



July 2026 ARTS News!

Time to celebrate USA's 250th Anniversary in Genoa, Minden and Gardnerville!

CVAC's membership renewal is now in Process. You can be part of all the exciting new projects in our community, like the Community Arts Center and murals. Your membership helps keep our doors open, supports all our arts projects and ARTS teachers mini-grants in local schools. Become a member online today.

There is still time to submit your studio Application for the CV Art Studio Tour. Artist applications close on July 17.

The architect has finished the planning process and is finalizing the design for the Carson Valley Cinema project to convert it into a Cultural & Performing Arts Center. Remember going to the movies helps fund the New Center Conversion! Details below.

Calling all local musicians! The Carson Valley Arts Council has launched a new Musicians Registry online to help venues and groups find local talent.

We are winding up our sponsorship campaign for our 2026-27 Concert Series. Call our office to learn how you can help and add your business or organization's name on our website and concert program. 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.

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

April 18 - July 17 - Applications Open for 2026 Carson Valley Art Studio Tour

June 22 through August 21 - Irene Taylor, Sharon Schimke, and Lisa Daggett, Copeland Gallery, Minden

July 1 - New Carson Valley Arts Council Membership Year Begins

July 4 - Genoa Americana Celebration - Celebrate with Music - 10:30 am - 5:15 pm

July 4 - CV Pops - Heritage Park, Gardnerville, 11:30 am

July 4 - Independence Day Celebration - Minden Park - 10 am - 2 pm

July 5 - Rock & Roll Summer, TOCCATA - TJ's Corral - 7:30 pm

July 11 - Irene Taylor, Sharon Schimke, and Lisa Daggett Artists Reception - 1 - 3pm, Copeland Gallery, Minden

July 17 - CV Art Studio Tour Artist Applications Close

July 17 - Locked n Loaded - Summer Concert Series - Minden Town Park - 6-8 pm

July 24, 30, 31 & Aug 1 - A Piece of My Heart - CVIC, Minden @ 7:30 pm

July 25, 26 & Aug 1 - A Piece of My Heart - CVIC, Minden @ 2 pm

Oct. 9 - NEW CVAC Concert Series Starts

Oct. 10 & 11 - Carson Valley Art Studio Tour

A Community United and Inspired by the Arts

JOIN US FOR OUR

4th of JULY

★ INDEPENDENCE DAY ★

Celebration

FRI, 4 JULY 2025
10AM - 2PM
MINDEN PARK
1610 ESMERALDA AVENUE

COMPLIMENTARY

FOOD & SWEETS | MUSIC | ACTIVITIES

Questions? Call 775-782-5976

townofminden.com



JULY 4, 2026

10:30 A.M. - 5:15 P.M.

MORMON STATION STATE HISTORIC PARK

Brought to you by the Friends of Genoa (FOG)





4th of July

The
Carson Valley Pops Orchestra
Presents

**250 YEARS OF
AMERICANA**

11:30 am

At Heritage Park
Gardnerville, Nevada



Sponsored by
the Town of Gardnerville





This summer, the stage moves outdoors as TOCCATA Tahoe Symphony celebrates the music that shaped generations with an electrifying *Rock n' Roll* Summer Concert Series. From the timeless melodies of The Beatles and Elvis Presley to the anthemic energy of Queen, Journey, and David Bowie, this program brings together iconic hits audiences know and love, all reimagined through the power and color of live orchestra, chorus, and soloists.

Our talented musicians and vocalists will bring these iconic arrangements to life in a performance that spans generations of musical excellence. Whether you're a longtime fan of Rock & Roll or discovering these hits for the first time, this summer evening promises to be filled with toe-tapping rhythms, soaring melodies, and the timeless appeal of truly great music that pushed the boundaries.

Douglas County performance is Sunday, July 5, 2026, 7:30 to 9:00 pm at TJ's Corral, Carson Valley Inn in Minden.

General admission: \$30 adults, \$25 seniors (65+), youth under 23 with ID free. Veterans and Active Military are free.

Premium seating: \$75 adults, \$70 seniors (65+), \$30 youth (under 23 with ID). Veterans and Active Military are free.

Preferred seating: \$60 adults, \$55 seniors (65+), \$15 youth (under 23 with ID). Veterans and Active Military are free.

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. Tickets will also be available at the door 30 minutes prior to the concert if not sold out. Tickets can also be purchased on the TOCCATA website at <https://www.tahoesyphony.com>.



IRENE TAYLOR, SHARON SCHIMKE, AND LISA DAGGETT FEATURED ARTISTS AT THE COPELAND GALLERY

Carson Valley Arts Council presents local watercolor artist Irene Taylor, mixed media artist Sharon Schimke, and Jewelry artist Lisa Daggett at the Copeland Gallery in Minden from June 23 through August 21, 2026.

Irene Taylor

My best work comes when I have experienced a scene or flowers, study it with color, composition in mind, and joy of the heart, and then photograph for further reference. I love the process of paint to paper and use the full range of color and light. .

Sharon Schimke

Working primarily in mixed media, mosaic, acrylics, pastel oils, found objects, broken ceramics, glass, textiles, and dimensional materials, Sharon is known for her ability to transform everyday elements into visually captivating works of art. Her creative process is driven by curiosity and a desire to push beyond traditional boundaries, allowing each piece to develop its own personality and voice.

Lisa Daggett

Lisa along with her husband Jim Daggett creates one-of-a-kind pieces of handcrafted jewelry marketed under the business name of Southwest Designs.

The artists' exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm. Irene's, Sharon's and Lisa's work will be available for purchase.

CVAC will host an artist's reception for Irene, Sharon, and Lisa on Saturday, July 11 from 1 until 3 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Come and meet Irene, Sharon and Lisa.

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).



Mark your calendar!

Carson Valley Art Studio Tour

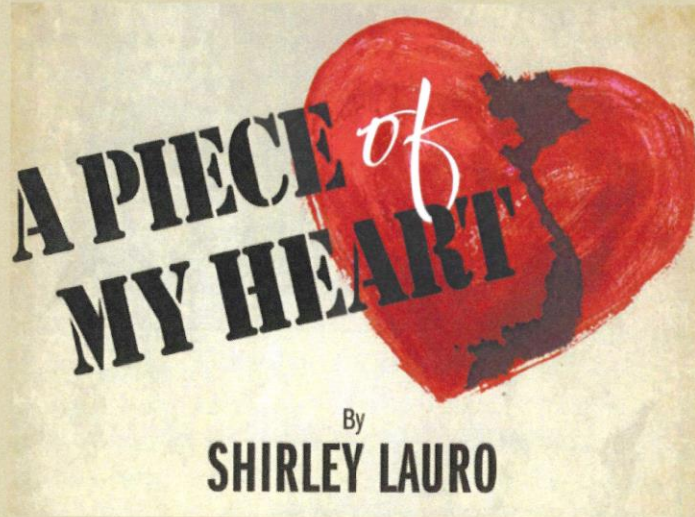
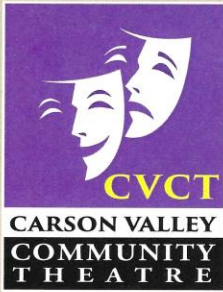
October 10 & 11, 2026

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.



July 24, 31, and August 1 @ 7:30pm
July 25, 26, and August 1, and 2 @ 2:00pm
July 30 @ 7:30pm - Pay What You Can

at CVIC Hall, 1602 Esmeralda Ave, Minden

Tickets \$26 (VIP), \$21 (adults), \$ 18 (senior citizens and students)
pre-sale (add \$5 at the door)

Tickets available at carsonvalleycommunitytheatre.org
or by calling 775-782-6622



"A Piece of My Heart" is presented by arrangement with Concord
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Co-Sponsored by the Town of Minden

2026 Starbucks
Carson Valley
Roasting Plant
& Distribution
Center

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

06.26 Outlaw Mariachi

High energy Mariachi-Rock

Co-Sponsor: Carson Tahoe Health

Food Featured: Lady Griller, NV Nosh

Other Food Items: Gonuts for Donuts, Kiwanis Ice-cream,
Rotary Club Hotdogs

Drinks: CV Flyte, Smoothielicious

07.17 Locked n Loaded

Country

Co-Sponsor: Seyfried Dental Arts

Food Featured: Pretty Odd Wieners, Candy Burger

Other Food Items: Gonuts for Donuts, Kiwanis Ice-cream

Drinks: Unnhibited, Smoothielicious

08.14 Beatles Flashback

Beatles Tribute

Co-Sponsor: Carson Valley Health

Food Featured: Pretty Odd Wieners, Blanhir's Bakery

Other Food Items: Gonuts for Donuts, Kiwanis Ice-cream

Drinks: Unnhibited, Bubbly Bliss

08.28 Mumbo Gumbo

Genre-Bending Americana

Co-Sponsor: The Chateau at Gardnerville

Food Featured: Lady Griller, Blanhir's Bakery

Other Food Items: Rotary Club Hotdogs, Kiwanis Ice-cream,
Ping Pow Poom

Drinks: CV Flyte, Bubbly Bliss

09.18 White Water

Classic 60's & 70's

Co-Sponsor: Public Restroom

Food Featured: Lady Griller, Candy Burger

Other Food Items: Rotary Club Hotdogs, Kiwanis Ice-cream,
Ping Pow Poom

Drinks: Cowgirl Up, Pure Valley Juice Bar

**All concerts are held from
6-8pm at Minden Park**

**All concerts are free of charge due to the generous contributions
of local businesses and organizations:**

Public Restroom • Young at Heart • Seyfried Dental Arts • Town of Minden
Douglas Disposal • Nu-Systems • Carson Tahoe Health
Starbucks CV Roasting Plant & Distribution Center • Carson Valley Health
Mort's Auto Body • AR Electric • Intero Real Estate Services
The Chateau at Gardnerville • The Medicare Store
Emily Tobias (First American Title) • Keigh Cox Design





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. Part of the money from ticket prices and concessions goes to converting the Cinema. Upcoming movies! Movie tickets profits during the second half of 2025 generated \$25,000 for the new Center. Call Carson Valley Arts Council at 775.782.8207 for details or donating to the conversion.

THEATER FAQ'S

Why did the County buy the movie theater?

The movie theater was scheduled to close, and the building was listed for sale. This purchase was made to support key priorities outlined in several County plans. The creation of a dedicated center for music, dance, theater, and visual arts has been a long-standing community goal. Since the adoption of the Valley Vision Plan in 2013 and reinforced by subsequent efforts including the Minden and Gardnerville Plan for Prosperity (2018), the Douglas County Master Plan (2020), and the Douglas County Strategic Plan (2024), this vision has remained a consistent focus for enhancing cultural and artistic opportunities in the region. The purchase also gave the County an opportunity to keep the theater open during the planning stages.

What are the benefits of the County purchasing a movie theater and converting it into a community arts center?

Transforming a movie theater into a community arts center creates both cultural and economic benefits for the region. It provides a dedicated space for local performances, classes, and events in music, dance, theater, and visual arts, expanding access to arts and enriching community life.

From an economic perspective, a community arts center can attract visitors, support local businesses, and stimulate downtown activity. Events and performances bring audiences who dine, shop, and stay locally, generating additional revenue for restaurants, retailers, and lodging providers. It also creates opportunities for jobs, partnerships, and small business growth tied to the arts and hospitality sectors.

In addition, reinvesting in an existing building helps revitalize underused space, enhances community identity, and can increase nearby property values. Overall, the project leverages tourism and local engagement to create a sustainable cultural asset that contributes to both quality of life and long-term economic vitality.

How is the Community Arts Center funded?

The building was purchased with funds generated from the Occupancy Tax. This Occupancy Tax or sometimes referred to as Room Tax, is a daily fixed and imposed tax on all room rentals under 28 days. This tax comes from visitors to the Carson Valley and Lake Tahoe.

How is the Master Planning process funded?

The Douglas County Community Services Foundation and the Carson Valley Arts Council have each donated \$62,500 for a total of \$125,000 to contract with an architect, TSK to complete the Master Plan.

Once the Master Plan is complete, how will building renovations be funded?

The Douglas County Community Services Foundation and the Carson Valley Arts Council have each committed \$187,500 for a total of \$375,000 for Phase 1 improvements. Future improvements will be funded through grants and/or donations. No funding is currently available for improvements beyond Phase 1.

Is the County allocating any General Fund dollars for this building?

There are no General Fund dollars allocated to this facility. The County has budgeted roughly \$50,000 from Room Tax to cover annual Common Area Maintenance (CAM) fees and maintenance.

Can I still go see a movie?

Yes! The theater still has 8 screens showing movies on a daily basis. Please go and support the local theater. When you purchase a ticket, you are supporting local art programs.

How does buying a ticket to the movies support local art programs?

The building is owned by the County but managed by a non-profit. Douglas County has entered into an operating agreement of the theater with the Carson Valley Arts Council. Funds generated at the theater are put back into the community to support local art programs.

How long will it take to complete the renovations of the building? How long until it will be a performance venue?

There is no timeline as to when the project will be complete as it is all dependent on available funds. Completing the Master Plan is a first and important step in the process. The Master Plan is essential to seeking grant funds and donations.





Calling all local musicians! The Carson Valley Arts Council has launched a new Musicians Registry to help connect venues and possible performances with musicians. The CVAC website already has a page with information on some local performers, but we want to add more.

To add your individual or group musical information in the Registry, visit the Carson Valley Arts Council website. Individuals or organizations looking for musical groups may contact the Carson Valley Arts Council to find possible connections.

**Thank you!
Carson Valley**



“A Community United & Inspired by the Arts”

Thank you 2025-26 Sponsors and Supporters

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