

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

ARTS AND CULTURE EL DORADO



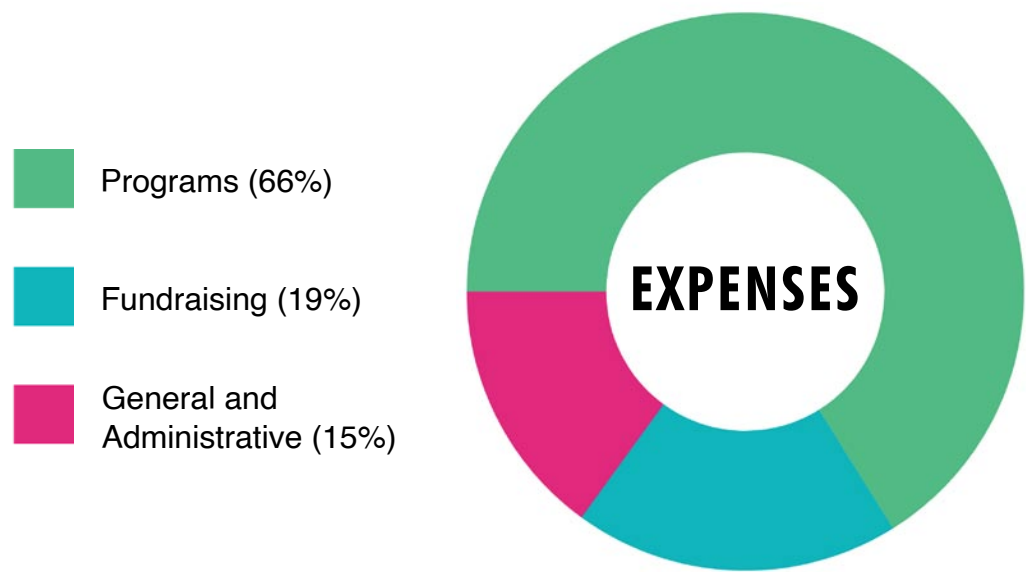
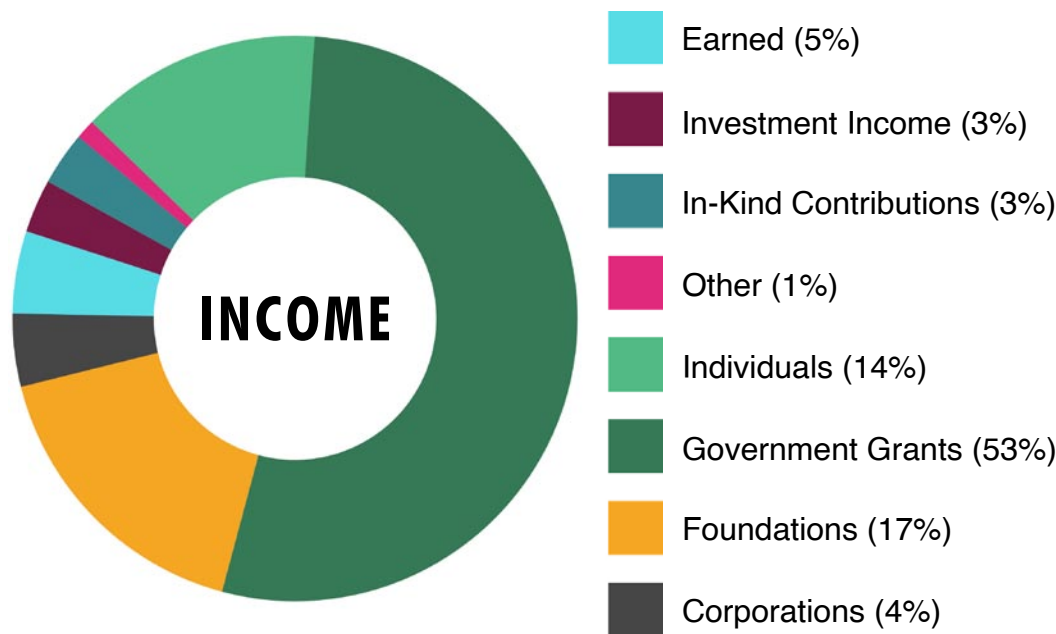
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EL DORADO

WHO WE ARE

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- Outline of the Confidence Building
- Native American artists discussion group
- Kim Abeles, *Self Portrait as Tree*, 2018
- Window of Confidence Lab
- 2019 Poetry Out Loud County Champion Paula Rabell

Arts and Culture El Dorado’s mission to promote, connect, and empower arts and culture throughout the county is achieved by targeted programs and services, a vibrant gallery exhibition series, and a focus on initiatives which support and sustain the cultural life of the region.



KEY PEOPLE

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NEW NAME HOME VISION



Founded in 1984 and incorporated in 1989, our organization celebrated its 35th Anniversary in 2019 in a big way, with a new name, a new home, and a new vision for arts and culture in El Dorado County. In fact, that sums up the new name: El Dorado Arts Council is now Arts and Culture El Dorado. We chose the name to better reflect our mission and scope, and to celebrate what is special about El Dorado County – in addition to the fine arts, music, dance, and theater, we include history and heritage, preservation and architecture, agriculture and forestry. All these elements contribute to our county's unique culture, and our programs and services are designed to create access to arts experiences through these pathways.

And we have a new home! In fall 2018 we relocated from one historic building to another – from the beautifully restored Fausel House on Pacific Street, to the soon-to-be restored Confidence and Emigrant Jane buildings on Main Street in Placerville. It's great to be back on Main Street, where we can be part of the heartbeat of the city and bring vibrant gallery exhibitions and exciting performances to the downtown scene. Confidence Hall now serves as our dedicated gallery and performance space, where last year we installed a "living room" forest, showed the work of talented artisans from around the County, and opened a special exhibition of Native American, California Indian and Indigenous contemporary art. We hosted a high school

play reading, a dramatic ghost story, poetry readings and artist talks, along with dance and theatre workshops.

Our administrative offices are in the Emigrant Jane building, the energy center for the programs and services that reach veterans, young people, residents and visitors. It's also the home for our Arts Incubator program, in which we offer financial management and oversight to help build the capacity of charitable cultural projects, along with programs such as Artists Investigate the Environment, Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop, Artists in Schools, and Poetry Out Loud. On the governance front, we've updated our foundational documents, including Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws and other new policies developed in concert with our nonprofit law firm.

All the foregoing is in the service of our mission and our vision. As the new fiscal year opens, the horizons for arts and culture – and for Arts and Culture El Dorado – are almost boundless. You will hear more about our plans for an exciting new Cultural District on Main Street in historic Placerville – a project that will inject cultural vitality into the community, weave arts experiences into the agriculture and forestry of the region, and benefit local artists and artisans, Main Street merchants, and residents of and visitors to our very special community. Stay tuned, drop by, and join us!



Gallery Exhibitions

Resilience: A Living Room in which artist Kim Abeles displayed the outcome of her artist residency at the Institute of Forest Genetics.

Wildcraft: Handmade Works by El Dorado Artisans celebrated the artisans of El Dorado County with a display of handmade works in a variety of mediums and showcased unusual techniques and approaches to form.

Connected: Contemporary Works by Native American and Indigenous Artists brought together recent works of Native American and Indigenous artists from throughout the Sacramento region.



Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop

Veterans' Voices is a free, ongoing writing workshop that is open to all veterans, from any branch of service. It offers a supportive environment and the tools needed for the writing of stories, nonfiction, memoir, poetry and drama. The weekly workshops are held both in Placerville, and in South Lake Tahoe.



Reel Japan: Stories from East and West

In June, Arts and Culture El Dorado presented its first documentary film series, held at the Placerville Library. In conjunction with Wakamatsu Farm's 150th anniversary, *Reel Japan* featured three outstanding documentary films, and one classic of Japanese cinema: *Changing Season: On the Masumoto Family Farm*; *The Ito Sisters: An American Story*; *Seven Samurai*; and *Mifune: The Last Samurai*. Each evening concluded with a conversation between the series curator and a principal connected to the film.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS



Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud encourages the study and appreciation of great poetry through a national recitation competition at the high school level. Students engaged in the program not only learn about their literary heritage but also build self-confidence through mastering public speaking skills. Poetry Out Loud has inspired millions of high school students to discover the beauty and brilliance of the literary canon.



Arts Incubator

Arts and Culture El Dorado's Arts Incubator provides fiduciary oversight, financial management, and other administrative services to help build the capacity of cultural projects and emerging arts groups which are not 501(c)(3) organizations. Arts and Culture El Dorado accepts Incubator projects which have an arts and culture focus and serve the public good.



Poet Laureate and Laureate Trail

The role of the Poet Laureate of El Dorado County entails a two-year term beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2020. The term includes the composition of several "occasional poems" for special events and participation in Poetry Out Loud.

The Laureate Trail program invites the public to join the El Dorado County Poet Laureate on a literary tour of the county. The Laureate is joined by local poets, Poetry Out Loud winners and special guests at El Dorado County Libraries in each of the five districts in the county for free poetry readings.



Performances, Workshops and Artist Talks

Confidence Lab is a dedicated space for a variety of arts projects including installations, temporary “pop-up” arts projects, student works, play readings, live music, and other activities. This past year we presented improv workshops, modern and contemporary dance classes, a student play reading, Black Ice Theater’s *Hangtown, A Ghost Play*, Save the Graves’ *Historical Hyperbole of Placerville*, the second annual Applecore Fringe Festival, and *The Lumberjack’s Dove*.

Several artist talks were held in conjunction with our gallery exhibitions, in which key artists from the exhibition discussed their process, answered questions, and connected with other artists.



Artists in Schools: Jackson Elementary School

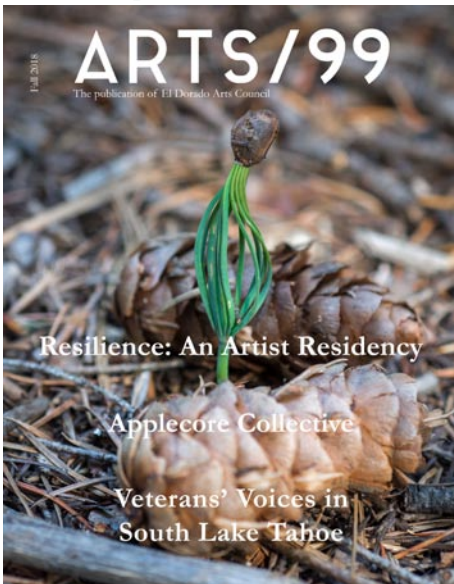
Arts and Culture El Dorado partnered with local artists to teach a variety of art classes at Jackson Elementary School, ranging from collage, to painting, printmaking, mask-making, and color theory. All grades were involved, including kindergarten, and each artist taught multiple classes.



Artists Investigate the Environment

Arts and Culture El Dorado, in collaboration with the Institute of Forest Genetics (IFG) in Placerville, embarked on a month-long residency with noted artist Kim Abeles. The result was an artistic project that examined and reflected the idea of “resilience” in all its complexity - as a scientific phenomenon, as a philosophical concept, and as a way of living. This project combined six weeks of interactions with researchers at IFG and students from Independence High School. The resulting installation, *Resilience: A Living Room* is part forest and part living room. It refers to a space in a house where we can gather and communicate; and, poetically, it’s a room dedicated to the living.

2019 HIGHLIGHTS



Arts 99

The quarterly publication of Arts and Culture El Dorado features news and stories about local arts and culture and puts a spotlight on the diverse artistic nature of the region. The name *Arts 99* points to Highways 49 and 50, on which you can travel north, south, east and west around El Dorado County.



Artists in Schools: Playmaking at El Dorado High School

See the Elephant Theater & Dance Company provided students with education and training in devised work, adaptation, and storytelling with an emphasis on research, ensemble development, and community engagement. Students in this class were able to create an original script, present it to the public, and then finally put it into production.



2019 Normadene Carpenter Award Honoring Charlie Downs

On June 11, 2019, at Boeger Winery, we celebrated the achievements of Charlie Downs who has worked in the architecture field since the early 1970’s. Charlie has served on numerous boards, committees, and commissions, and his architectural projects (especially hospitals and schools) have touched innumerable lives. His approach to healthy, energy-efficient buildings reflects his commitment to environmental stewardship.

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\$40,000+

National Endowment for the Arts
California Arts Council
County of El Dorado

\$5,000+

Architectural Nexus
California Humanities
El Dorado Savings Bank
David and Sandy Girard
Jackson Elementary School

\$2,500+

Les and Lexi Brown
Jim and Maureen Carter
Charlie Downs
El Dorado Community Foundation
Kyle and Emily Smith
Wells Fargo

\$1,000+

Dan and Joey Cattone
Bill and Terry Klas
Chris Knopp
Jayne Moore
Ed and Ann Murray
Serrano Associates
Society of American Foresters
Maddy and Mic Restaino
Dennis and Wendy Thomas

\$500+

Barbara Ashwill
John and Yvette Clerici
Karen Guthrie
Tom and Jane Meuser
Don and Katy Peek
In memory of Francelle Phillips
Christeen Reeg
Gordon and Renee Vincini
Pacific States Development

\$250+

Mark and Kande Acuna
Kirk and Sandra Brainerd
Paul and Maggie Bush
Dick and Leslie Bush
Roy and Pearl Carter

Clark and Sullivan Builders
Dennis Colvin
David and Susie Combella
Christine Dawson
Susan Frazier
Audrey Keebler
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\$100+

Mindy Barnes
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Gifts received July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

CULTURAL DISTRICT PROJECT AWARDED A NATIONAL GRANT

Arts and Culture El Dorado, in partnership with the City of Placerville, has been awarded a \$100,000 *Our Town* grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The grant was announced in May by the NEA, and will support community workshops and architectural designs for the proposed adaptive reuse of iconic buildings on Main Street in Placerville.

“These awards made to organizations across the United States are a testament to the artistic richness and diversity in our country,” said Mary Anne Carter, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. “Organizations such as Arts and Culture El Dorado are giving people in their community the opportunity to learn, create, and be inspired.”

PROPOSED ELEMENTS OF PROJECT:

- Gallery and Performance Space
- Arts Flex Space
- Arts and Culture El Dorado Offices
- Artist Studio Apartments
- Cultural Community Center
- Arts/Agriculture Building

OUR PRIORITIES:

- Preservation of historic elements
- Relevant use as a vibrant presence that will enhance Downtown and serve the Placerville community
- Sustainability in implementation, operations and maintenance

Arts and Culture El Dorado proposes to repurpose these beautiful civic treasures as cultural spaces for arts, performance, community resources, educational space, and many other possibilities that serve our community – both residents and visitors alike – while retaining their historic character, so important to Main Street and the history of Placerville.

GET CONNECTED

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