: Readings by California Poet Laureate Lee Herrick and El Dorado County Poet Laureate Stephen Meadows
- Planning under way for 2024 Laureate Trail
- Poet Laureate chapbook released: *Lara Gularte and the Poets of the Firehouse Sessions: A Collection of Works*

- Expenses include graphic design and Program Manager wages: \$1,325

Young Artist Awards

- Initial planning for this program which happens in the spring

- Expenses include Program Manager wages: \$500

Promotion of Cultural Activities Countywide

- 43 eblasts sent to 3,200 recipients on countywide cultural activities, including music and poetry events, art openings, tours, classes, arts opportunities, and many other activities
- Promotion also on Facebook and Instagram

- One issue of quarterly publication *Arts 99*, also promotes culture and the arts in El Dorado County
 - *Creative Currents*: Monthly Mt. Democrat column promoting the creativity of El Dorado County: Three columns submitted: Profile of James Marquez, director of Center Street Gallery and the Foothill Indian Educational Alliance; Blue Barn Provisions, highlighting the repurposing of old barn into stylish food purveyor; Charlotte Higgins, local playwright with residency at Stage at Burke Junction
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| • Expenses include printing of <i>Arts 99</i> , social media consultant, graphic design: \$3,290 |
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Administration

- August Board of Directors meeting
 - August Board and Staff Retreat
 - Ongoing work to prepare for regular financial audit
 - Oversight of state and federal forms and reporting to State of California Registry of Charitable Trusts
 - Finance Committee meetings
 - Development Committee meetings
 - Staff meetings and Employment reviews
 - Grant research, submission of proposals and applications
 - Grant management and reporting
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| • Expenses include Executive Director wages: \$3,585 |
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$23,900



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- Maintenance of online resources

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Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop

- Workshop Facilitator, Jack Carman, respected local educator, conducted 8 Workshop sessions in partnership with the Veterans Memorial Building
- Ongoing partnership with Vet Art, developing new regional opportunities for veterans

• Expenses include Program Manager wages : \$1,100 (Facilitator compensation covered by a separate grant)

Gallery Exhibitions and Public Programs

- Planning and development for next exhibitions *Sugar Skull Art Walk: Honoring Our Ancestors* and *SENDING IT: Climbing El Dorado*.
- Hosting community members as they built large-scale *ofrendas* in Gallery
- Seven student groups visit Switchboard Gallery to learn about *ofrenda* tradition
- Opening of *Honoring Our Ancestors*
- Organizational support for Dia de Los Muertos procession down Main Street and celebration in city parking lot
- Opening reception for *SENDING IT: Climbing El Dorado*; exhibition will run through January 2024.

• Expenses include exhibition costs, supplies, printing exhibition catalogue, graphic designer and curator wages: \$6,800

Poetry Out Loud

- Implementation of high school poetry program: communicating with schools and teachers, developing materials for schools, marketing, graphic design
- School competitions held, judges training

• Expenses include Program Manager wages: \$1,300

Young Artist Awards

- Ongoing planning for this program which happens in the spring
- Expenses include Program Manager wages: \$500

The Big Read

- Extensive planning for this Countywide literary festival featuring events and workshops at El Dorado County Libraries through June 2024 (kickoff in January 2024)
- Working with staff at main and all branch libraries, artists, story recording professionals, graphic designers
- Expenses include Curator wages: \$2,000

Slope and Basin

- Ongoing development of new literary journal showcasing the fiction, nonfiction, and poetry of the County; first issue in 2024
- Name reflects the connection between Western Slope and Tahoe Basin
- Expenses include Executive Director and Program Manager wages: \$500

Poet Laureate and Laureate Trail

- Introduced 2023-25 Poet Laureate Stephen Meadows at Board of Supervisor meeting
- Planning underway for Meadows' personal poetry project
- Planning under way for 2024 Laureate Trail
- Expenses include Program Manager wages: \$700

Promotion of Cultural Activities Countywide

- 30 eblasts sent to 3,227 recipients on countywide cultural activities, including music and poetry events, art openings, tours, classes, arts opportunities, and many other activities
- Promotion also on Facebook and Instagram
- One issue of quarterly publication *Arts 99*, also promotes culture and the arts in El Dorado County
- *Creative Currents*: Monthly Mt. Democrat column promoting the creativity of El Dorado County: Two columns submitted: Profile of Charlotte Higgins, playwright-in-residence at the Stage at Burke Junction; and Darby Patterson, local sculptor creating monument to Caldor Fire first responders
- Expenses include printing of *Arts 99*, social media consultant, graphic design: \$2,320

New: Arts Education Initiatives

- Began planning of major strategic arts plan in partnership with EDCOE
- Joined Create California’s Arts Now initiative, including staff training, to work on Prop 28 funding for County schools

• Expenses include Special Projects Manager wages: \$1,400

New: Local Initiatives

- Joined design and implementation team working on Camino Roundabout
- Participated in Regional Tourism Strategic Plan
- Began discussions with District 5 office and local officials on Meyers Roundabouts

• Expenses include Executive Director wages: \$1,200

Administration

- October Board of Directors meeting
- Ongoing work to prepare for regular financial audit
- Oversight of state and federal forms and reporting to State of California Registry of Charitable Trusts
- Finance Committee meetings
- Development Committee meetings
- Staff meetings and Employment reviews
- Grant research, submission of proposals and applications
- Grant management and reporting

• Expenses include Executive Director wages: \$3,000

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$23,420

Arts Incubator Projects



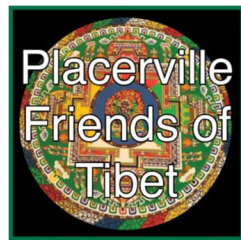
Arts and Culture Alpine County provides leadership to support, promote, and connect arts and culture in Alpine County.



Green Room Artists Fund provides funding for entertainment and performing artists in El Dorado County.



One Thread's mission is to empower individuals, groups and communities, through knitting lessons with expert instructors and quality materials.



Placerville Friends of Tibet shares the culture of Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism within our region's communities.



The mission of See the Elephant! is to make performance more accessible by providing opportunities and building partnerships in theatre and dance.



Studio 81 is the drama club at El Dorado High School's theatre department under the direction of Program Director Paul Tomei.



Sugar Skull Art Walk creates Day of the Dead "ofrendas" on Main Street to help unify communities through art and the shared human experience of loss.

SUGAR SKULL ART WALK

Honoring Our Ancestors



**FROM
OCTOBER 15**



**TO
NOVEMBER 4**

Switchboard Gallery
525 Main Street

Monday - Wednesday 1 pm - 4 pm
Thursday - Sunday 11 am - 4 pm

ArtsAndCultureElDorado.org

(530) 295 - 3496

Center Street Gallery
3182 Center Street

Tuesday - Saturday 1 pm - 5 pm

Or by appointment

Native American Center for Arts and Culture

(530) 663-3314



Sugar Skull Art Walk is a partner in Arts and Culture El Dorado's Arts Incubator. The Sugar Skull Art Walk is funded in part by California Arts Council, a state agency. Main Street Photograph by Paul Cockrell, Placerville Art Gallery.

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Creative Currents: Darby Patterson creates permanent gratitude

Jordan Hyatt-Miller

Dec 15, 2023



Pollock Pines artist Darby Patterson first fashioned the Heroes of the Caldor Fire sculptures in clay, then in wax; they are now being cast in bronze. Photo by Caitlin Thompson

Darby Patterson, a local journalist, novelist and bronze sculptor, will soon unveil her latest work: a bronze monument dedicated to the Heroes of the Caldor Fire.

The monument will be installed on the property of 50 Grand Restaurant and Bar in Pollock Pines. Its central location on Pony Express Trail, opposite the fire station, will make it a highly visible landmark for locals and visitors alike; its permanence will make it an enduring reminder for future generations.

Darby was born in Minnesota but soon “ran away” to California to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara. Although her degree was in anthropology, she embarked on a career in journalism after moving to the Yosemite area. She founded a monthly publication, the Timberline Times, which was staffed exclusively by women. The paper, Darby explained, “was a labor of love that never made any money at all.” Still, the experience she gained there was her entrée into a career as a professional journalist at papers throughout California.

While working on a story about the Bennett Foundry in Placerville for the now-defunct Sacramento Union newspaper, Darby became enamored with bronze working. “I was bitten by the bug,” she recalled. “I worked in a foundry for several months and got to know the whole back-end process. What happens at a foundry is timeless magic; bronze working is almost as old as humanity.”

Darby added bronze to her creative repertoire; in addition to novels such as “The Song of Jackass Creek”, she began producing sculptures at her house in Pollock Pines.

In 2021 Pollock Pines, the center of Darby's creative practice, became a staging ground for something else entirely: the heroic fight to contain the devastating Caldor Fire. Darby and her husband were forced to evacuate. When they returned, Darby recalled seeing hundreds of impromptu tributes to those who battled the fire: paper signs, hand-painted and magic-markered with messages of thanks and support lining the roadways leading up to Pollock Pines. Darby was deeply touched by the tribute, but also troubled.

"I'm thinking, 'Oh, that's so wonderful.' But I'm also thinking, 'This is going to be gone in less than a year,'" she shared. "I thought to myself, 'Gratitude for this should last longer. It should last forever.'"

To create an enduring expression of gratitude, Darby turned to the permanence of bronze. Heroes of the Caldor Fire, a series of highly accurate, detailed bronze sculptures, will immortalize the men and women who saved countless lives, acres and structures — including Darby's own home.

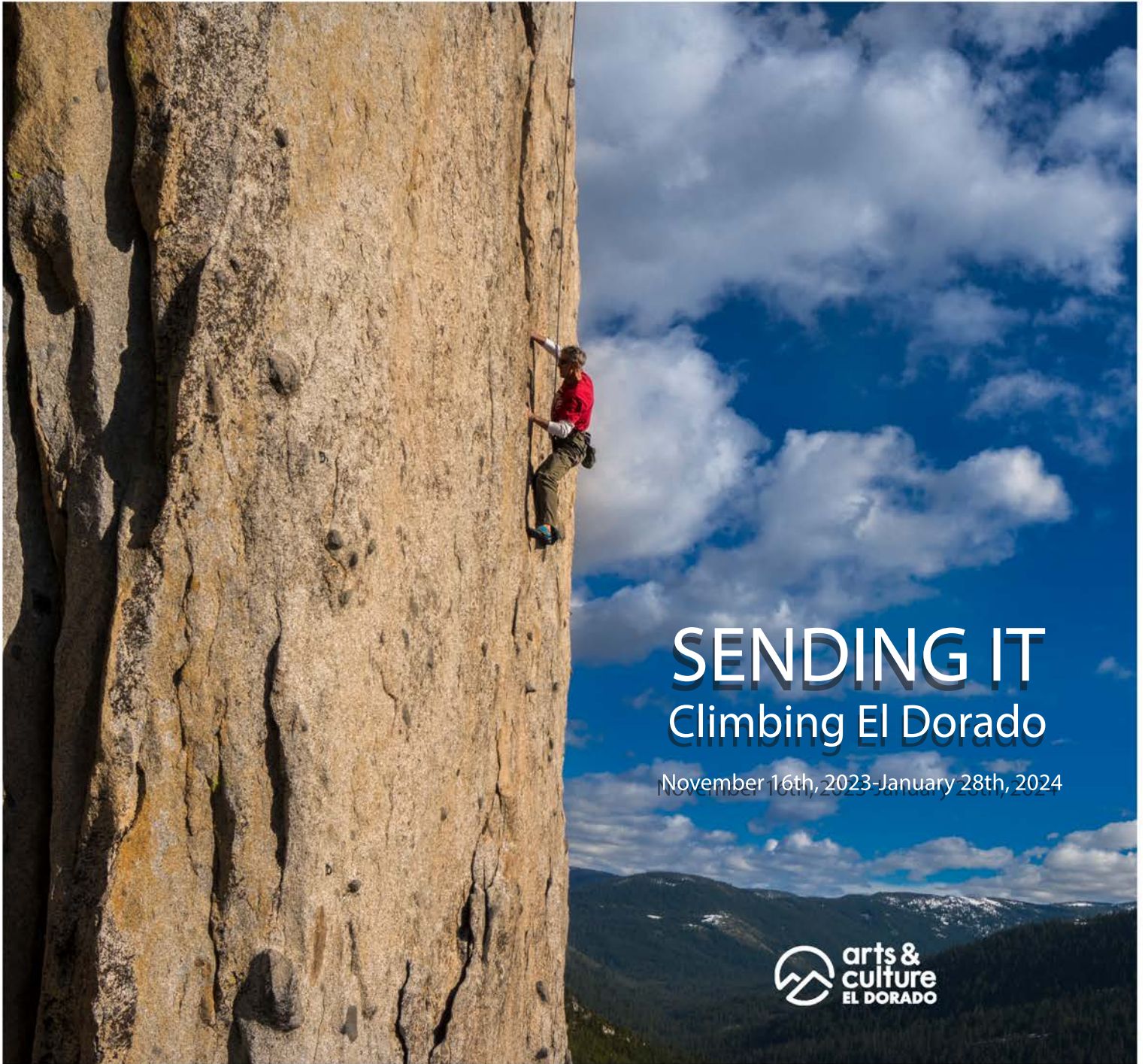
"I had covered fires as a journalist before, but I had never had my own home at risk," she said. "There were so many human quasi-miracles that happened; the more I thought about it, the more I wanted to memorialize that for the future."

For Darby, the meaning of the monument is supported by the medium, the material from which it is made. "Bronze pretty much doesn't burn," she explained. "It's a symbol of resilience and how close we can come to forever. When you do something in bronze, it's an acknowledgment of something important."

In addition to memorializing the effort to defeat the Caldor Fire, the bronze sculptures will serve as a reminder and an exhortation to future generations. "We need to be reminded of how important it is to be stewards of this environment up here," Darby added. "I wanted to say thank you, but I also wanted to express a cautionary tale."

Work on the monument is well under way. Darby has fashioned the sculptures in clay, then in wax; they are now being cast in bronze. As Darby looks ahead to the installation of the monument, she said she hopes the community will continue to support the project, either through donations to help cover the cost of the bronze casting process or through materials and volunteers for the installation process. To get involved, contact Darby through her website: [DarbyPatterson.com/Caldor-Tribute](https://www.darbypatterson.com/Caldor-Tribute).

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SENDING IT

Climbing El Dorado

November 16th, 2023-January 28th, 2024

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Investing in the Creative Economy

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DETAILS: MATERIALS A LANDSCAPE DEEPLY HUMAN

Details • Materials Works by Claudia Garmann is the newest addition to the Arts and Culture El Dorado's "Details: Materials" series of art installations. The exhibition, which runs through Sunday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., is a collaborative effort between Claudia Garmann, who recently completed her master's thesis in architecture, and the community. The work, which is a landscape of human experiences, immerses us in a landscape of human experiences and connections.

Claudia has been making art in El Dorado County for decades, but she has also spent her recent years in the architecture world. Her work is a reflection of her human being, and she has been exploring the human being in her work. Her work is a reflection of her human being, and she has been exploring the human being in her work.

The title of the exhibition—two abstract words—has a deep meaning. It is a reflection of the human being, and she has been exploring the human being in her work. It is a reflection of the human being, and she has been exploring the human being in her work.

Emerging organically from discussions with the public, the plan will focus on the creation of public art that reflects the perspectives and tastes of the community rather than the personal preferences of select decision-makers. The discussions from which the plan will emerge will be held in a series of public meetings, and the plan will be developed in a way that is transparent and accountable to the community.

Barbara Goddard and her consulting firm ArtPublic Community have been engaged to facilitate the process. The plan will be developed in a way that is transparent and accountable to the community.

The collaborative, community-centric process from which the plan will emerge is a reflection of the ethos of public art, which is to be of use to all, by any means possible. The plan will be developed in a way that is transparent and accountable to the community.

There is still time to have your voice heard!

Share your ideas for public art in Placerville by filling out the form at [artsandcultureel dorado.org/public-art-questions](https://www.artsandcultureel dorado.org/public-art-questions)

Undivided Attention

At the Divide and Music on the Divide embrace the connections of their region. "The Divide" while paying homage to the region's history, also celebrates the vibrant and ever-evolving communities of the Divide and strengthens the bonds of their community residents and surrounding businesses. Looking ahead to 2023, these two institutions are working on a series of programming that should inspire the life of the Divide to cross the Divide to reach.

At on the Divide, located at 4255 Main Street, Chagresburg, is a nonprofit that operates under the umbrella of Divide Friends of the Arts and Historical Society. A nonprofit gallery space, it is a nonprofit that operates under the umbrella of Divide Friends of the Arts and Historical Society. A nonprofit gallery space, it is a nonprofit that operates under the umbrella of Divide Friends of the Arts and Historical Society.

Music on the Divide Concert Schedule

September 17, 2023 - Autumn Wind
October 20, 2023 - Lady J. Dallas
December 10, 2023 - Lady of the Lake
February 11, 2024 - Light and High Hands
March 10, 2024 - Tom Ripley & Flambeau
April 14, 2024 - Young Musicians Concert
May 19, 2024 - Nick Palanca, Tenor

Art on the Divide Gallery Monthly Themes

September - Harvest's End
October - Annual Invitational Art Show
November - Feast Your Eyes
December - Music, Machines and Marvies Art

4255 Main Street, Chagresburg, CA
Thursday - Monday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
[MusicOnTheDivide.org](https://www.MusicOnTheDivide.org)
[ArtOnTheDivide.com](https://www.ArtOnTheDivide.com)

THIS ISSUE

UNDIVIDED COMMUNITY

Dear Reader,

The topics covered in this issue all concern, in one way or another, community—the ways that we create and enrich it, the ways that it benefits those who belong to it, and the ways that we can guide its future evolution without being left behind. The California Creative Corp invests endowment resources in our community for projects designed to improve the well-being of our community. Our A. Maitland White by Claudio Garmann celebrates the work of a long-time El Dorado County resident, picking out an impressionistic through line in the public community of the foothills. The Public Art Plan brings the community together to collaboratively create a plan for the installation of public art that will be able to bring Concessions for a Cause, Art on the Divide, and Music on the Divide all across the community with opportunities for arts appreciation.

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Investing in the Creative Economy

Artistic investment has been made in El Dorado County's creative economy. \$600,000. This is a record for the county. The investment is a record for the county. The investment is a record for the county.

El Dorado County, Arts and Culture El Dorado took a leadership role in ensuring that the county was accessible to all. The investment is a record for the county. The investment is a record for the county.

The immediate positive impact on our community is twofold: First, an influx of money into the County represents a significant net gain for local artists, but also for the local vendors, retailers, and businesses that are involved in their projects. Second, the projects themselves are enriching our culture and enriching the public. The projects that have received funding are designed to make a significant, but practical impact on the community. The projects that have received funding are designed to make a significant, but practical impact on the community.

CONCERTS FOR A CAUSE BUILDING WATERSHED RESILIENCE

On Saturday, August 12, a crowd of over 100 people gathered at the historic El Dorado County Courthouse for a concert in support of the Resilience Reserve. The concert, which began June 17 with Lantz and the El Dorado County Chamber Orchestra, is a series of events designed to support the Resilience Reserve. The concert, which began June 17 with Lantz and the El Dorado County Chamber Orchestra, is a series of events designed to support the Resilience Reserve.

A Plan for Art in Public Spaces

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THE PROJECTS:

Close to Home: Celebrating and Confronting Queer Life in a Rural Town

"Close to Home" is a project of the El Dorado County Chamber Orchestra. The project is a project of the El Dorado County Chamber Orchestra. The project is a project of the El Dorado County Chamber Orchestra.

A Children's Offrenda: Honoring Our Ancestors

The Children's Offrenda is a project of the El Dorado County Chamber Orchestra. The project is a project of the El Dorado County Chamber Orchestra. The project is a project of the El Dorado County Chamber Orchestra.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

LARA GUALARTE
THE PAGES OF HER FAVORITE SEASONS
A COLLECTION OF WORKS

AN ANTHOLOGY 2023

October 18 - November 5, 2023
November 16, 2023 - January 19, 2024

Community Offrenda: Honoring Our Ancestors
Switchboard Gallery 525 Main Street

SENDING IT! Celebrating El Dorado
Switchboard Gallery

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The Publication of Arts and Culture El Dorado

Arts and Culture El Dorado's mission is to promote, connect, and empower arts and culture throughout the county as achieved by targeted programs and services, a vibrant gallery exhibition series, and a focus on initiatives which support and sustain the cultural life of the region.

Prop 28: Arts & Music in Schools Act

New & Ongoing Funding for PK-12 Arts Education

In November 2022, California voters **overwhelmingly approved Prop 28: The Arts and Music in Schools — Funding Guarantee and Accountability Act**. Prop 28 provides a minimum source for annual funding to “supplement arts education programs” for pupils attending state-funded PK-12 public and charter schools.

California law mandates standards-based instruction in grades K-12 in dance, music, theatre, and visual arts. SRI Education’s latest study, “Creativity Challenge: The State of Arts Education in California,” commissioned by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, shows that **only 11% of schools meet these requirements**, and access to quality arts education remains inequitable with 14% of schools with mostly low-income students offered all 4 four disciplines, compared to 32% of schools with affluent majority students.

The passage of Prop 28 is a **historic opportunity** to ensure equitable access to quality, standards-based arts education for all PK-12 California public school students.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Funding is estimated between **\$800 million and \$1 billion a year**, with the first allocation going out in the fiscal year 2023 - 24.

Funding is required to **expand** (i.e., supplement) arts education programs and not replace (i.e., supplant) existing funding for arts education programs.

School Districts will allocate funds to eligible school sites in the amounts the California Department of Education calculates.

Each school can determine which arts education programs it will offer with the new funding. School administrators with teachers, families, and students should decide what arts education programs best serve local students.

Each school must submit an annual board-approved report detailing Prop 28 expenses, including the types of arts education programs offered, the number of staff, the number of pupils served, and the number of school sites providing arts education programs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Share this flyer and your ideas for the Prop 28 funds with your school community.

Advocate that the new funds EXPAND current arts programming and not merely supplant existing arts education funding.

If your school district still needs a strategic arts education plan, advocate for a plan and [share our planning resources](#).



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QUARTERLY REPORT TO COUNTY OF EL DORADO, JANUARY 1 – MARCH 31, 2024

Arts Incubator

- Our Arts Incubator program has grown to a total of 11 projects (up from seven in Q4, a 60% increase): Green Room Artists Fund, Arts and Culture Alpine County, Studio 81, Sugar Skull Art Walk, See the Elephant, Placerville Friends of Tibet, One Thread, Veraison, Black Rock Philharmonic, Camino Roundabout Sculpture Project, and Red Paint Collective
 - Fiscal oversight
 - Consultations with Program Manager and Executive Director
 - Project bookkeeping
 - Monthly Incubator newsletter
 - Assistance with grant-writing, fundraising and event planning
 - Maintenance of online resources
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| • Expenses include Program Manager, web designer, and bookkeeper: \$2,900 |
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Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop

- Workshop Facilitator, Jack Carman, respected local educator, conducted 8 Workshop sessions in partnership with the Veterans Memorial Building
 - Ongoing partnership with Vet Art, developing new regional opportunities for veterans
 - Work is beginning on this year's veterans anthology of writing, to be entitled *Around the Table*, with a special tribute to veteran Will Martin, whom we lost this year to cancer
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| • Expenses include Program Manager: \$1,500 (Facilitator compensation covered by a separate grant) |
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Gallery Exhibitions and Public Programs

- *SENDING IT: Climbing El Dorado* exhibition celebrated the local climbing community and the Strawberry area, noted for Lovers Leap, Phantom Spires and Sugarloaf peaks. This exhibition attracted over 900 visitors from 83 unique zip codes. Hosted public event with speaker Ben Gabriel, President of the American Alpine Club, on 1/23/24
- A first for Arts and Culture El Dorado: We transferred *SENDING IT* to the lobby gallery at the South Lake Tahoe Airport, a collaboration with the City of South Lake Tahoe and the SLT Arts, Culture, and Tourism Commission. Opening reception held on 2/23/24
- *Youth Arts Month: EDHS Student Takeover at Switchboard Gallery*. In honor of National Youth Art Month, we are excited to launch our first annual Youth Arts Exhibition, showcasing artworks created by El Dorado County youth, grades 9-12. This Spring 2024, El Dorado High School students will take over Switchboard Gallery, curating a show of their own works. Each successive year we'll feature a different high school, focusing on the youth culture of each unique El Dorado County community. Opening reception on 3/7/24

- Developed exhibition plans through June 2025, with subjects including the art of the wine label; the culminating exhibition for our NEA Big Read project; the story of early 1900's photographers in Placerville; a literary launch; another collaboration with Sugar Skull Art Walk and community *ofrendas*; an exploration of the WPA in El Dorado County in collaboration with El Dorado Gold 1848; art and technology; fiber arts; and rafting El Dorado. Each exhibition will be accompanied by free public programs such as artist talks, lectures, receptions or other special events

- Expenses include exhibition costs, supplies, printing exhibition catalogue, graphic designer and curator: \$7,700

Poetry Out Loud

- School competitions wrapped up with school champions chosen
- Poetry Out Loud County Finals held 2/1/24; Gabrielle Garlick was our first-place winner.
- Gabrielle went on to the State Competition and placed in the top five out of 55 competitors. We are very proud of Gabrielle!
- Thank you to celebrity judges Lori Parlin and George Turnboo

- Expenses include Program Manager, social media, printing, awards, advertising: \$2,500

Young Artist Awards

- Educators throughout El Dorado County contacted regarding student nominations
- The awards recognize special promise in a high school junior or senior
- Nominations are currently coming and the award ceremony will be held on 4/25/24

- Expenses include Program Manager: \$1,600

The Big Read

- Kickoff for this Countywide literary festival featuring events and workshops at El Dorado County Libraries through June 2024 held on 1/27/24 at Placerville Library
- Ongoing roster of programs, including book talks, story swap, self-portrait workshops, artist talks, story slam, graphic anthology, and story recording booth

- Expenses include graphic designer, printing, marketing and social media, and curator: \$4,300

Slope and Basin

- Ongoing development of new literary journal showcasing the fiction, nonfiction, and poetry of the County; first issue in Fall 2024
- Name reflects the connection between Western Slope and Tahoe Basin

- Expenses include graphic designer and Program Manager: \$500

Poet Laureate and Laureate Trail

- Poet Laureate Stephen Meadows continues his literary events around the county
- Planning underway for Meadows' personal poetry project
- Planning under way for 2024 Laureate Trail

• Expenses include Program Manager: \$400

Promotion of Cultural Activities Countywide

- 37 eblasts sent to 3,359 recipients (recipients up 4% over last quarter) on countywide cultural activities, including music and poetry events, art openings, tours, classes, arts opportunities, and many other activities
- Promotion also on Facebook and Instagram
- One issue of quarterly publication *Arts 99*, also promotes culture and the arts in El Dorado County, featuring the work of local artist Justin Sawyer, who is constructing an enormous sculpture celebrating El Dorado County's wine region; "Closer to Home", a California Creative Corps project that is working with LGBTQ youth in the region; an update on the Old City Hall Renovation Project; a feature of The Big Read; and one on Poetry Out Loud.
- *Creative Currents*: Monthly Mt. Democrat column promoting the creativity of El Dorado County: Two columns submitted: Zack Pangborn, proprietor and curator at Main Street's Volution Gallery, and Justin Boyd, owner of Marco's Café and lead organizer of the Golden Road Gathering music festival

• Expenses include printing of *Arts 99*, social media consultant, graphic design: \$2,320

New: Arts Education Initiatives

- Continued planning of major strategic arts plan in partnership with EDCOE
- Ongoing work with Create California's Arts Now initiative, including staff training, to work on Prop 28 funding for County schools

• No County funds used for these initiatives

New: Local Initiatives

- Continued work on design and implementation of Camino Roundabout
- Continued work with District 5 office and County staff on Meyers art installations and/or signage.
- Began exploring strategic arts planning initiative with City of South Lake Tahoe
- Finalized Placerville Public Art Master Plan

• No County funds used for these initiatives

Administration

- January Board of Directors meeting
- Ongoing work to prepare for regular financial audit

- Oversight of state and federal forms and reporting to State of California Registry of Charitable Trusts
 - Finance Committee meetings
 - Development Committee meetings
 - Staff meetings and Employment reviews
 - Grant research, submission of proposals and applications
 - Grant management and reporting
 - Planning for 40th Anniversary celebration
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| • Expenses include Executive Director and meeting costs: \$2,000 |
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$25,720



ARTS INCUBATOR PROGRAM

By helping local grassroots organizations achieve their full potential, the Arts Incubator enriches the cultural ecosystem of El Dorado County and acts as a bridge to connect local creatives to the larger community.

PROGRAM PROCESS

Incubator Partners' funds are received by Arts and Culture El Dorado and disbursed for project-related expenses. As the fiscal sponsor for our Incubator Partners, we take care of the bookkeeping and tax accounting business. Arts and Culture El Dorado assesses a 5% Fiscal Sponsorship fee for any funds that we receive, but it doesn't cost anything to join the Arts Incubator.

If an Incubator Partner chooses to leave the program, we will transfer the funds to the eligible 501(c)(3) Fiscal Sponsor of the project's choosing.

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Any project administered by and for El Dorado County residents that serves the public good and has an arts and culture focus will be considered for the program. In keeping with our mission to promote, connect, and empower arts and culture throughout the county, we look for projects that are active and focused, with deep community engagement and excellent programming.

FISCAL SPONSORSHIP

A fiscal sponsor provides fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services to help build the capacity of cultural projects and emerging arts groups which are not 501(c)(3) organizations.

In effect, fiscal sponsorship allows grassroots organizations to function as non-profits. For example, donations to fiscally sponsored projects are considered charitable in nature and are tax-deductible. In some cases, fiscally sponsored groups are also able to apply for grants.

Beyond fiduciary oversight and financial management, the Arts Incubator allows Arts and Culture El Dorado to leverage our connections, resources, and expertise to support our Incubator Partners and encourage them to grow.

APPLY TO THE PROGRAM

Start the process by filling out the application on our Arts Incubator webpage. We will review the information and contact you to discuss your proposed project further.

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NEW ARTS INCUBATOR PROJECTS JANUARY – MARCH 2023

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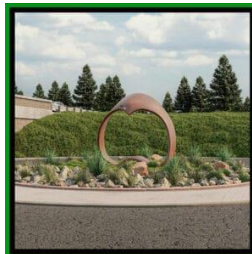
Red Paint Collective advances wellness, reclamation, and sovereignty of Native, Indigenous and Latino Cultural Arts.



An awe-inspiring fusion of art and viticulture, manifests as a colossal grape cluster crafted from wine barrel bands.



Black Rock Philharmonic is a group of amateur and professional musicians experimenting with classical music and more.



An elegant addition by artist Terrie Bennett, to the recently added roundabout in Camino Fruitridge District.



Youth Art Month

March 7-31, 2024



Welcome to Youth Art Month

Arts and Culture El Dorado is excited to honor Youth Art Month with the launch of a new exhibition series at Switchboard Gallery. This annual event will feature the work of students at El Dorado County high schools, ranging from grades 9 through 12, and will showcase original sculptures, paintings, drawings, and mixed media pieces by a different high school each year. Founded in 1961, by the Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (ACMI), Youth Art Month's mission is to expand art education and various programs throughout the country in order to deepen connection in communities and encourage the invaluable necessity of artistic expression in developing young adults. By focusing on the visual arts and supporting students in their process, each individual gains the tools needed for greater problem-solving skills, an expansion of communication capabilities, and an overall, more well-rounded capacity for creativity.

For our first annual Youth Art Month at Switchboard, we are happy to welcome and exhibit the work of students from El Dorado High School. The show focuses on youth culture, through an array of various subject matter and a variety of different mediums. The students have utilized many techniques such as papier-mâché, print-making, watercolor, pen and ink drawings, and mixed media collage to create an impressive body of work for this exhibition. The exhibition is diverse, ranging from figurative pieces and landscapes, to images of animals and mythological creatures. There are also sculptures inspired by great masters like Van Gogh, Pollock, and Thiebaud. There is a comedic element to some of the work, with the subject matter using a play on words; while others are fanciful and reminiscent of dreams and or fantasies of each individual's own imagination. We hope you take the time to enjoy each unique work from the up-and-coming artistic talent in our young people of today.



Megan Drago, Dragonfly and Flowers,
Grade 12. Mixed Media.



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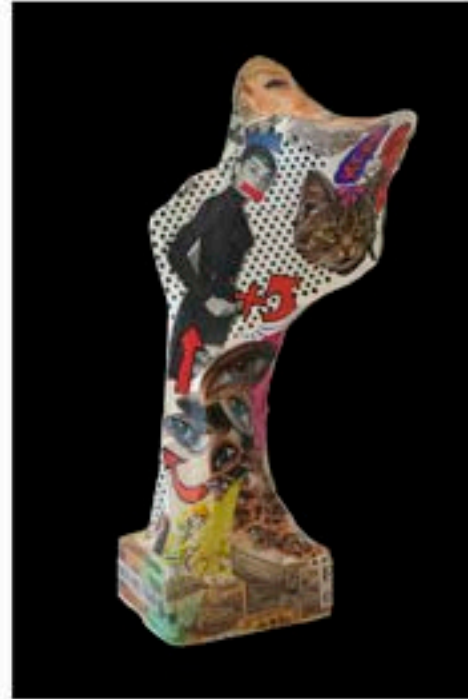
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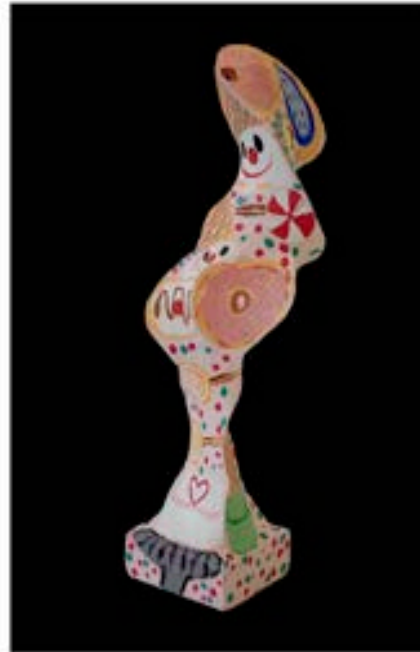


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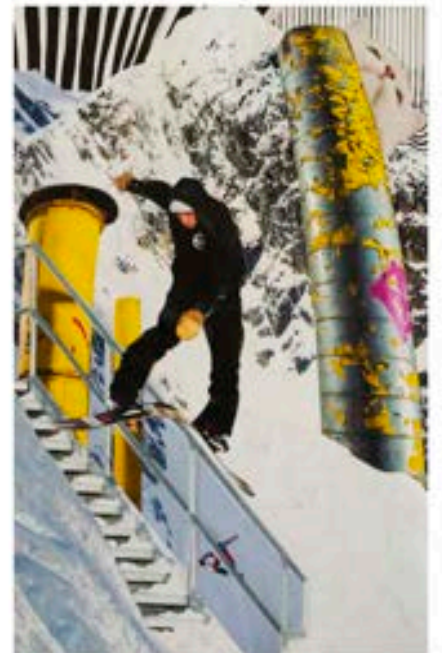
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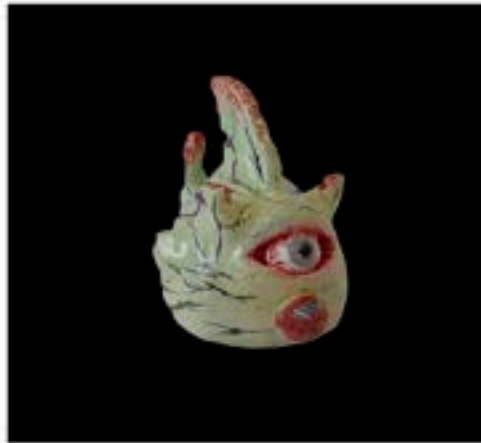
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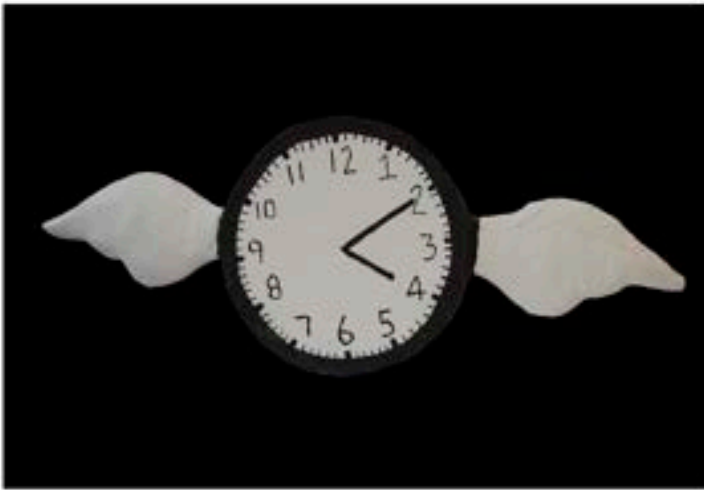
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Michael Ogden, Time Flies,
Grade 12. papier-mâché.



Haley Smith, Sun Bathing,
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Vanessa Maravilla Gonzalez,
Makeup Your Mind
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Luke Robertson , The Big Wave
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Ethan Coleman,
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Madison Ribbolin, Bass Guitar,
Grade 12. papier-mâché.



Cynthia Garcia-Gervacio, Oh No Georgia O'Keeffe
Grade 12. Wire hangers/paint/wood/pantyhose/glue.



Leslie Mina-Villena
Dia de Los Muertos, Grade 11.
Copper.



Ella Johnson, Henri Matisse,
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wood/pantyhose/glue.



Macie Douglas, Sailors Dream,
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Macy Douglas, Flower Girl,
Grade 12. Ink.



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Grade 11. papier-mâché.



Macy Douglas, The Nun.
Grade 12. Pastel.



Jasmine Ramos, Metallic View,
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the Box, Grade 12. papier-mâché.



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Grade 11. Mixed Media.



Grant Porter, Toe Truck
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Antonio Belmonte, Snowy Giants
Grade 9. 3 color block prints.



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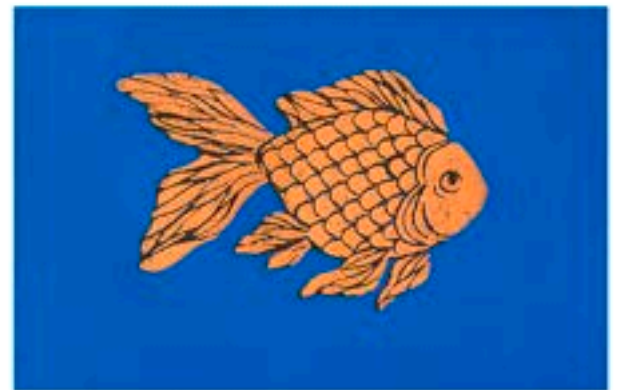
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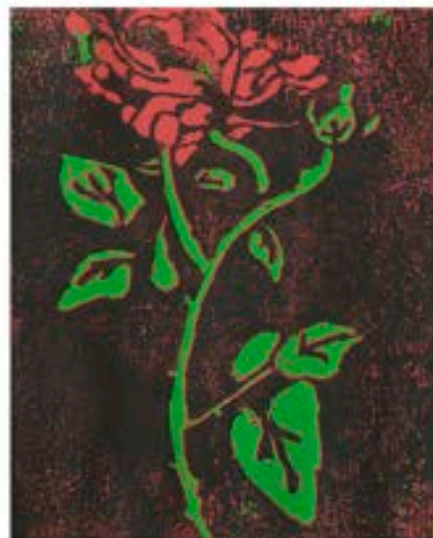
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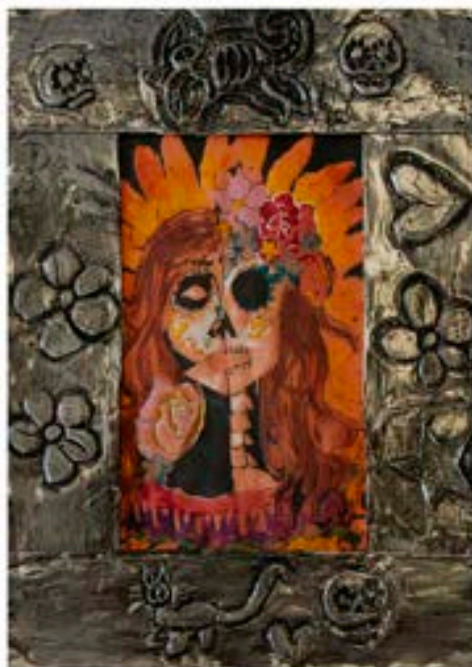
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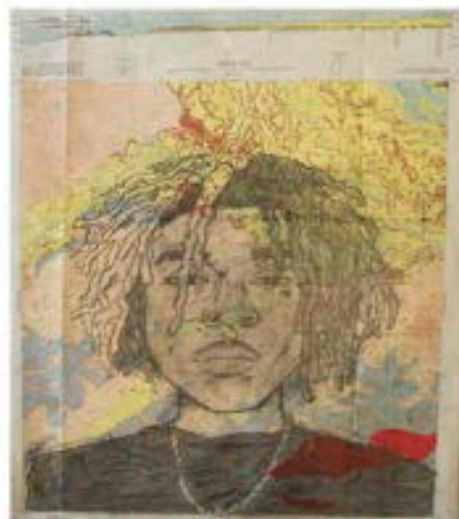
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Cadence Swarbrick, Whales Song, Grade 12. Three Color Block Print.



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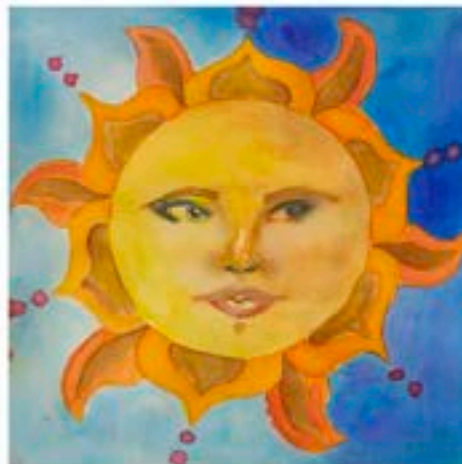
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Alejandra Majandra Ramirez, Pop Art, Grade 12
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Watercolor on Paper.



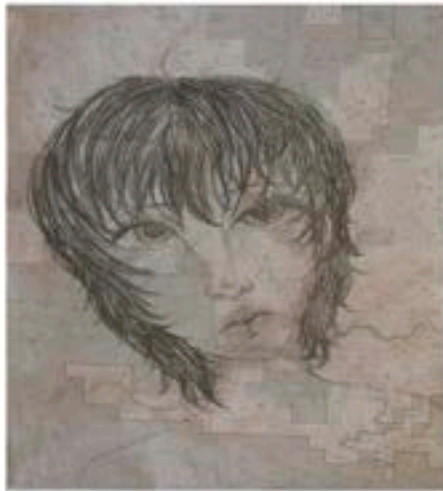
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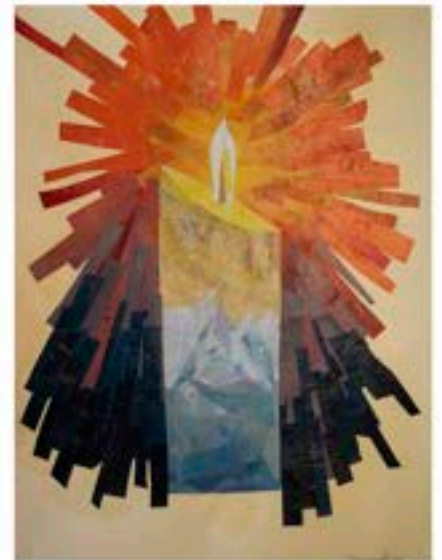
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Michael Sanchez, Untitled.
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Shyannah Wombwell, Untitled.
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Shyannah Wombwell, Untitled.
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POETRY OUT LOUD

Youth poetry recitation competition

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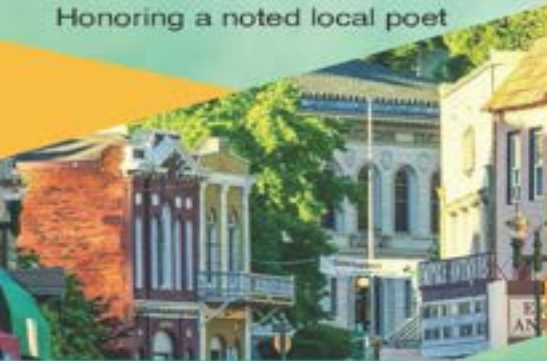
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YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS

Cash awards for artistic excellence among El Dorado County high school students

POET LAUREATE

Honoring a noted local poet



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VETERAN'S VOICES WRITING WORKSHOP

Ongoing creative writing workshops for vets



SWITCHBOARD GALLERY

Exhibitions celebrating the unique culture of El Dorado County

COLORS FROM THE FARM

Third-graders learn about plant-based dyes on Farm Day

LAUREATE TRAIL

Poet Laureate's literary tour of El Dorado County

THE BIG READ

Countywide book talks, oral histories, films and more

SWITCHBOARD CONNECTIONS

Poetry events in the Gallery



PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN

Community-driven plan for public art in Placerville

CAMINO ROUNDABOUT BEAUTIFICATION

Sculptural element for traffic circle

POET LAUREATE CHAPBOOK

Published chapbook of works written during Poet Laureate tenure

CREATIVE CURRENTS

Interviews of local creatives for monthly Mountain Democrat column

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Pure poetry: UMHS student takes top Poetry Out Loud honors

Arts and Culture El Dorado / News release

Feb 21, 2024



First Place Finalist Gabrielle Garlick will represent El Dorado County at the California State Finals in Sacramento on March 17-18. Courtesy photo

After a four-year hiatus, the El Dorado County Poetry Out Loud Finals returned to an in-person format. This year's event, held Feb. 1 at Imagination Theater in Placerville, featured recitations from students from schools throughout the region, with four students receiving recognition.

“We are grateful to Imagination Theater for hosting Poetry Out Loud’s return to the stage,” said program coordinator Jordan Hyatt-Miller. “While we’ve had several successful virtual competitions since 2020, it’s exciting to return to an in-person format this year. It was great to see and hear the wonderful recitations from these students live and in person.”

In the 2024 competition, Union Mine High School's Gabrielle Garlick took first place and will represent El Dorado County at the statewide Poetry Out Loud competition in Sacramento March 17 & 18. Oak Ridge High School’s Alivia Chen took second place and will be the runner-up for the statewide competition. Charter University Prep's Megan Murdock received third place and El Dorado High School's Grayson Laffin placed fourth.

A panel of respected community members judged the students:

- Peter Wolfe, co-founder and current artistic director of Imagination Theater
- Stephen Meadows, El Dorado County 2023-2025 poet laureate
- Charlotte Higgins, novelist, essayist, and playwright
- Lori Parlin, El Dorado County District 4 supervisor
- George Turnboo, El Dorado County District 2 supervisor
- Rina Wakefield (accuracy judge), poet and host of Storytelling Sundays at The Green Room Social Club
- Loren Christofferson (prompter), artist and administrative coordinator at Arts and Culture El Dorado
- Gavin Sellers (tabulator), actor, visual artist and educator

Poetry Out Loud profoundly impacts the students who choose to participate. Beyond their exposure to a rich literary heritage collected in the Poetry Out Loud anthology from which they select their poems, the students also engage with poetry outside of the

classroom, which situates the poems in a fresh, vibrant context. The act of recitation recasts poetry as an embodied art form rather than an abstract object of contemplation, igniting a lifelong passion for poetry in some students.

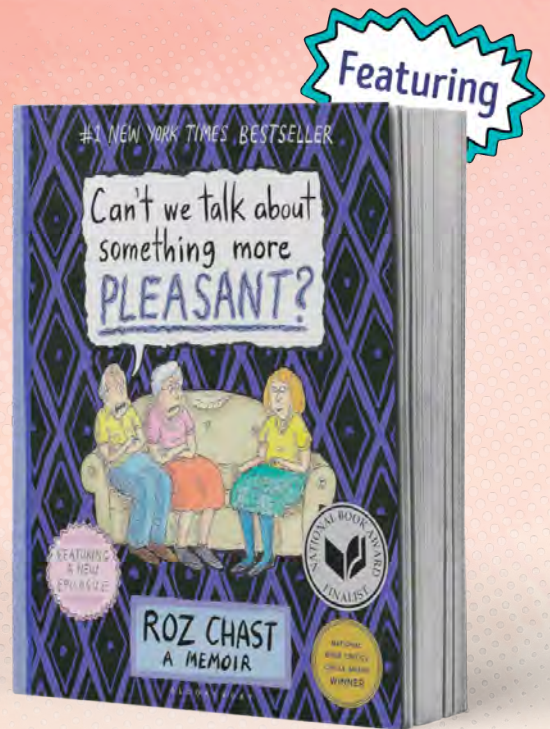
“Poetry Out Loud encourages finding the voice of the poem, the meaning, sound and the rhythm,” said Poet Laureate Emerita Lara Gularte.

Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation competition for high school students. In El Dorado County the competition is administered by Arts and Culture El Dorado in partnership with the California Arts Council. A vehicle for inspiration and instruction, Poetry Out Loud provides students with various resources to help them memorize, interpret, and recite poetry, instilling an appreciation of poetry and a sense of accomplishment and confidence in their public speaking abilities.

Arts and Culture El Dorado is a catalyst for good works throughout the region, serving as the state-local partner to the California Arts Council and providing targeted programs and services. It also curates a vibrant gallery exhibition series and focuses on initiatives that support and sustain the region's cultural life. Founded in 1984 as El Dorado Arts Council, the organization offers programs for veterans and students, families and young people, artists and arts organizations, and residents and visitors to the region. For more information visit artsandcultureeldorado.org.

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NEA BIG READ



A literary festival featuring events and workshops
at El Dorado County libraries through June 2024

Book Talks • Cross-Generational Story Swap
Self-portrait Workshops • Graphic Anthology • StorySlam
Artist Talk • “A Picture’s Worth” Gallery Exhibition

Kick Off Event

Join us for a party at the Placerville Library to officially launch six months of NEA Big Read programming in EDC! Participants can collect their copy of the book, learn about the author, view a short film, and enjoy some refreshments.

Sat. Jan. 27, 2-4 pm - Placerville Library

Book Talks

We invite readers to explore Chast's memoir with us. At each of the 6 library locations, we'll use a set of questions to guide our discussion, looking at the way Chast interweaves her parents' experiences growing up, how those shaped their adult relationships, and Chast's own conflicted emotions in becoming their caregiver. But we'll also follow your lead and let the conversation flow!

Sat. Feb. 10, 12pm-2 pm
Pollock Pines Library

Wed. Feb. 21, 5-7 pm
Placerville Library

Sat. Mar. 9, 1-3 pm
South Lake Tahoe Library

Tue. Mar. 12, 5-7 pm
Cameron Park Library

Wed. Mar. 20, 3-5 pm
El Dorado Hills Library

Thu. Mar. 28, 1-3 pm
Georgetown Library

Story Swap

Let's get our community talking! This unique event is designed to foster connection across generations. Older adults will sign up to share stories from their lives with teen volunteers. Topics will be drawn at random by each pairing; they have 5 minutes to discuss before switching conversation partners.

Registration required.*

Thu. Mar. 14, 4-6 pm
El Dorado Hills Library

Tue. Mar. 26, 1-3 pm
Cameron Park Library

Wed. Mar. 27, 1-3 pm
Placerville Library

Self-Portrait Workshops

Explore your own creativity in our NEA Big Read self-portrait workshops. Hosted at libraries across the county, participants will create artworks using a variety of mediums, looking to themselves as the main character of their own story. **Registration required.***

Sat. Apr. 6, 12-2 pm
Pollock Pines Library

Sat. Apr. 13, 1-3 pm
Georgetown Library

Tue. Apr. 16, 2-4 pm
Cameron Park Library

Sat. Apr. 20, 1-3 pm
South Lake Tahoe Library

Wed. Apr. 24, 5-7 pm
Placerville Library

Placerville Library
345 Fair Lane
Placerville

El Dorado Hills Library
7455 Silva Valley Parkway
El Dorado Hills

Georgetown Library
6680 Orleans Street
Georgetown

South Lake Tahoe Library
1000 Rufus Allen Blvd.
South Lake Tahoe

Cameron Park Library
2500 Country Club Dr.
Cameron Park

A stylized yellow microphone icon with a blue and red background featuring lightning bolts and a gear.

Story Recording Booth

We want to hear your story! Sign up to sit in one of our story recording booths. Hosted at 4 branch libraries, you'll have the chance to record your own story about caregiving and growing older in America. We'll provide the prompts and the guidance – you provide the story. Recorded stories will be compiled into an oral history anthology featuring an original soundtrack. **Registration required.***

Sat. Feb. 3, 11
am-1pm
Placerville Library

Wed. Feb. 7, 1-3 pm
South Lake Tahoe
Library

Sat. Feb. 10, 11 am-1
pm Georgetown
Library

Sat. Feb. 24,
2-4 pm El Dorado
Hills Library

Graphic Anthology

Stories recorded in our booths will be turned into original illustrations by artist Gavin Sellers-Norman. This graphic anthology will be published May 2024 and 100 printed copies will be available to the public free of charge. Copies will also be available for purchase online.

"A Picture's Worth" Exhibition at Switchboard Gallery

This exhibition of illustrator Gavin Sellers-Norman's original work opens in May 2024. The show will feature illustrations inspired by the community-sourced graphic anthology and will run through the end of June.

Thu. May 23, 6-8 pm
Opening Reception for Big Read Exhibition
Switchboard Gallery - 525 Main Street, Placerville

Artist Talk

Gavin Sellers-Norman and personal historian/musician Mariah Padilla will talk about their experiences working with the NEA Big Read and producing creative work based on Roz Chast's memoir. Join in with your own questions and observations.

Thu. Jun. 20, 6-8 pm
Switchboard Gallery - 525 Main Street, Placerville



*How to Register

For events that require registration, scan the QR code or visit the link:

engagedpatrons.org/EventsCalendar.cfm?SiteID=7839

StorySlam

A live storytelling event will be hosted at Switchboard Gallery in Placerville. Storytellers will have 5 minutes each to tell a personal story based on the themes Roz Chast explores in "Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?".

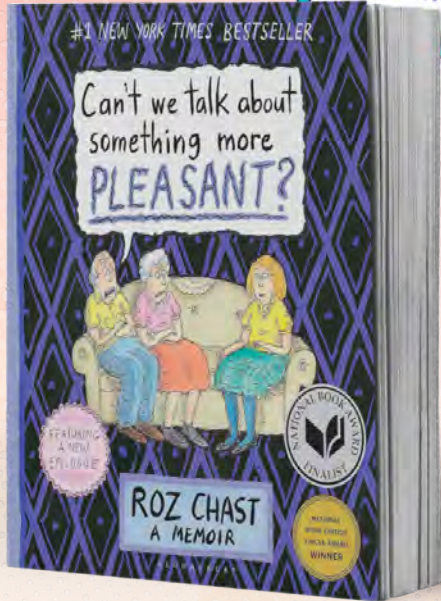
Prepare your story ahead of time or improvise on site!

Thu. Jun. 6, 6-8 pm Switchboard
Gallery
525 Main Street, Placerville



About the Book

Featuring



"Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?" by Roz Chast

Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?, written by Roz Chast, a longtime cartoonist for the New Yorker, is a "tour de force" (Elle, "remarkable" (San Francisco Chronicle, "revelatory" (Kirkus, "deeply poignant and laugh-out-loud funny" (New York Times, and "one of the great autobiographical memoirs of our time" (Buffalo News). A finalist for the National Book Award and winner of the Kirkus Prize, the National Book Critics Circle Award, and the Books for a Better Life Award, the memoir tells the story of Chast's parents' final years through cartoons, family photos, found documents, and narrative prose. "So many have faced (or will face the situation that the author details, but no one could render it like she does" (Kirkus. "Anyone who has had Chast's experience will devour this book and cling to it for truth, humor, understanding, and the futile wish that it could all be different" (St. Louis Post-Dispatch). "I want to recommend it to everyone I know who has elderly parents, or might have them someday" (Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.



NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

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Creative Currents: Volution Gallery puts a special twist on local art

Jordan Hyatt-Miller
Mar 20, 2024



Zack Pangborn wants his downtown Placerville gallery to be a launching point for new and young artists. Photo by Loren Christofferson

Zack Pangborn, local artist and proprietor of Volution Gallery on Placerville Street, has always pursued his own vision.

“I knew I wanted to be an artist since I was probably 5 years old. I somehow didn’t believe people when they said it would be hard,” he said with a laugh.

Zack was born and raised in Placerville, but soon after high school he moved to Seattle for art school, then to Santa Barbara to work in a print and framing shop. He began selling prints of his own work on the sidewalk outside Macy’s; before long he was making enough money as an artist to quit his day job.

As he forged a career for himself in the arts, Zack stayed true to his own vision.

“My brain is very non-commercial,” he explained. “For a long time, I wouldn’t draw for other people or take commissions.”

Sometimes, he acknowledged wryly, he was independent to a fault. In art school he initially dismissed some of the guidelines he was learning, such as balancing a composition into thirds.

“But I still use that to this day,” he confessed. “I guess there’s something to it Of course, you can still break those rules.”

Zack’s work flows from a unique way of seeing the world, blending elements from the natural world with otherworldly imagery. “I find inspiration in nature and all the patterns that you can see at various scales — macro, micro and just ‘cro’. Then I infuse it with my love of science fiction and fantasy, giving it a new personality.”

In 2009 Zack opened the first incarnation of Volution Gallery in Sacramento. “Volution” is a word that refers to a single turn of a spiral. The concept is reflected in the gallery’s logo, a truncated spiral.

The ethos also resonates in Zack's life.

“I like going in a circle, but not ending up in the same spot. That's what life is — doing the same thing that people have been doing for thousands of years, but slightly different.”

When Zack moved back home to Placerville with his family, he himself did the same thing but slightly different, opening the second and third iterations of Volution Gallery on Main Street. The current space is much larger than the one in Sacramento, allowing for events like shows, workshops and figure drawing, which Zack hopes to do more of in the future.

Volution Gallery sells work from many local artists, including Zack's wife, Rebecca Roehr, whose burgeoning artistic practice was an impetus behind the move to a larger gallery space.

“Rebecca started doing art, and her art actually sold,” he said. “With both of us doing art, the other location was just too small. And I always wanted to show other people's art; the idea was to have prints in a record table, so you can flip through them like vinyl.”

At Volution Gallery, the record tables hold a sort of compilation album of regional work, showcasing artists from Placerville to Pollock Pines to Auburn.

Zack isn't much different as a curator than he is as an artist: he selects artists for the gallery on the basis of his own affinity for their work, not their ability to sell prints. Still, Zack recognizes the importance of an audience. In Placerville the audience benefits from access to a gallery of Volution's caliber and the innovative work that it champions, while Volution's artists benefit from exposure to an audience of local art lovers.

Zack knows that questions of audience and community are intertwined. While he has long connected artists to the community, he wants to do more to connect the community to the arts. To that end, he plans to open a “community section” in the gallery, which will

have a special emphasis on the young artists who are learning, as Zack once did, to pursue their own vision.

“I’m excited to get more people in here,” he said. “Maybe it can give someone their start.”

Volution Gallery is located at 452 Main St. in Placerville. Learn more at [VolutionGallery.com](https://www.volutiongallery.com).

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Prop 28: Arts and Music in Schools Planning Toolkit

In November 2022, California voters passed Proposition 28, the Arts and Music In Schools (AMS) Act, which will provide ongoing annual funding for arts education. In the first year, the 2023/24 school year, California public schools will receive \$938 million for the arts.

Prop 28 AMS brings a historic opportunity for schools and districts to invest in arts education to help all students succeed in school and life and reach their career goals.

The Prop 28 AMS Planning Toolkit, developed in consultation with arts education field leaders, will help Local Education Agency (LEA) administrators, school site staff, and their allies collaborate to effectively plan for Prop 28 AMS and strategize to build or further develop a comprehensive arts program in dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts in every school and grade level.

The toolkit includes profiles of school districts' efforts to develop arts programs, common questions, and templates to aid Prop 28 AMS planning.

Disclaimer: *These documents are for planning purposes only. They are not official compliance documents. None of the content should be construed as legal advice or interpretation of the education code requirements for Prop 28 AMS. Schools and LEAs are encouraged to use these items in a manner best suited for their unique situation.*

Prop 28 AMS Common Questions

This page addresses common questions regarding Prop 28 AMS, arts education strategic planning, and promising practices for building a comprehensive, equitable, and standards-aligned arts education program. Please note that this page is not implementation guidance (see CDE's FAQ).

Collecting Community Input Template (PDF)

The purpose of this tool is to support LEAs in collecting community input on how they should use Prop 28 funding to support arts programming in schools.

Prop 28 AMS Inventory of Arts Education Programming and Expenditures

- Instructions (PDF)

- Workbook (Excel)

This template is intended to assist LEAs who need support in determining the total funding spent on arts programming in the prior year. Other LEAs may already have documentation of what was spent on arts education the prior year and, therefore, may not need to use this tool.

Prop 28 AMS School Site Expenditure Plan Template

- Instructions (PDF)
- Workbook (Excel)

This template is intended to assist LEAs who need support in planning expenditures for Prop 28 AMS funds. Other LEAs may already have established methods for planning arts program expenditures and may not need to use this tool.

LEA Arts Education Program Profiles

The following profiles highlight various local education agencies' (LEAs) efforts to develop quality arts education programming for their students. These profiles intend to support LEAs in generating ideas for expanding access to arts education in their local contexts with funds generated through Prop 28 AMS.

- Elk Grove Unified School District: Building a Roadmap to Arts Success
- Manteca Unified School District: Building on a Successful Music Program
- Mountain View Elementary School District: Leveraging Community Partnerships
- Palermo Union School District: Bringing a Creative Mindset to Funding
- San Diego County Office of Education: Wide-Reaching County Support for the Arts
- Val Verde Unified School District: Aiming Beyond an Art Class

Acknowledgment Page

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Arts Education Strategic Planning Resources

These resources are meant to facilitate an LEA to assess, envision, plan, and implement arts education programs.

More Dance in More Schools: Prop 28 Tip Sheet for Schools and Districts

The California Dance Education Association recognizes the logistical and space challenges of providing dance education, especially in schools without dedicated dance space. This tip sheet is designed to help school community members, administrators, and teachers with the resources to ensure that dance is available and accessible without barriers to all CA students.

California Department of Education

- Prop 28 – Arts and Music in Schools Main Page
- Prop 28 – Arts and Music in Schools FAQ
- Prop 28 – Arts and Music in Schools Funding Results

The California Arts Standards

Arts education in California is based on the California Arts Standards. The Standards are the “what” for student learning expectations, which include outcomes for what we want students to know, understand, and be able to do. Programs should be organized to enable students to achieve the outcomes in the standards for each discipline.

The California Arts Education Framework

The framework is the “how” for standards implementation, including guidance for planning instruction and educational programs. Strategic plans should be informed by guidance in the Framework to ensure equitable access for all students.

California Arts Education Data Project

These interactive dashboards were created to track student participation and credentialed visual and performing arts teachers in California.

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Use this flyer and presentation at meetings and events to inform your community about the Arts & Music in Schools Act and the exciting impact this funding can make.

- Flyer for parents/guardians in English and Spanish.
- Presentation for Information Sharing in English and Spanish.

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