



September 2025 ARTS News!

Tickets are now on sale for our 2025-26 Concert Series that begins with Tom Rigney and Flambeau on Oct. 10. Become a member for as low as \$25, get discounted tickets or season tickets and support the ARTS in our community. More details online! It's a big ARTS weekend that continues with the 5th Annual CV Art Studio Tour on Saturday, Oct. 11 and Sunday, Oct. 12. Details below.

Fall is tax planning season! If you have to make a Required Minimum Deduction (RMD) from your traditional IRA, this article can help you reduce your tax burden and support local ARTS.

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.

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.

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.

2025 Calendar

July 1 - Carson Valley Arts Council Membership Year Began

Sept. 1 - Return decorated US Capitol ornaments to CVAC

Sept. 3 - Oct. 31 - Ann Allen Art Exhibit - CVAC Copeland Gallery

Sept 5, 6, & 7 - Silver State Art Festival - Fuji Hall, Carson City

Sept. 12 – Miki Rae & the Hooligan's – Minden Park

September 13 - Allen Artist Reception - 1 - 3 pm - CVAC Copeland Gallery

Sept. 14 - Glitter Bomb - 5 pm - Concerts on the Green - Genoa Park

Sept. 20 - Johnson Lane Arts & Crafts - 9 – 3

October 10 - Tom Rigney and Flambeau - First concert of the new Carson Valley Arts Council concert series - 7 pm - CVIC Hall, Minden

Oct. 11 & 12 - Carson Valley Art Studio Tour

Oct. 18 - CV Pops Autumn Concert - CVIC Hall, Minden

Nov. 1 Dia de Los Muertos - Heritage Park, Gardnerville

Nov. 7 - 9 - CV Artist Association Scholarship Show, CVIC Hall, Minden

Nov. 14 - Jessica Malone - 7 pm - CVIC Hall, Minden

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WWW.CVARTSCOUNCIL.COM,
CALL US AT 775-782-8207
OR STOP BY THE
CVAC OFFICE LOCATED AT
1572 US HWY 395, MINDEN.
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Carson Valley Arts Council Announces 2025-26 Concert Series

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

Season tickets for our Members are on sale **NOW**. Season tickets for Members are \$110 per person. Become a Member of CVAC and save on season tickets. Discounted member advance ticket is \$22 per individual concert tickets.

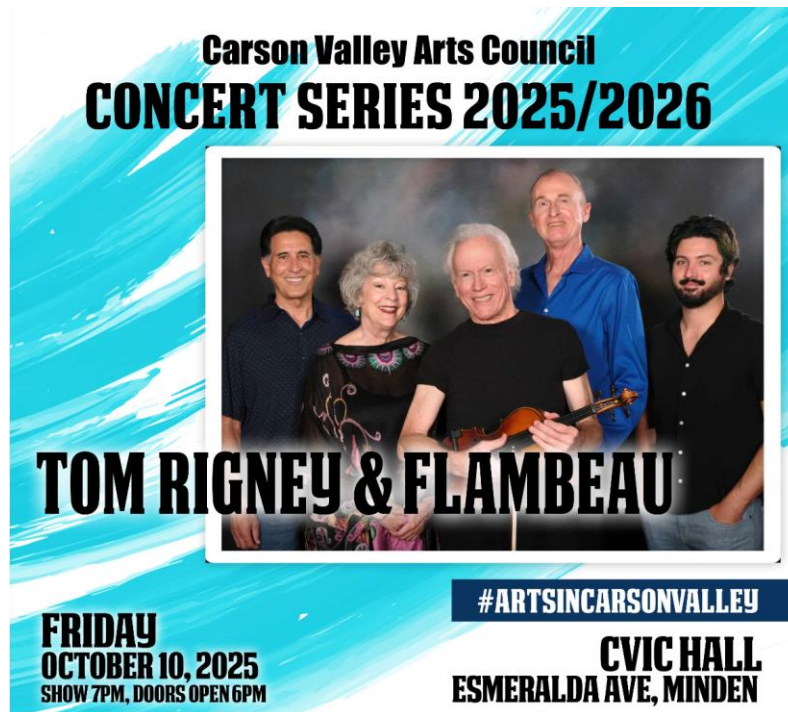
General Public Advance Tickets for each concert are **NOW** on sale.

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



The first concert in CVAC's 2025-2026 Concert Series will feature music from Tom Rigney and Flambeau on Friday, October 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the CVIC Hall in Minden.

Tom Rigney is one of the premier Roots Music Fiddle players on the planet. His band-Tom Rigney and Flambeau specializes in blazing Cajun two-steps, low-down Blues, funky New Orleans grooves, Boogie Woogie piano and heartbreakingly beautiful ballads and waltzes. Much of the repertoire is composed by Rigney, but they mix in a few classics from the Cajun/New Orleans songbook. Along the way you may pick up a trace of Rigney's Irish roots, or echoes of Eastern Europe—it just makes the musical gumbo that much tastier.

Flambeau showcases Rigney's fiery virtuoso fiddling, his charismatic stage presence and his range and originality as a composer. He and Flambeau have forged a unique sound that blends American Roots styles into something original and HOT—mixing irresistible grooves with deep musicality and spectacular soloing. Rigney's high-energy showmanship pulls the audience into his performances and makes them feel they are a part of the music and the show. Band members include: Tom Rigney, violin, vocals, Caroline Dahl, piano, Anthony Paule, guitar, Sam Rocha, bass, and Brent Rampone, drums.

The concert is at 7 pm on October 10, at the CVIC Hall in Minden. Membership is \$22, advance tickets are \$27; \$30 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.



Mark your calendar!! The Carson Valley Arts Council is excited to announce the dates for the 5th annual 2025 Carson Valley Art Studio Tour. The dates are set for Oct. 11 & 12, 2025.

This free, self-drive tour of local artists' studios highlights some of the best and most creative artists in our community. You can visit 18 studios with 26 artists during the two days. See the creative process, talk with artists about their work, purchase unique, one of a kind art and gifts.

An online, interactive tour map and a downloadable map will be available at the Tour website in September. Print Tour maps will also be available in September at the Carson Valley Arts Council, Carson Valley Visitor's Authority, Douglas County Museum and local galleries. Artists include:

Studio 1 - Lisa Daggett and Jim Daggett Custom Jewelry - Sterling Silver & Gemstones

Studio 2 - Teri Dickerson, Silver smithing jewelry

Studio 3 - PK Klein, Jewelry, Abstract Acrylic

Studio 4 - Margie Leslie, Watercolor Scratchboard. Pam Brekas, Jewelry: Titanium mesh, bullet, coin, glaze & some mixed media art and Liza Obukhovskaya, Ceramic, felted paintings & ornaments

Studio 5 - Alanna McDaniel, Mixed Media Paintings; Knit Hats

Studio 6. - Melanie Walters, Watercolor

Studio 7 - Lee Lewis Watercolor, Silk Painting & Jewelry

Studio 8 - Carson Valley Arts Council

Constance Peters Photography, scarves and Carol Kennedy Porcelain/Kiln Fired Items; Oil Painting

Studio 9 - Pietro Accardi fabric & paper marbling, book binding

Studio 10 - Carson Valley Historical Museum

Leah Andrews Oils Landscape Realism and Anne Mitchell, Multi Media and Deb Lockett, Photography

Studio 12 - Cyndy Kelso, Acrylic, Watercolor, Gouache, Ceramics

Studio 12 - Bob Fairbank, Sculpture

Studio 13 - Tina Forkner, WaterColor and Kristy Dial, Gourds

Studio 14 - Gardnerville Station

Irene Taylor, Watercolor, Mark Harris, Oil & Watercolor and Mark Tompkins, Paintings

Studio 15 - Teri Sweeney, Oil & Watercolor Paintings

Studio 16 - Roger Kinnaman, Pastel, & oil Landscapes

Studio 17 - Michelle Mulligan, pottery

Studio 18 - Mary Purdy Gmuender Impressionist oil paintings

Galleries include: Gadzooks - a Creative Place, Prism Gallery, Carson Valley Arts Council Copeland Gallery, Heartstrings and East Fork Gallery

The Carson Valley Arts Council website also has a page that highlights local artists. Artists who have been on the Tour or exhibited at our Carson Valley Arts Council gallery are on the page. If you or know other artists that would like to be added, please contact our office. For more information, contact the Copeland Cultural Arts Center, 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden, online at www.cvartscouncil.com, and by phone at 775-782-8207.



**ANN ALLEN FEATURED ARTIST
AT THE COPELAND GALLERY**

Carson Valley Arts Council (CVAC) presents local artist Ann Allen at the Copeland Gallery in Minden from September 3, 2025 through October 31, 2025. The exhibit can be viewed Monday through Saturday 10am to 5pm. Ann's art work is available for purchase.

CVAC will be hosting an artist's reception on Saturday, September 13, 2025, 1 pm to 3 pm. Refreshments will be served and it is free to the public. Come and meet Ann and preview her amazing work.

Ann's travels to India and Asia introduced her to the beauty and peace of Mandala Art designs. She began painting Mandala art and found it very relaxing and meditative.

Ann believes it's all about finding peace in the symmetry of the design. The circular design symbolizes the idea that life is never ending and everything is connected. Ann creates Mandala art designs on ceramic, canvas and wood as functional artwork.

Ann hopes you will enjoy her Mandala designs as much as she enjoys painting them. 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).



CVAC Membership Time

Thank you for supporting CVAC this past year. The new CVAC membership year started on July 1. CVAC invites you to become a member, renew your membership, or make a donation to help support the arts in Douglas County. Become a member online.

Your Carson Valley Arts Council Membership creates shared ownership of a vision for the future and supports the Arts locally. It establishes a partnership that benefits you, the Carson Valley Arts Council, and our community by engaging you in our programs, activities, and decision making.

Membership Benefits...Membership is open to all individuals, businesses, and nonprofit organizations on an annual basis ranging from \$25 to \$500. Member benefits include: Season Tickets at a discount, individual tickets to concerts at a discount, invitations to visual art openings, and fundraisers. You will also receive E-mail reminders about upcoming activities. Be a Patron of the Arts!

Learn more about Carson Valley Arts Council memberships at www.cvartscouncil.com. You can renew your membership or join CVAC online or call 775-782-8207 or drop by our office at the Copeland Cultural Arts Center, 1572 US Hwy 395, Minden. Your tax deductible contribution will strengthen and support CVAC programs and help enhance the area's cultural environment.

You can also support the arts through tax deductible donations throughout the year. Thank you!

10 Reasons to Support CVAC!

We asked members, friends and sponsors why they support the Carson Valley Arts Council. Here are some of their answers.

- I think the ARTS are important in our community.
- I want our youth to have many arts experiences.
- I love the amazing Carson Valley Arts Council concerts and I want them to continue.
- Being a member is a small price to support the ARTS in our community.
- As a member, I get discounts on concert tickets.
- Carson Valley Arts Council has been there for the ARTS for more than 20 years.
- The new cinema project is exciting.
- I'm a volunteer because I believe in their mission and vision for our community.
- I love ALL types of ARTS and want more in my community.
- I can trust CVAC for thoughtful and quality music and art.

Become a Carson Valley Arts Council member today! More details online!



**Silver State
ART
FESTIVAL**

Gourds, Fine Art & Fine Crafts
September 5, 6 & 7
 Friday 5-8, Saturday 9-5, Sunday 9-3
 Sponsored by the Brewery Arts Center

- ♦ **Fuji Exhibit Hall - Carson City (Across from Costco)**
40+ Award Winning Artists
- ♦ Stunning artwork for sale - Paintings, Photography, Jewelry, Woodwork, Gourds, & much more!
- ♦ Free Admission ♦ Food Truck ♦ Large Raffle





Thank you for your support!







Save on Taxes and Support the ARTS

Several of our members and friends have used a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) payable to Carson Valley Arts Council as a way to reduce their tax bill.

Open to retirees age 70½ or older, QCDs are a direct transfer from an individual retirement account to an eligible nonprofit organization. For 2025, the limit is \$108,000 per investor.

Once you're 73 or older, you can use QCDs to satisfy yearly RMDs and the transfer won't increase your adjusted gross income.

If you have to take a Required Minimum Deduction (RMD) from your traditional IRA, a QCD can help you reduce your tax burden. Since it goes directly to a charity, a QCD is not taxed like your RMD is. Talk with your tax professional to see if a Qualified Charitable Deduction can help you and Carson Valley Arts Council.



**Thank you!
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Thank you 2025-26 Sponsors and Supporters

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