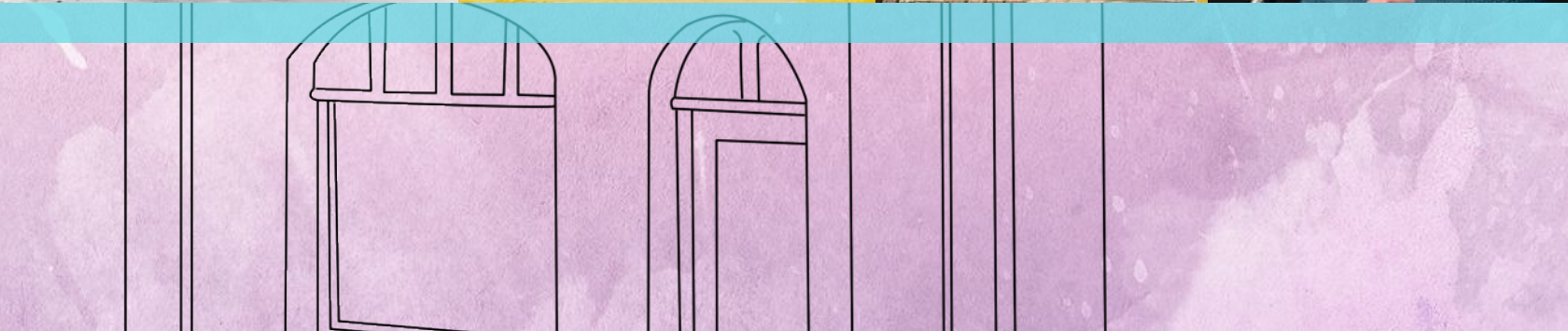


2020 ANNUAL REPORT

ARTS AND CULTURE EL DORADO

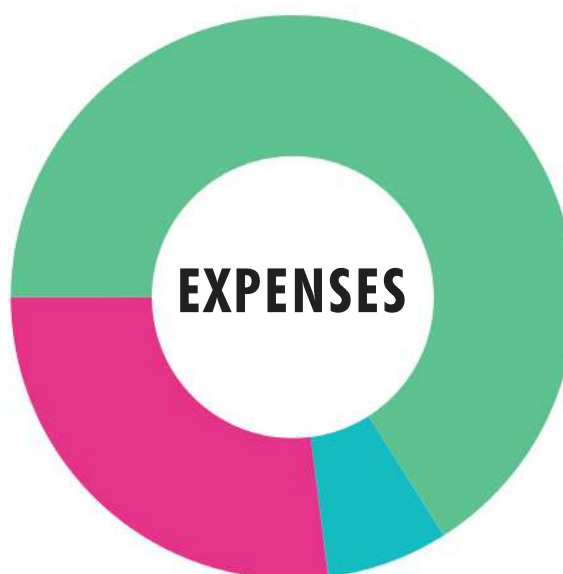
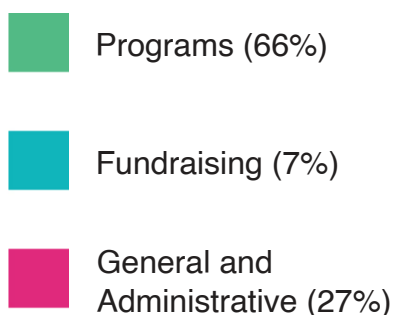
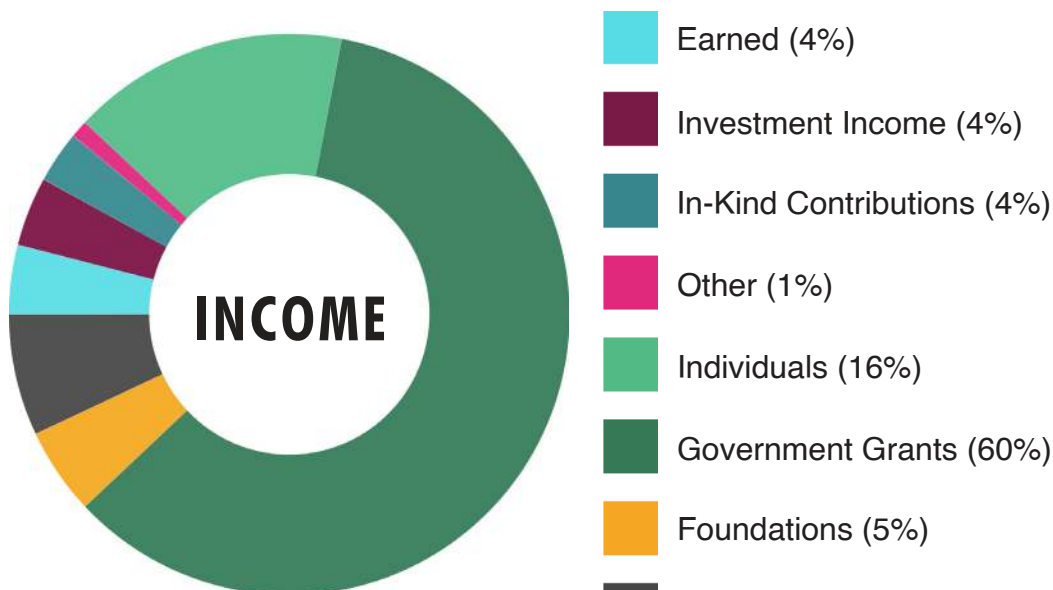


WHO WE ARE

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- Outline of Emigrant Jane Building
- *Again the Packard* from *Convoy 1919* exhibition
- Culture Cabin Logo
- Window of Emigrant Jane Building
- Jordan Freer, 2020 Poetry Out Loud County Champion

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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THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WAS



Halfway through the fiscal year, we entered a new decade, one that seemed open to possibilities limited only by our collective imagination. Even the sound of the new year, twenty-twenty, seemed auspicious. But a few months in, along with the rest of the world, we entered a period of challenge and uncertainty driven by the COVID-19 pandemic. From March 13, when we made the decision to suspend our public programs and send the staff home to work remotely, until June 30, the last day of the fiscal year, we strove to stabilize our organization and make the best decisions we could based on personal and public safety, commitments to funders, and fiscal responsibility.

As you will see in these pages, before the shutdown we offered our ongoing programs and services and some new ones as well – programs that serve veterans and young people, foster parents, art lovers, history buffs, and emerging cultural groups through our Arts Incubator. And we're especially proud of Culture Cabin, so named because it's an antidote to cabin fever. Every week we send an eblast chock full of things to do and see and make, all from home – from a virtual tour of Stonehenge to a nature journal workshop lesson, roadside Americana and radio theater, how to fashion DIY lava lamp or a snow globe, and much, much more. Between April and the end of June we provided over 130 links to the ever-expanding virtual world of cultural surprises.

While many cultural institutions and nonprofits of all sizes have struggled to survive, Arts and Culture El Dorado remains the vigorous organization it has been since 1984. As we prepare this annual report, our programs are coming back online, literally and virtually, our financial position is solid, and our vision for a Cultural District in Placerville has new relevance in a changing economic landscape. Now more than ever is the time for what the arts do best, helping us understand ourselves and each other.



Gallery Exhibitions

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

Convoy 1919: Centennial of the 1919 Transcontinental Motor Convoy

On July 7, 1919, a transcontinental motor convoy organized by the U.S. Army departed Washington, D.C., for San Francisco, California, to demonstrate the motorized capability of the armed forces in the shadow of World War I. One hundred years later, *Convoy 1919* celebrated and explored what Eisenhower and many others faced during that journey.



Culture Cabin

Culture Cabin: Experience Art and Culture from Home

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all public programs in El Dorado County were suspended as the county quarantined from March through June, 2020. Every week during this time, and after the quarantine was lifted, Arts and Culture El Dorado sent out an e-mail and a Facebook post with many ideas of artistic and cultural things to see, do, hear, or watch, all without leaving the home.



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.

Anthology:

At the end of the year, workshop participants are given the option to submit their work to a commemorative anthology. The 2020 Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop's anthology, *Been There*, featured twenty submissions from nine participants.

2020 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.



El Dorado County Poet Laureate: Suzanne Roberts

Suzanne is the author of the award-winning memoir, *Almost Somewhere*, as well as four collections of poetry, most recently, *Three Hours to Burn a Body: Poems on Travel*.

She was named "The Next Great Travel Writer" by *National Geographic's Traveler magazine*, and her work has been published in many literary journals and magazines. She holds a doctorate in Literature and the Environment from the University of Nevada-Reno, and currently teaches at Lake Tahoe Community College.



Renovations to Old City Hall

In July 2019, the City of Placerville released a Request for Proposals on the reuse of Old City Hall, and in September 2019, the proposal submitted by Arts and Culture El Dorado was selected by unanimous vote of the City Council. In the first phase for this vision of a Cultural District, Old City Hall (Confidence Hall and Emigrant Jane) will be repurposed as artist live-work space, a gallery, an arts “flex space,” and offices for Arts and Culture El Dorado to serve as the anchor cultural agency.



Normadene Carpenter Awards 2020 Honoring Richard Bush, Joey Cattone, Lanny Langston, and Jane Van Camp

Every year the Normadene Carpenter Award recognizes extraordinary commitment to culture and creativity.

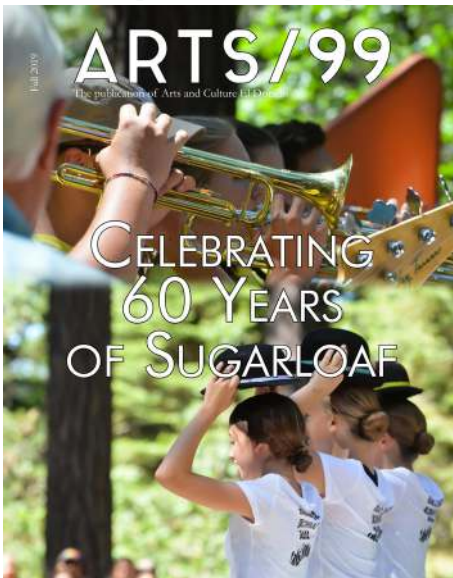
Due to coronavirus restrictions, the 2020 Normadene Carpenter Awards were celebrated virtually. We invited the community to join us in recognizing the life and legacy of these four extraordinary individuals.



Arts and Culture El Dorado Diversity and Inclusion Statement

At Arts and Culture El Dorado, a diverse, inclusive, and equitable workplace is one where all employees and volunteers, whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation or identity, education or disability, feels valued and respected. We are committed to a nondiscriminatory approach and provide equal opportunity for employment and advancement in all of our departments, programs, and worksites. We respect and value diverse life experiences and heritages and ensure that all voices are valued and heard.

2020 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.



Grant spotlight

Another great year for grant applications. Awards were received from the National Endowment for the Arts, El Dorado Community Foundation, the California Arts Council, El Dorado County Health and Human Services, Lake Tahoe Visitors Authority, FHL Bank San Francisco, and El Dorado Savings Bank.



Expressive Therapies

Expressive Therapies is a free program open to anyone who is caring for a child who is not their own (including foster parents, adoptive parents and caregivers) that pairs artists with therapists to tailor artistic workshops geared toward helping foster parents who are experiencing stress, trauma, anxiety, or grief. Several mediums are presented in this program.

ARTS INCUBATOR 2019-2020

We're very proud to support the work of these six projects, all of whom work to bring cultural experiences to a wider audience in El Dorado County. The projects are able to raise funds under our non-profit umbrella and we provide guidance and administrative services such as budget planning, help with grant applications, and referrals to outside agencies. This allows emerging cultural organizations to establish themselves with a framework that is built for sustainability and success.



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c:am supports California Indian, Native American and Indigenous arts and curation through community-centered programs.

Divide Music Coalition

Divide Music Coalition is a program which provides instruments to students and fosters their musical talents.

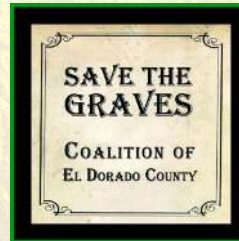


One Thread

One Thread's mission is to empower individuals, groups and communities through knitting lessons with expert instructors and quality materials.

Save the Graves

Save the Graves is an organization working to protect El Dorado County's 200-plus neglected pioneer cemeteries, graves, and monuments.



See the Elephant!

The mission of See the Elephant! is to make performance more accessible by providing opportunities and building partnerships in theatre and dance.

Studio 81

Studio 81 is the drama club at El Dorado High School's theatre department under the direction of Program Director Paul Tomei.



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Gifts recieved:

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

For more information on the Arts Incubator program and to support these projects, visit www.ArtsAndCultureElDorado.org/arts-incubator

YOUNG ARTIST AWARDS

Arts and Culture El Dorado's Young Artist Awards will honor the memory of four bright lights in our community who were great supporters of the arts. The awards will be presented to outstanding high school students in each of four categories: music, visual art, theater, and nature-inspired art of any discipline. The awards are:

- Richard H. Bush Award for Music
- Joey Cattone Award for Visual Art
- Lanny Langston Award for Theater
- Jane Van Camp Award for Nature-Inspired Art

The Young Artist Awards were announced in May 2020, with the focus being on Dick, Joey, Lanny, and Jane and the special lives they led. The student selection process will begin in fall 2020 with the distribution of nominating guidelines; the four award-winning students will be selected the following spring.

Students will be nominated by high school teachers anywhere in El Dorado County, and the home-school community will be included. The families of each of our four "bright lights" will participate in the selection process. An honorarium of \$500 will be presented to each student at an awards ceremony in the spring, beginning spring 2021. The event will be free and open to the community. The honorarium may be used for any purpose but is intended to help the student further his or her passion in the art form.

The four individuals that we honor with these awards represent the talent, thoughtfulness, generosity, and commitment to our community that make this such a special place to live. We will remember their contributions every year at the Young Artist Awards.



Richard Bush



Joey Cattone



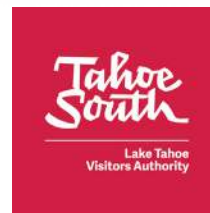
Lanny Langston



Jane Van Camp



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