



## December 2024 ARTS News!

The Carson Valley Arts Council is celebrating our 20th Anniversary all year long.

If you are thinking about year-end tax saving strategies and are over the age of 70, consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your traditional IRA. Especially if you must take a mandatory distribution from your IRA, a Qualified Charitable Distribution can save you from paying more taxes and support arts in our community at the same time! Join our members and friends who have already done this! Visit our website for more information.

Community arts projects only happen if the Carson Valley Arts Council has volunteers to help plan and carry out the projects. You don't have to be an artist to volunteer. Just love the ARTS! Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers!! You Rock!! There is something for everyone! Call the CVAC office or check out our website.

## 2024 Calendar

Oct. 29 - Dec. 30 - Multi-Media Exploration in Black & White Exhibit. by Harris & Tompkins - CVAC Copeland Gallery

Dec. 10 - Tahoe Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus - Messiah - CVIC Hall - 6:30

Dec. 13 – CV Pops Orchestra Holiday Concert - 7 PM - CVIC Hall, Minden

Dec. 14 - 10-year anniversary celebration of the Douglas County Community & Senior Center-12-5 pm

Jan. 31 - Red Dirt Ruckus Concert - CVIC Hall, Minden - 7 PM

February 3, 2025 thru March 28, 2025 - Alanna McDaniel - Artist at CVAC Copeland Gallery

February 8, 2025, McDaniel Reception - 1-3pm - at CVAC Copeland Gallery

March - Missoula Children's Theatre Comes to 3 local elementary schools

March 14 - Stella Heath Quintet - -CVIC Hall, Minden - 7 PM

April 10 - Misner & Smith - CVIC Hall, Minden - 7 PM

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## Douglas County Community Center 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Douglas County Community and Senior Center will be celebrating the 10th year anniversary of being open!

The Carson Valley Arts Council is celebrating 20 years of service! We couldn't think of a better way to celebrate than to have a party!!

Join us on December 14th from 12pm to 5pm.

Live art, music, food and fun! Activities for kids! This free community event is one you don't want to miss!

**Call for Artists!!** Applications are available online or at the Carson Valley Arts Council, 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden, and by phone at 775-782-8207.



The  
Carson Valley Pops Orchestra  
**HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Friday, December 13th  
Saturday, December 14th



**CVIC Hall in Minden**

**7:00pm**

**Doors Open at 6:00**

Pick up your **FREE** tickets at  
**gadZooks!**

1492 Hwy 395 #104

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# RED DIRT RUCKUS



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**FRIDAY**  
**JAN. 31, 2025**  
**SHOW 7PM, DOORS OPEN 6PM**



**CVIC HALL**  
**ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN**

**Red Dirt Ruckus Coming in January!**  
**Kicking off the New Year!**

The Carson Valley Arts Council is pleased to present an evening with Red Dirt Ruckus. Red Dirt Ruckus will perform at the CVIC Hall, 1602 Esmeralda in Minden, at 7 p.m. Friday, January 31, 2025.

From deep in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada comes a toe-tapping, hip shakin' sound that can't be pinned down. With a healthy dose of bluegrass, a sprinkle of reggae and a big-ole spoonful of funk, Red Dirt Ruckus has been leaving crowds smiling with their own brand of "foothill rudegrass" for almost a decade. This five-piece band rides a high-energy blend of original music by songwriters Doug "Not Josh" Neal (lead vocals/guitar/mandolin) and Dan "Mad Monk" Abbott (lead vocals/bass). Brought to life with the fiddle skills of Lisa Bond (fiddle/back-up vocals), spiced up by Jared Collins on sousaphone and trumpet, and held down by Rob Keedy on drums and percussion.

Tickets are \$22 members, \$25 general audience, and kids under 18 are free with a paid adult ticket. Tickets are available at the Copeland Cultural Arts Center, 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden, online at [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com), and by phone at 775-782-8207. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$28 if not sold out. For more information, visit [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com).



**PRESENTS**



# Mark Harris & Mark Tompkins

**Multi-Media Exploration  
of Black and White**

**Oct. 29 -  
Dec. 30, 2024**

**Free Artist Reception  
Saturday, Nov. 2 - 1 - 3 pm**

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**Carson Valley Arts Council  
Copeland Gallery  
1572 US Hwy 395, Minden, NV  
Monday through Saturday**

[info@cvartsCouncil.com](mailto:info@cvartsCouncil.com) 775-782-8207

**Open 10 am to 5**

[www.cvartsCouncil.com](http://www.cvartsCouncil.com)



## MINI- GRANTS to Local Music & Art Teachers



CVAC Executive Director Sharon Schlegel is pictured with Brandi Gramolini at Jacks Valley Elementary. Brandi will use the funding to purchase art supplies for a special 8-day Exploration with a final project, titled *“Graffiti for Good: Using Art to Positively Impact Our School Community,”* Kelley Yost at Douglas High School received funding to purchase art supplies/underglazing for students to make intricately designed Mexican Talavera tiles based on centuries old techniques from the Middle East and China. Assistant Principal, Sarah Sparhawk receives a check for Dr. Janet Levine at Carson Valley Middle School to repair instruments.

Carson Valley Arts Council has been funding \$300-\$1000 grants to Douglas County art, drama and music teachers for the past seven years thanks to Carson Valley Arts Council donors and supporters. Your donations make these mini-grants possible. Thank you!



## Year End Giving Supports the Arts!

The past year has been a busy one. The Carson Valley Arts Council (CVAC) once again partnered with Main Street Gardnerville and Douglas County on the annual “Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Festival.”

CVAC also concluded their fourth annual Art Studio Tour.

As we look toward 2025, it also promises to be a busy one. Future goals include getting the architectural drawings completed for the renovation of the Copeland Building into a Community Performing Arts and Cultural Center; continuing to grow our educational arts program for Douglas County youth; bringing the public exciting concerts; and other projects still in development.

For all of these projects we rely on grants, sponsorships, and donations.

Our mission is to create a climate for the arts through the presentation and promotion of cultural and educational events for the Carson Valley youth and community. Art and artists strengthen our communities and enrich our lives.

As the end of 2024 approaches, we hope you will consider supporting the Carson Valley Arts Council when you think about who to donate to.

Your support of the Carson Valley Arts Council is a gift of the arts to yourself, your community and our youth.

If you would like to donate to CVAC, you can go to our website and make a donation. Our website is [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com). Or you can call our office at 775-782-8207.

### **REDUCE TAXES, INCREASE IMPACT!**

**The IRA Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) provides several benefits. If YOU are 70½ and older, you can transfer up to \$100,000 annually from a traditional IRA directly to a nonprofit each year. You pay NO taxes on the transferred money and your gift counts dollar-for-dollar to support our important work in Carson Valley.**

**To benefit this year, your IRA Qualified Charitable Deduction needs to be made before December 31. Call your financial advisor or IRA administrator for more details on how to make the IRA charitable deduction work for you.**

**How It Works.... You have your IRA administrator simply write the QCD check to “Carson Valley Arts Council”. The check can be given to you to deliver to the Carson Valley Arts Council or mailed directly.**





## 2024-2025 CVAC Concert Series

Celebrating 20 Years of Supporting Local Arts



### The Carson Valley Arts Council announces its 2024-25 Concert Series!

The Carson Valley Arts Council will kick off its 2024-2025 Concert Series in October bringing diverse music performers from across the country to our local community and schools.

Become a Member of CVAC and save on individual tickets. Discounted member advance ticket is \$22 per individual concert tickets. General Public Advance Tickets for each concert are now on sale.

To purchase individual concert tickets: Call 775-782-8207, on line at [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com) or at the CVAC office, 1572 Hwy 395, Minden. Advance ticket prices are available till the day before concerts.

#### 2024-2025 Concert Lineup

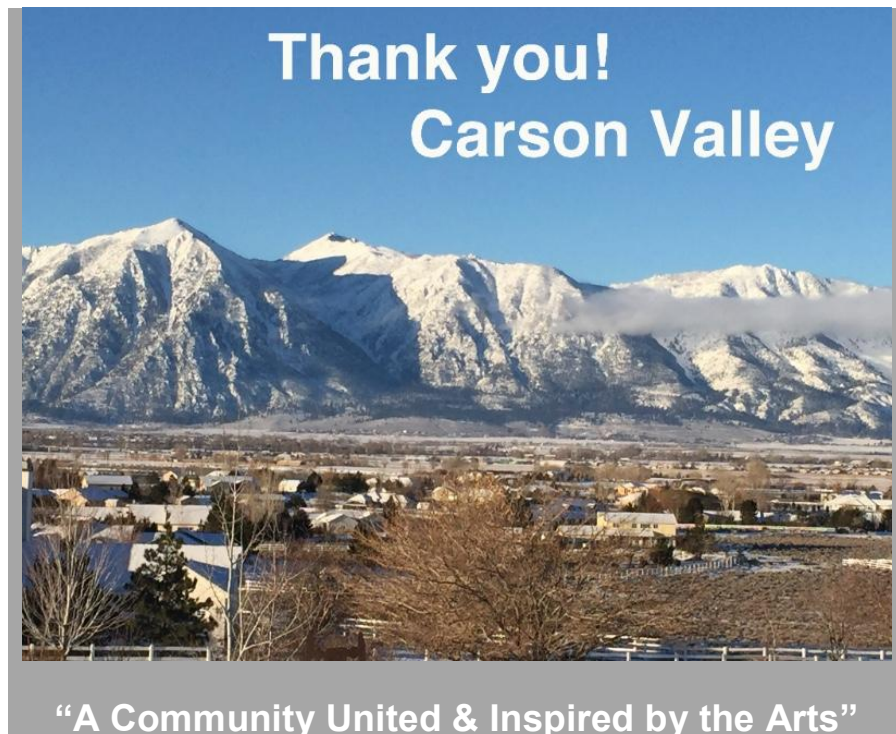
Again this year we will be offering **free admission for youth under 18 years of age with purchase of an adult ticket** to our public concerts. If you plan to bring a youth to the concert please let us know at the time of purchase of adult ticket.

- T Sisters • Eclectic Folk Music with close harmonies - Friday, October 11, 2024
- Dave Stamey • Traditional Western Music - Friday, November 15, 2024
- Red Dirt Ruckus • Bluegrass, Reggae and Funk Music - Friday, January 31, 2025
- Stella Heath Quintet • Hot Jazz and Swing and Traditional Jazz - Friday, March 14, 2025
- Misner & Smith • Folky vocal style that applies a hip-inspired melody - Friday, April 11, 2025
- The Paperboys • Globe trotting sextet with Celtic, Fiddle Tunes, Traditional Mexican Folk, Bluegrass, and Latino/West African Music - Friday, May 9, 2025

## Thank you 2024-25 Sponsors and Supporters

Special thanks go to our sponsors for the Concert Series and the Art Studio Tour. Please thank all of our sponsors and supporters for making the ARTS important in our community. Nevada Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, Creative West, Carson Valley Inn, Douglas County, BDR Construction, Coffee on Main, Record Courier, Sierra View Dental Center, Carson Valley United Methodist Church, Douglas Democrats/DCDemocratic Women, Breaux Accounting Group, Double J Auto, Mort's Auto Body, Custom Framing & Design, Art Gallery @ Prism, Gadzooks, Bike Habitat, Towns of Minden and Gardnerville, Carson Valley Visitor's Authority and Chamber of Commerce, the Smallwood Foundation, Heritage Bank, Nevada State Bank, American Century Championship, Holiday Inn Express, Minden Rotary, Leavitt Meadows Pack Station, Sharon Hoelscher Day, and Karen and Brian Fitzgerald.

Visit our website at [www.cvartscouncil.com](http://www.cvartscouncil.com)





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