

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

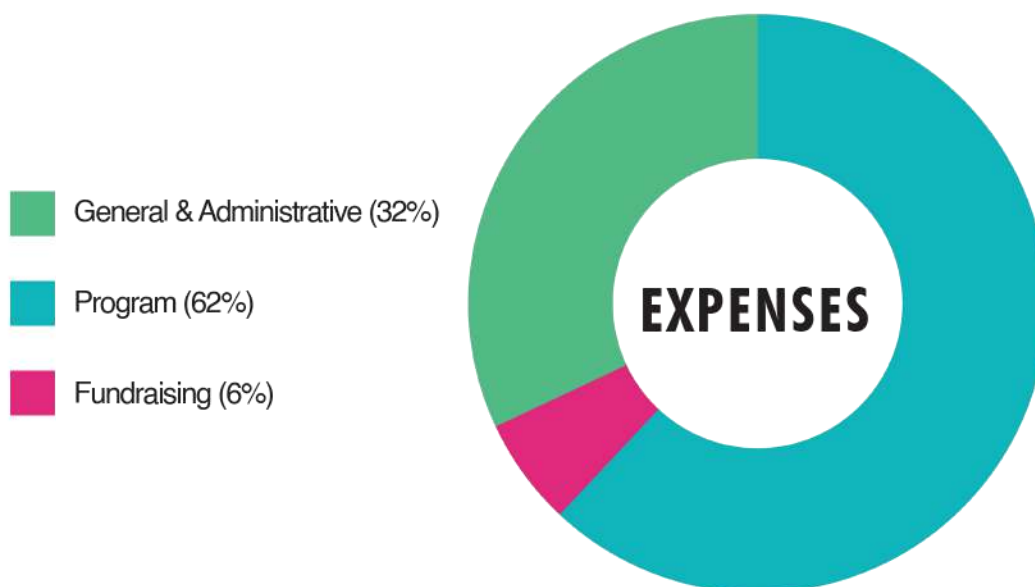
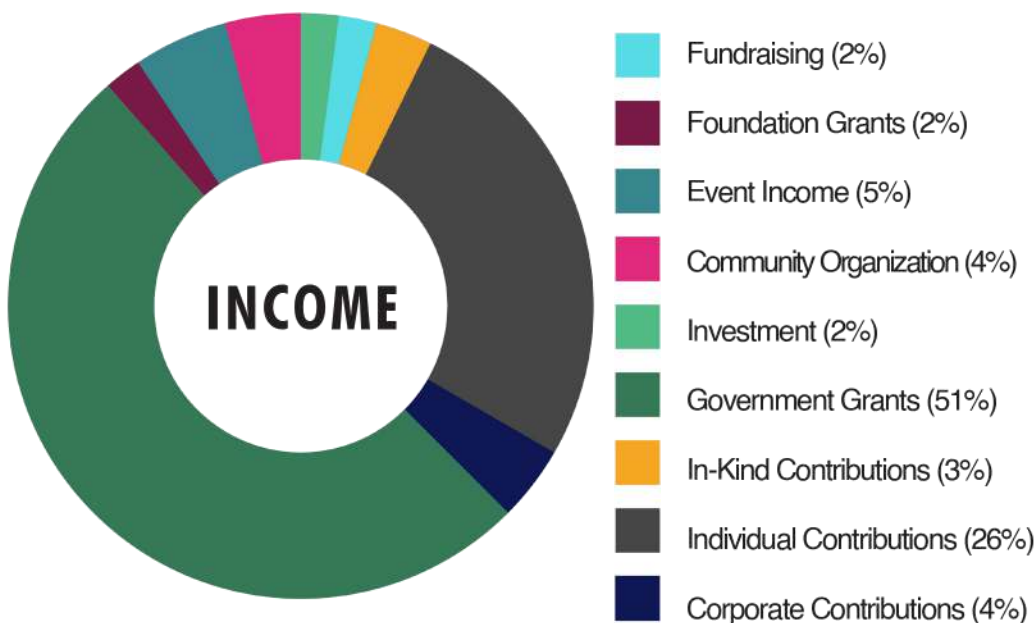
ARTS AND CULTURE EL DORADO



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WHO WE ARE

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.



Cover

- *The Gift*, mural by Nate Reifke
- Third graders dye fabric with natural dyes during Farm Day
- El Dorado County Laureate Trail
- Dae Larkin receiving the Joey Cattone Award for Visual Art. Photo: Shelly Thorene

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FROM THE STAFF

For some time now, “From the Executive Director” has been the standard for this page of the Annual Report. But this year, I thought it would be refreshing to hear from the Staff, so I asked each of our invaluable staff members to recall their own personal highlights from the past year. -Terry LeMoncheck, Executive Director



Jordan Hyatt-Miller, Development and Program Associate

Although I have many fond memories from the past year, the launch of the Young Artist Awards stands out as particularly gratifying. The program had been postponed as a result of the pandemic, and its inaugural year—which featured an in-person reception in the Confidence Firehouse Gallery—seemed almost emblematic of a new beginning, a nascent feeling of community and connection in El Dorado County. It was inspiring to see the close cooperation between teachers, community members, and our staff in the service of celebrating and supporting the six talented young artists who received awards.

Marya Osucha, Exhibitions Curator

I’m truly proud of the exhibition series we’ve housed at Confidence Gallery since reopening in Spring 2021. We’ve hosted shows featuring Native California artists, wax rubbings taken from 100-year-old Basque petroglyphs in the Sierras, the dynamic skateboard culture and its art in El Dorado County, the broad-ranging works of women artists in our region, and a solo show by a gifted emerging painter. With each show I learn so much about this region and am able to explore a unique facet of our culture. Even though they may seem disparate in subject matter, housing these shows in succession under one roof starts to fit them together to form a cultural whole.



Caitlin Thompson, Graphic Designer

For me the highlight of the year was running our booth at Ag in the Classroom’s Farm Day, where we had students dye fabric using pigments derived from plants such as beets, turmeric, and blueberries. It was so much fun watching the students realize that what they were using came from the plants I had on display. After they were done dyeing their fabric one student happily shouted out, “This is the best day ever!”

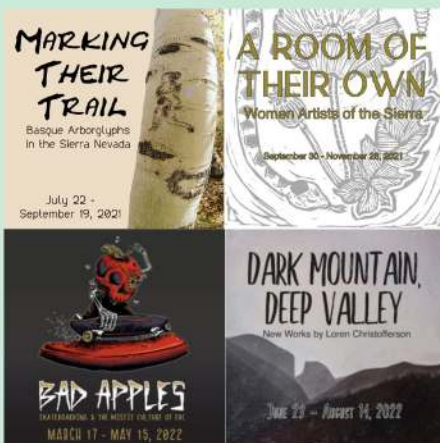
Anton Nemeth, Gallery Manager

Many wonderful and interesting folks visit our Gallery. A significant number of them are happy to leave a cash donation, as they clearly value the contribution of our public art space. One vocally appreciative visitor who had many words of praise left a check for \$100. Another person left a check for \$400, saying how important this kind of offering is to the people of our city, county, and tourist traffic, and assured future support. We are very grateful for all our patrons who help share our wealth with their contributions!



Nia Henderson, Intern

Having the opportunity to be at Arts and Culture El Dorado painting with Nate Reifke for a skateboarding-themed show was pretty amazing, and a big inspiration to me in pursuing my own art. I enjoyed feeling like a part of the show, and it was gratifying to know that my skills were considered good enough to help Nate with his mural. I think it was a really good learning opportunity - both in painting and in social connectivity - and I feel as though it helped me to recognize all the hidden career possibilities open to artists, and experience how rewarding it is to work with another artist on a large scale artwork.



Gallery Exhibitions

Marking Their Trail:
Arboryglyphs of the Sierra Nevada

A Room of Their Own:
Women Artists of the Sierra

Bad Apples:
Skateboarding & the Misfit Culture of EDC

Dark Mountain, Deep Valley:
New Works by Loren Christofferson



Kilt & Cork Partnership

Arts and Culture El Dorado joined in a partnership with Russ Reyes and Kilt & Cork, who produced the Saureel Summer Nights Concert Series.



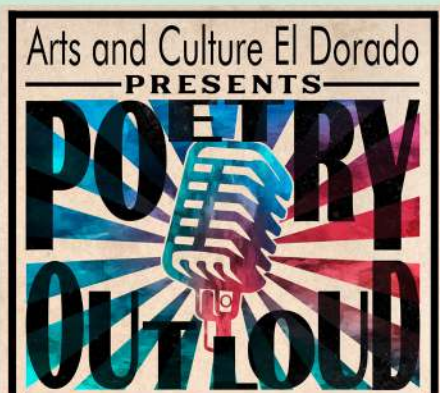
Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop

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.

Anthology:

At the end of the year, workshop participants are given the option to submit their work to a commemorative anthology.

2022 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. The 2022 El Dorado County Champion was Kelsi Havercroft (Union Mine High School), with Emily Lieber (Oak Ridge High School) taking second, and Milly Grant (Charter University Prep) coming in third.



Arts 99

The printed publication of Arts and Culture El Dorado. The name Arts 99 points to Highways 49 and 50, on which you can travel north, south, east and west around El Dorado County.

From July 2021 to June 2022 we published three *Arts 99* issues, each focusing on different arts and culture events and news in El Dorado County.



Farm Day

Ag in the Classroom's Farm Day invites third-graders to experience the sights, sounds, smells, and feel of agriculture and its role in our everyday lives and our rural economy. At our booth, Colors From the Farm, students dyed fabric using natural dyes derived from beets, red cabbage, blueberries, spinach, and turmeric.



Top: Kelsi, Dae, Liv. Bottom: Brooke, Alissa, Chloe

Young Artist Awards

The 2022 Awards were given to:

- Dae Larkin and Liv Haugrud, Joey Cattone Award for Visual Art
- Chloe Gautschi, Jane Van Camp Award for Nature-Inspired Art
- Kelsi Havercroft, Lanny Langston Award for Theater
- Brooke Morgan and Alissa Thusen, Richard H. Bush Award for Music

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT for the ARTS



Arts and Culture El Dorado Awarded Creative Forces/NEA Military Healing Arts Network Grant

Creative Forces is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the U.S. Departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs that seeks to improve the health, well-being, and quality of life for military and veteran populations exposed to trauma, as well as their families and caregivers.



Arts Incubator

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. Accepted projects have an arts and culture focus and serve the public good.

In 2022 became Green Room Artists Fund became our newest Incubator partner.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS



The Firehouse Sessions

Arts and Culture El Dorado hosted Poet Laureate Lara Gularte for The Firehouse Sessions - a series of workshops and poetry readings centered on ekphrasis, the practice of describing visual art in a literary mode. The artwork displayed in Confidence Firehouse Gallery served as inspiration and as backdrop for these workshops.



2021 Carpenter Award Benefit

Lexi Boeger, Placerville native and member of the celebrated Boeger winemaking family, received the 2021 Carpenter Award on November 4, at Boeger Winery.

As an artist, author, winemaker, and passionate public citizen, Lexi embodies the trail-blazing culture of El Dorado County. Lexi's commitment to the community is evident in all she does.



El Dorado County Laureate Trail

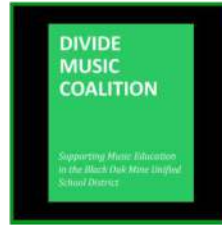
Laureate Trail allows the public to join the El Dorado County Poet Laureate on a literary tour of the county. The Laureate is joined by local poets, Poetry Out Loud winners and special guests at El Dorado County Libraries in each district in the county for free poetry readings and events.

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



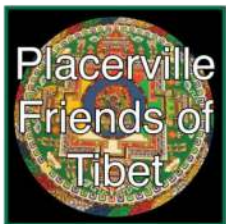
Divide Music Coalition is a program which provides instruments to students and fosters their musical talents.



Green Room Artists Fund provides funding for entertainment and performing artists in El Dorado County.



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



Placerville Friends of Tibet shares the culture of Tibet and Tibetan Buddhism within our region's communities.



The Placerville History Project will bring the stories of Placerville's past into everyday life by establishing signs and works around the city.



See the Elephant! strives to make performance more accessible by providing opportunities and building partnerships in theatre and dance.



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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