



April 2026 ARTS News!

Working on your taxes?? If you are 70 years old or older and have a traditional IRA, you can reduce your taxes by making a Qualified Charitable Deduction for a 501(c)3 non-profit like Carson Valley Arts Council. For details see below.

The architect is starting the planning process for the Carson Valley Cinema project to convert it into a Cultural & Performing Arts Center. Details below.

Thank you to all our 2025-26 donors and supporters. You make the arts thrive! Your donations make it possible for CVAC to bring quality concerts to our valley, the Missoula Children's Theatre and ARTS teachers mini-grants to local schools. It is not too late to donate to our youth ARTS education projects.

Call the CVAC office or check out our website if you want to learn about volunteer opportunities or become a member of CVAC. Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!

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2026 Calendar

March 30 - April 24 - Douglas High Student Artists Exhibit at Copeland Gallery

April 4 - Student Artist Reception – Copeland Gallery 1 -3 pm

April 7 - Second Visioning Workshop for the Cultural and Performing Arts Community Center on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Douglas County Community & Senior Center, 1329 Waterloo Lane, Gardnerville.

April 10 - Chris Webster & Nina Gerber - 7 pm - CVIC Hall, Minden

April 18 - CV Pops Orchestra - Come Fly with Me - CVIC Hall - 7 PM

April 18 - Applications Open for 2026 Carson Valley Art Studio Tour

May 8 - Harry & the Hitmen - 7 pm - CVIC Hall, Minden

June 6 & 7 - Carson Valley Quilt Guild Show - Douglas County Community Center

New Carson Valley Arts Council Membership Year Begins July 1

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Carson Valley Arts Council
CONCERT SERIES 2025/2026



**CHRIS WEBSTER &
NINA GERBER**

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FRIDAY
APRIL 10, 2026
SHOW 7PM, DOORS OPEN 6PM

CVIC HALL
ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN

The show features country/folk singer Chris Webster and legendary bluegrass/folk guitarist Nina Gerber. Chris Webster's magic derives from those ineffable qualities of vocal grain, emotional nuance, timing and phrasing possessed by the truly great and moving singers of any style. Nina effortlessly moves between country, pop, and rhythm and blues. The evening's real star... Gerber usually says little and lets her guitar do the talking. She is a not-so-underground legend. Her wide-ranging folk-country-jazz-blues stylings have backed dozens of performers on stage and record. <https://www.ninagerber.com/> & <https://chriswebstermusic.com>

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OR CVAC OFFICE LOCATED AT 1572 US HWY 395, MINDEN



**Long Time Duo of Chris Webster
and Nina Gerber to Play Minden**

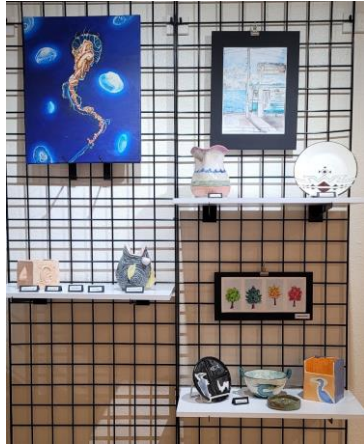
Music fans know Chris Webster and Nina Gerber as two of the most skilled and artful musical talents. Webster's voice is uniquely compelling while Gerber's guitar is beautiful and powerful. Together they're magic. With originals, tasteful covers-soulful ballads, jazzy tunes and sweet folk, a great show.

Country folk singer Chris Webster and bluegrass folk guitarist Nina Gerber will perform on Friday, April 10, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the CVIC Hall in Minden.

Nina Gerber toured and recorded with the late Kate Wolf from 1978-1986. She has since toured or recorded with Karla Bonoff, Dave Alvin, Peter Rowan, Eliza Gilkyson, and Greg Brown, to name just a few. Nina has a unique ability to completely free herself within an eclectic range of styles. Presented with folk, country, bluegrass, rock, or blues, she is able to fall into leads which have rare reverence for the true feeling of a song, always emphasizing taste over technical display.

Chris Webster has been one of the lead singers for one of the best known regional acts in California (Mumbo Gumbo) for over 25 years. Combining elegance and grace with a foot-shuffling manner, Webster has a purity and beauty about her that is seldom seen and never forgotten. She can cut to the bone with tender, unrequited songs of love-gone-wrong then slap you upside the head with a fistful of lyrics and a take-charge melody that makes you step aside, stand back, and listen.

Tickets to the 7 pm performance are \$22 for members, \$25 advance, \$28 at the door; and kids under 18 are free with a paid adult ticket. Tickets are available online at www.cvartscouncil.com, by phone at 775-782-8207, or at the Copeland Cultural Arts Center, 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden.



Douglas High School students will have their work on display at the Copeland Gallery in Minden from March 30, 2026 through April 24, 2026. This exhibition presents mixed-media works that students have composed over a yearlong course of study under teacher Zoe Shorten. The exhibition can be viewed Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CVAC will host a reception for the student artists on Saturday, April 4, from 1 to 3 pm. The reception is free and open to the public. We welcome you to interact with the exceptional artworks and the students who created them.

Sharon Schlegel, CVAC Executive Director, said “CVAC is delighted to present work by Ms. Shorten’s accomplished students. Their professional level of work presents accomplished and diverse mixed media creative achievements.”

Feel free to contact us for additional information or questions by calling the Carson Valley Arts Council office at 782-8207. Visit our website at www.cvartscouncil.com to learn more about CVAC and upcoming events. The Copeland Gallery is located at 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden (corner of Hwy 395 and County Road).



Join us for an opportunity to give input on the future development of the Cultural and Performing Arts Community Center.



**Douglas County
Community & Senior
Center**



6:30-7:30P



April 7, 2026

What to expect:

- Food & Refreshments Provided.
- Presentation & round table discussions.
- Learn how this project is funded through donations.

**OPEN TO ALL
COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

Join us in the Grand View Dining Room for our second workshop building on the ideas and feedback gathered during the first session and survey. Help us refine priorities and shape the key elements of the future facility.

CALL FOR MORE INFO

775-782-5500

1329 Waterloo Ln | Gardnerville, NV | 89410

Douglas County Community Services invites residents to participate in the second Visioning Workshop for the Cultural and Performing Arts Community Center on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the [Douglas County Community & Senior Center](#), located at 1329 Waterloo Lane in Gardnerville. This interactive workshop is a continuation of the community driven planning process and provides another opportunity for residents to share input, ideas, and priorities for the future facility. Building on feedback gathered during the first session and survey, this workshop will further refine the vision to ensure the facility reflects the needs, interests, and values of the Douglas County community.

The evening will include a brief presentation from TSK Architects, followed by engaging roundtable discussions where participants can collaborate in small groups to provide feedback and help shape key elements of the project. A question-and-answer session with Douglas County staff and TSK representatives will conclude the workshop. To thank participants for their time and involvement, food and refreshments will be provided.

“This project is truly driven by our community,” said Douglas County Community Services Director Brook Adie. “We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations that have made this planning process possible. This workshop is another important step in ensuring we create a space that supports arts, culture, and connection for generations to come.”

Funding for this project has been made possible through the support of community donations, reflecting a shared investment in expanding cultural and performing arts opportunities throughout Douglas County.

The workshop is open to all community members. Whether you attended the first session or are joining for the first time, all perspectives are welcome and encouraged.

For more information, please contact Douglas County Community Services at 775-782-5500



Mark your calendar!

Carson Valley Art Studio Tour

October 10 & 11, 2026

Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM and Sunday 10 AM - 3 PM

Artist applications for the 2-day Carson Valley Art Studio Tour - Oct. 10 & 11, 2026 will open April 18 at CVASTour.org.

Artist Registration will be open April 18 and close July 17, 2026. Early application is \$55 before June 13, 2026. After June 13, an application is \$70 and close July 17, 2026. Scholarships may be available for students. Pay online or check payable to Carson Valley Arts Council Mail to: Carson Valley Arts Council Att: Studio Tour, 1572 US Highway 395, Minden NV 89423.

Applications are reviewed as received and will be notified no later than August 15 if accepted.



The
Carson Valley Pops Orchestra
Invites You to Their

Come Fly With Me 

SPRING CONCERT

Saturday,
April 18th

7:00pm
Doors open at 6:30pm

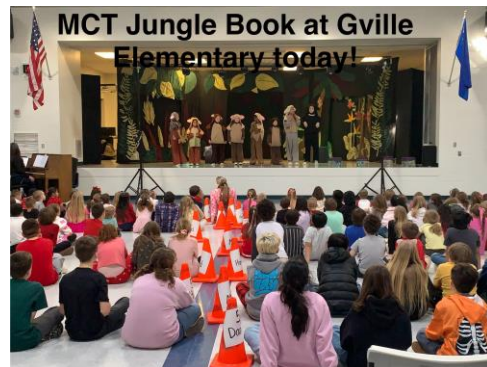
At the CVIC Hall
in Minden





Admission is free,
but donations
cheerfully accepted

Sponsored by the Town of Minden



Carson Valley Arts Council supports arts programs for local students. Mini-grants were presented this winter to Cindy Patmont, Scarselli Elementary School for Brushstrokes of Imagination – Elementary Watercolor Instruction; Zoe Shorten, Douglas High School, for field trip to Shephard Contemporary Gallery (UNR and Nevada Museum of Art Field Trip); and Heather Kuehner, Gardnerville Elementary to help support their Missoula Children's Theatre production of The Jungle Book.

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HARRY & THE HITMEN

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MAY 8, 2026
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CVIC HALL
ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN

Harry and the Hitmen serve up classic Motown and soul with jovial professionalism. But don't let the "suits" fool you, the band comes from an improvised rock tradition, and has years of experimentation behind their tight arrangements. <https://www.harryandthehitmen.com>

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Tax Time?! Are You 70 or Older?

You can SAVE ON TAXES and Support the Arts at the Same Time!

REDUCE TAXES, INCREASE IMPACT!



The IRA Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) or charitable rollover provides several benefits. It allows individuals 70½ and older to transfer up to \$100,000 from a traditional IRA directly to a nonprofit

each year. You pay NO taxes on the transfer and your gift counts dollar-for-dollar to support our important work in Carson Valley.

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

How It Works.... You have your IRA administrator simply writes 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 to CVAC.



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BUY A TICKET. BUILD THE ARTS!



Carson Valley Cinemas belongs to all of us. All cinema profits go right back into renovating the ***Douglas County Cultural & Performing Arts Community Center*** **\$25,000 in the last six months and growing!**

When you go to a movie, you're investing in our arts, our children, and our community.



SHOWTIME!

Since the Feb. 11th Visioning Workshop, the TSK Architects have been gathering community feedback related to the Masterplan for the Douglas County Cultural and Performing Arts Community Center. This information will be used to design the conversion of the Carson Valley Cinema into the new Center. Thank you to everyone who attended or submitted their comments.

You can support the Douglas County Cultural and Performing Arts Community Center by **going to the movies or donating to the project. Call Carson Valley Arts Council at 775.782.8207 for details.**



The Carson Valley Quilt Guild is having their Quilt Show, June 6-7 held at the Douglas County Community and Senior Center. The theme is “Stitching our Stars and Stripes.” The show is open to any quilter and does not have to be a member. Quilt entries are open beginning February 2 to April 1. We have \$10,000 in prize money. Please see our website for entry information.

[Http://quiltshow.CVQG.com](http://quiltshow.CVQG.com)

Thank you! Carson Valley



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