



February 2026 ARTS News!

Looking for a Valentine's Day special evening. Our next concert is award winning Western artist Kristyn Harris on Feb. 13. Become a member for discounted tickets or season tickets and support the ARTS in our community. More details online!

The architect has been hired to start 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.

Check out our website for the **"Explore the ARTS"** menu at the top which includes pages for local artists and musicians, plus local ARTS organizations and businesses. Contact our office if you are interested in being included on one of the pages. The same page has the new Visual Artist Registry.

Thank you to all our wonderful Volunteers! Volunteers Rock!! Call the CVAC office or check out our website if you want to volunteer or become a member of CVAC.

2026 Calendar

Feb. 3 - March 27, 2026 - Vickie Kingman & Eddie Ford Art Exhibit

Feb. 5-7 - Eagles & Ag Weekend

Feb.7 - 1-3 pm - Kingman & Ford Artists Reception

Feb. 7 - Needle Felting classes with Kim VanZyll - Carson Valley Art Association

Feb. 13, 2026 - Kristyn Harris - 7 pm - CVIC Hall, Minden

Feb. 22 - E.P.I.C. | Elizabeth Pitcairn in Concert Tahoe Symphony Orchestra & Chorus_(TOCCATA) , CVIC Hall, 3:00 – 5:30pm

March 6, 2026 - Mustangs of the West - CVIC Hall - 7 PM

March 13, 14, 20, 21 at 7:30pm - Sweeney Todd - CV Community Theatre- CVIC Hall, Minden

March 14, 15, 21, 22 at 2:00pm- Sweeney Todd - CV Community Theatre- CVIC Hall, Minden

March 14 - Expandable Horizons Fundraiser -Carson Valley Inn - 5 PM

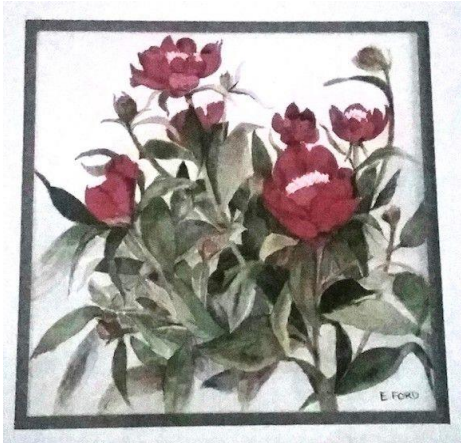
March 28 - Needle Felting classes with Kim VanZyll - Carson Valley Art Association

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

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

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EDDIE FORD AND VICKI KINGMAN FEATURED ARTISTS AT THE COPELAND GALLERY

Carson Valley Arts Council (CVAC) presents local artists Eddie Ford and Vicki Kingman at the Copeland Gallery in Minden from February 3 through March 27, 2026. The theme of their show is "Double the fun, we're turning 81."

Eddie Ford

Edwina Ford is an artist who lives in Gardnerville, Nevada. She has been painting for over 20 years. She has shown her work in numerous exhibitions in the Carson Valley, winning awards for her oils and watercolors along with selling numerous paintings. Inspiration for her paintings comes from the natural beauty found in the local area, and techniques from artists such as: Richard Schmid (oil) and Anita Engle (watercolors).

Vicki Kingman

Before moving to Gardnerville, Vickie lived at South Lake Tahoe for 20 years. She was a vocalist with several local and Sacramento bands. She sang on the M.S. Dixie and at the Top of the Wheel at Harveys. Her art interests didn't stop there. She always loved to paint and continued to develop her skills. Now she works predominately in watercolor, but will jump track and do a painting in oil also. "Our Valley offers an abundance of beauty" she says. Vickie has been giving classes lately. She says "It is such a joy to see the enthusiasm of others when they experience the magic of painting."

Eddie and Vicki's exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm. Eddie and Vicki's work will be available for purchase.

CVAC will host an artist's reception for Eddie and Vicki on Saturday, February 7 from 1 until 3 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Come and meet Eddie and Vicki.

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).



The CVAA is pleased to offer two Needle Felting classes with Kim VanZyll on February 7 and one on March 28. Please register for the class by clicking on this link: <https://carsonvalleyartists.com/felting-class/> If you can't register online, please send us an email and we will get you on the list.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

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Carson Valley Arts Council
CONCERT SERIES 2025/2026



KRISTYN HARRIS

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FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 13, 2026
 SHOW 7PM, DOORS OPEN 6PM

CVIC HALL
ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN

Kristyn has been named the International Western Music Association Entertainer of the Year 6 times, and is the youngest person to have received this honor. She is especially recognized for her powerful voice, swing rhythm guitar chops, songwriting, yodeling, and energetic stage presence. <http://www.kristynharris.com/home>

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OR CVAC OFFICE LOCATED AT 1572 US HWY 395, MINDEN








Award Winning Western Artist Comes to Minden

The CVAC's 2025-2026 Concert Series resumes with music from Kristyn Harris on Friday, February 13, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the CVIC Hall in Minden.

Kristyn Harris, a Texas-bred musical powerhouse out of Burleson, TX, has been named the International Western Music Association Entertainer of the Year 6 times, and is the youngest person to have received this honor. She is especially recognized for her powerful voice, swing rhythm guitar chops, songwriting, yodeling, and energetic stage presence.

Other accolades include International Western Music Association Female Performer of the Year 7 times, as well as being honored by the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City for "Outstanding Western Album". In addition, she has recently received recognition for her music from the CMA of Texas and the International Red Carpet Awards in the Netherlands.

Although western swing, cowboy songs and a little bit of classic country are her primary staples, you might even hear strains of big band or folk artists in her music, and she also enjoys sharing her faith through gospel songs.

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



The Douglas County Community Services Foundation donated \$62,500 to help fund a Cultural and Performing Arts Community Center's master planning phase, according to a Friday, Jan. 30, Douglas County news release. The Carson Valley Arts Council also made a matching contribution of \$62,500 to fund the architect and planning process.

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners accepted the donations and approved a \$125,000 contract with Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, Ltd. to lead the master planning process for the center. The Carson Valley Arts Council, has been working toward the development of a performing arts center for more than 20 years.

"This investment reflects our foundation's commitment to enhancing quality of life, economic vitality, and community connection through arts and culture," said Renea Louie, chairwoman of the Douglas County Community Services Foundation. "This project has been a shared vision for years, and the foundation board has committed to its success from aspiration to reality."

A review team evaluated submissions and interviews, then chose Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, Ltd. as the preferred firm to enter into contract negotiations.

The center represents a long-standing priority for Douglas County, consistently

affirmed through multiple planning efforts, including the 2013 Valley Vision, 2018 Minden and Gardnerville Plan for Prosperity, 2020 Douglas County Master Plan, and the 2024 Strategic Plan.

The master planning process will establish a framework to guide development, investment, and implementation, ensuring the project reflects community values, needs, and aspirations, the release said. Expenditures will be tracked under a dedicated project number assigned by the Finance Department to ensure transparency and accountability.

Carson Valley Arts Council President, Brian Fitzgerald, said "We hope our community will support our efforts to bring this new Cultural & Performing Arts Community Center to life. Individual, business and organization donations will be critical to make the Center a reality. Carson Valley Arts Council also has added an account for this new project separate from its regular arts programming. Click on the image below to support the new Cultural * Performing Arts Center."

Sources: KOLO 8, Douglas County Commitssioners and Carson Valley Arts Council.



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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!
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SHOWTIME!



Eagles & Agriculture - February 5 to February 8, 2026



Annual Gathering of Eagles and Celebration of Agriculture

Schedule of Featured Tours & Workshops

(Unless otherwise noted, all events are held at or depart from the Carson Valley Inn)

Thursday

Opening Reception & Photography Exhibit 5:30P—7:30P \$ 45 (CVIC Hall, Minden)

Friday

Wetlands Birding Tour 8:00A—11:00A \$ 110

Historic Barn Tour 1:30P to 4:30P \$ 120

Falconers' Dinner 5:30P—8:30P \$ 110

Saturday

Ranch & Eagle Tour 8:00A—1:00P \$ 120

Owl Prowl 1:30P to 4:30P \$ 120

Photography Workshop Sat, February 7 6:00P-9:00P \$ 200 (Minden Mill)
Sun, February 8 7:00A-10:00A (DC Museum)

Sunday

Carson Valley Heritage Museums Tour 8:00A—11:30A \$ 45 (DC Museum)

Raptor Highway & Byway Tour 8:00A—11:30A \$ 110

Photography Contest

Best Eagle Image—\$150 Prize • Best Agricultural/Wildlife Image—\$150 Prize

Sign Up Now! Space Is Limited.

For event reservations, special lodging rates and other information, go to
www.carsonvalleynv.org or call 775-782-8144.



Soar with the Eagles!

- Observe eagles in the field along with experienced birders.
- Discover Carson Valley's rich agricultural history dating back to the mid-1800s.
- Photograph birds, wildlife and beautiful scenery to your heart's content.
- Learn how to identify distinct types of eagles, hawks, falcons and owls.



Eagles and Agriculture is hosted by Carson Valley's agricultural and ranching community with the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Lahontan Audubon Society, American West Fine Art Photography, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, The Nature Conservancy, and Legacy Land & Water.



E.P.I.C. | Elizabeth Pitcairn in Concert

February 22, 2026

Guest Conductor Dr. Phoenix Delgado leads the Tahoe Symphony Orchestra & Chorus (TOCCATA) in an unforgettable concert featuring violin virtuoso Elizabeth Pitcairn, performing on the legendary Red Mendelssohn Stradivarius violin.

The Music

Mozart - Overture to Don Giovanni

Brahms - Liebeslieder: Neun Walzer aus Op. 52 und op. 65

Faure - Pavane op 50

Jennifer Lucy Cook - For You I Will Be An Island

Verdi - Brindisi ("Libiamo ne' lieti calici") from La traviata

Dvorak – Violin Concerto in A Minor – Elizabeth Pitcairn, violin

Douglas County performance: Sunday, February 22, 2026, 3:00 – 5:30 pm , CVIC Hall, 1602 Esmeralda, Minden, NV

Premium seating: \$75 adults, \$70 for seniors (65+), Youth (under 23 with ID) \$30. Preferred seating: \$60 for adults, \$55 for seniors (65+), Youth (under 23 with ID) \$15.

General admission: \$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors (65+), Youth (under 23 with ID) enjoys FREE admission.

To purchase tickets contact the Carson Valley Arts Council (CVAC) at 775-782-8207 or stop by the CVAC office at 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden, Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm.. You can also purchase tickets online on the Tahoe Symphony website. Tickets will also be available at the door 30 minutes prior to the concert if not sold out.

Carson Valley Arts Council CONCERT SERIES 2025/2026



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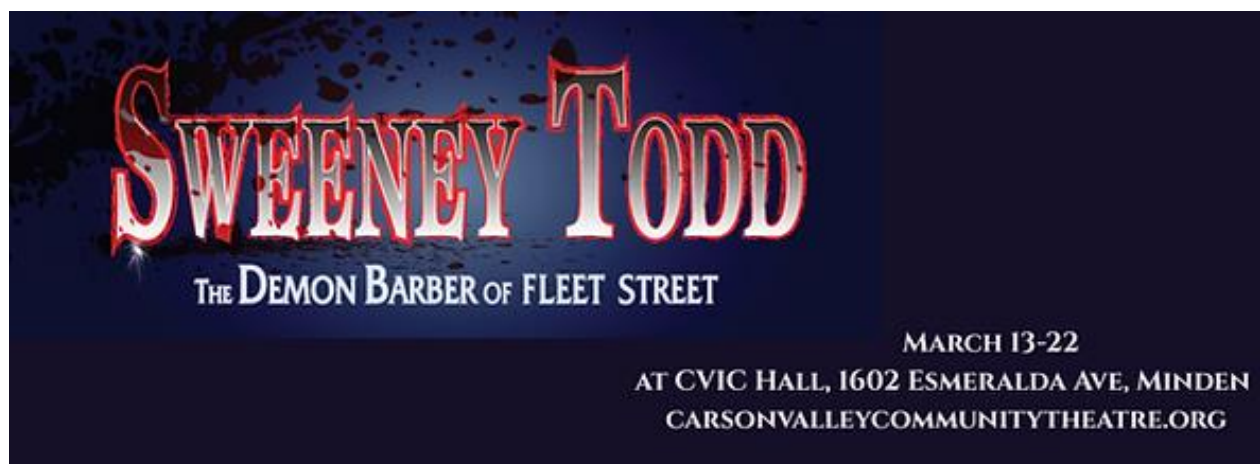
FRIDAY
MARCH 6, 2026
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CVIC HALL
ESMERALDA AVE, MINDEN

Mustangs of the West is a band with west coast roots steeped in both classic California country and folk rock: equal parts Emmylou Harris and Stevie Nicks, mixed with three and four-part vocal harmonies of The Eagles and early Beach Boys.
<https://mustangsofthewest.com>

Tickets on Sale Now - Online or
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Carson Valley Community Theatre

Performance Dates

March 13, 14, 20, 21 @ 7:30pm

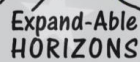
March 14, 15, 21, 22 @ 2:00pm

March 19 @ 7:30pm - Pay What You Can

CVIC Hall - 1602 Esmeralda Ave, Minden

Tickets available [here](#)

or by calling 775-782-6622



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The Carson Valley Arts Council kicked off its 2025-2026 Concert Series beginning October 10, bringing diverse music performers from across the country to our local community and schools.

Become a Member of CVAC and save on season tickets. Discounted member advance ticket is \$22 per individual concert tickets.

General Public Advance Tickets for each concert are now on sale.

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

2025-2026 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.

- Tom Rigney & Flambeau • Blazing Cajun and Zydeco two-steps, blues, funky New Orleans grooves Music - Friday, October 10, 2025
- Jessica Malone • Folk, jazz, Americana, and blues Music - Friday, November 14, 2025
- Kristyn Harris • Western Music - Friday, February 13, 2026
- Mustangs of the West - Friday, March 6, 2026
- Chris Webster & Nina Gerber • Country, folk, bluegrass, pop, rhythm & blues Music - Friday, April 10, 2026
- Harry & the Hitmen • Classic Mowtown and Soul Music - Friday, May 8, 2026

**Thank you!
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