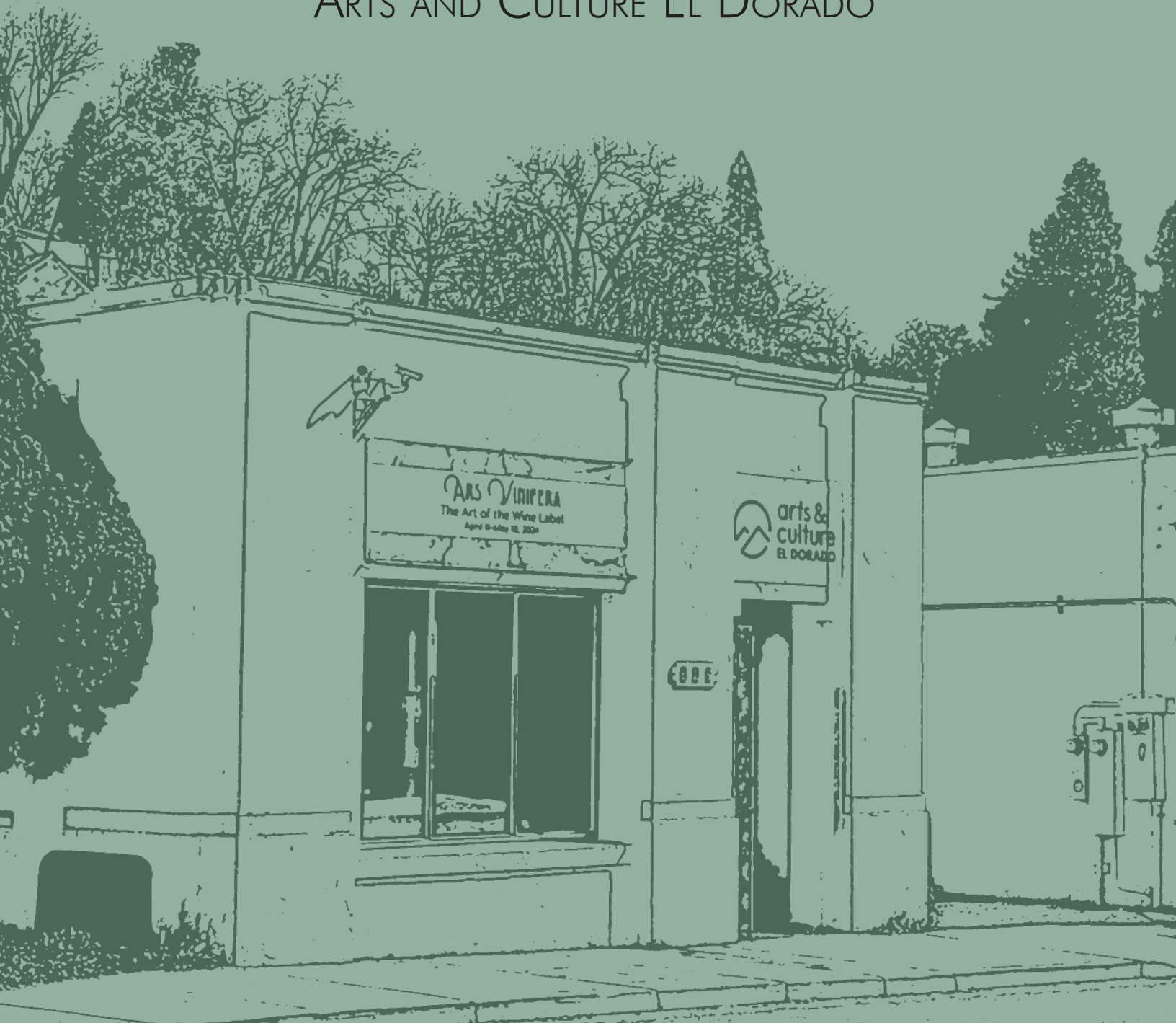


2024 ANNUAL REPORT

ARTS AND CULTURE EL DORADO



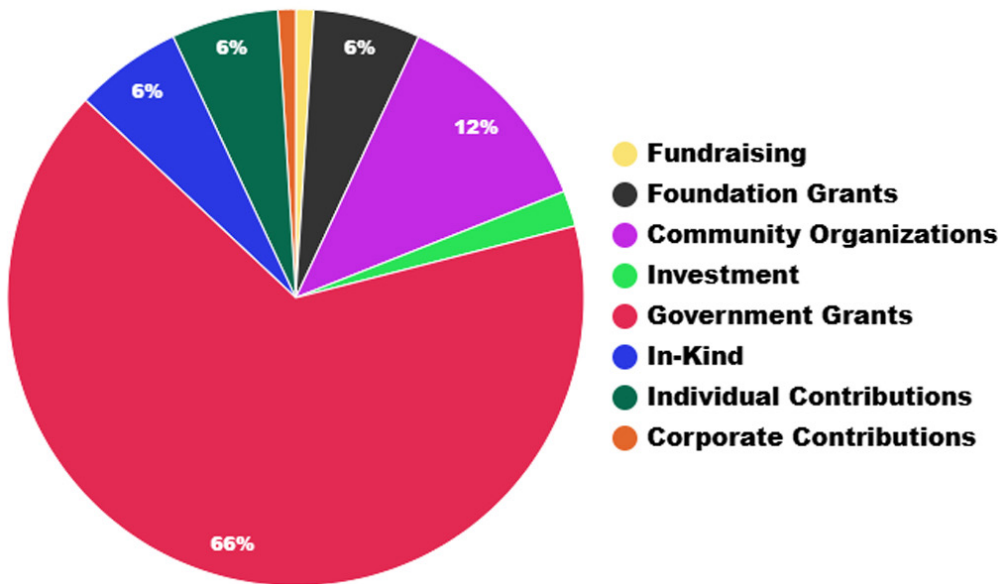
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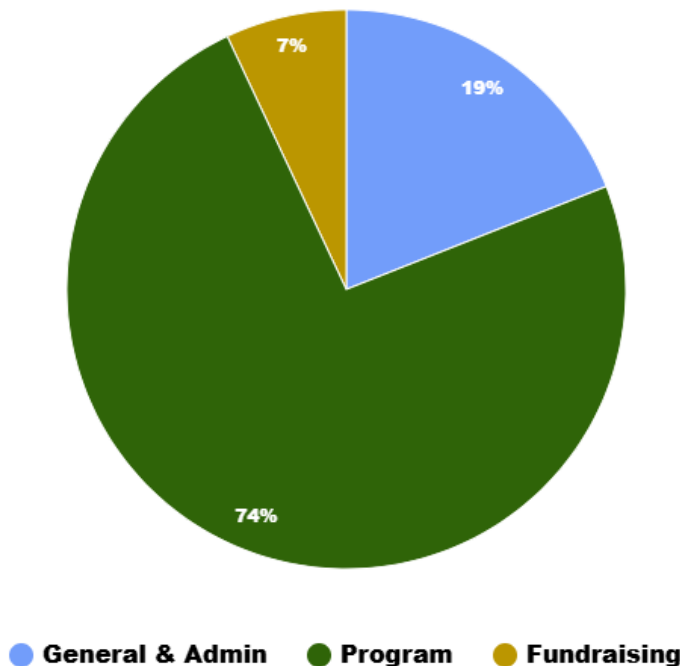
- Marc "Petch" Pietrolungo, photo by Wendy Borof
- Lara Gularte and Mariah Padilla, Big Read
- Poetry Out Loud Finalists: Megan Murdock, Alivia Chen, Grayson Laffin, and Gabrielle Garlic
- Youth Art Month Paper Mosaic by Lily Johnson

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.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Every year I start out my “From the Executive Director” letter by looking back at previous versions, and I always end up poring over every page of all the Annual Reports we have done, revisiting big moments and small discoveries, new initiatives and new funders, and the wrenching days of the pandemic. What I see over and over is Arts and Culture El Dorado responding to the cultural, geographic, and human ecosystems across the County and developing ways in which our programs and services can play a vital role.

And we never have enough room to feature all our highlights. For this page, I want to focus on two programs which expanded our scope and pushed us to find new horizons.

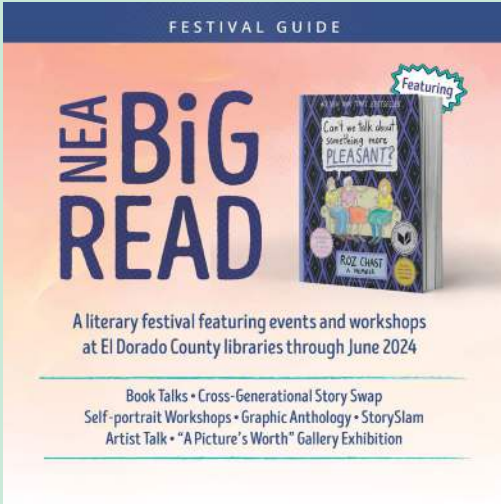
NEA Big Read: We were so honored to receive a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, one of only a handful of organizations in California, for this initiative. The Big Read brought together readers from all corners of El Dorado County to engage with a selected book, fostering discussions, reflections, and a shared sense of community. The book we chose from the Big Read list was the graphic memoir *Can't We Talk About Something More Pleasant?* by the great cartoonist Roz Chast. The book, hilarious, wrenching, and deeply human, tells the story of caring for aging parents – something most of us will face – and we presented book talks, story swaps, story recording booth, and self-portrait workshops, all free to the public. We produced an illustrated anthology of collected stories entitled *As Long As You Want* and installed an accompanying exhibition *A Picture's Worth* in Switchboard Gallery. The success of The Big Read underscored the importance of collaborative cultural experiences and demonstrated the power of a unified community effort.

Sending It: Climbing El Dorado was a remarkable exhibition at Switchboard which showcased the stunning natural landscapes of El Dorado County while celebrating the physical and mental rewards of rock climbing. We produced a really wonderful video of interviews with local climbers, which you can see on our website by exploring the Switchboard Gallery menu, and were very proud to have the support of the American Alpine Club for this project; we hosted AAC Executive Director Ben Gabriel for a talk in the Gallery. Through this show, we demonstrated that the arts can forge a deeper connection to the environment and emphasized the importance of conservation, encouraging climbers and the general public to respect and preserve the natural beauty of our region.

As we move forward, the successes achieved through these programs will continue to guide our efforts. Our commitment to fostering an inclusive, vibrant cultural landscape remains unwavering. We are excited to build on these foundations, to explore uncharted territories, and to keep pushing the boundaries of what is possible for Arts and Culture El Dorado.

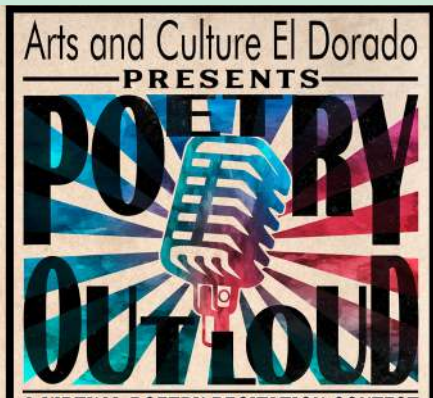
Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we are shaping a brighter, more creative future for our County.

Terry LeMoncheck



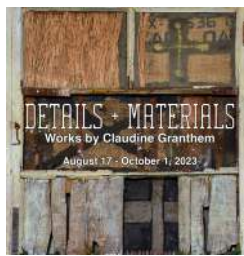
NEA Big Read

The Big Read, a partnership between the NEA and Arts Midwest, broadens our understanding of our world, our neighbors, and ourselves through the power of a shared reading experience. Showcasing a diverse range of themes, voices, and perspectives, The Big Read aims to inspire meaningful conversations, artistic responses, and new discoveries and connections



Poetry Out Loud

Poetry Out Loud encourages the study and appreciation of great poetry through a national recitation competition at the high school level. Structured like a spelling bee, students compete first in the classroom, then school, then county, state and country level.



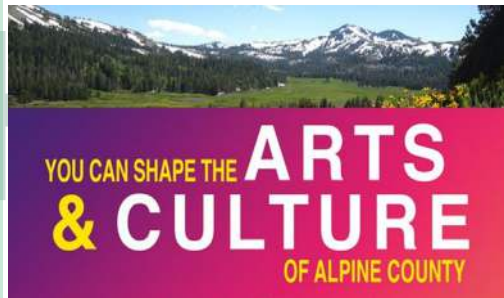
Gallery Exhibitions

Details+Materials: Works by Claudine Granthem

Fire/Land: The Exhibition

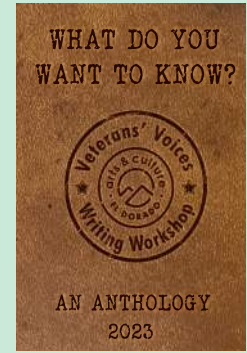
Sending It: Climbing El Dorado

Youth Art Month



Local Partner Mentorship Program

Arts and Culture El Dorado has been chosen by the California Arts Council to establish and mentor a new arts council in neighboring Alpine County, where none previously existed. With a population of only 1,200, Alpine County is a vibrant community known for its stunning natural beauty and commitment to sustainability. The State-Local Mentorship Program was developed in order to establish county arts councils in the four counties which did not have one, and Arts and Culture El Dorado serves as a pilot organization for this program.



Veterans' Voices Writing Workshop and Anthology

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



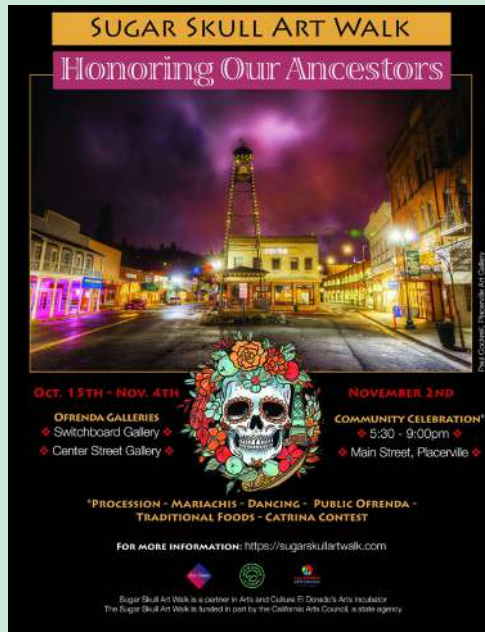
Colors From the Farm

Arts and Culture El Dorado participates in Ag in the Classroom's annual Farm Day (an event for all of El Dorado County's third graders) by hosting a booth where students created corn husk dolls.



Young Artist Awards

The Young Artist Awards honor juniors and seniors at El Dorado County high schools in four categories: Music, Theatre, Visual Art, and Nature-inspired Art. The awards are not necessarily intended to reward artistic achievements; rather, they are meant to recognize the inspiring potential and exceptional promise of budding young artists in El Dorado County.



Sugar Skull Art Walk

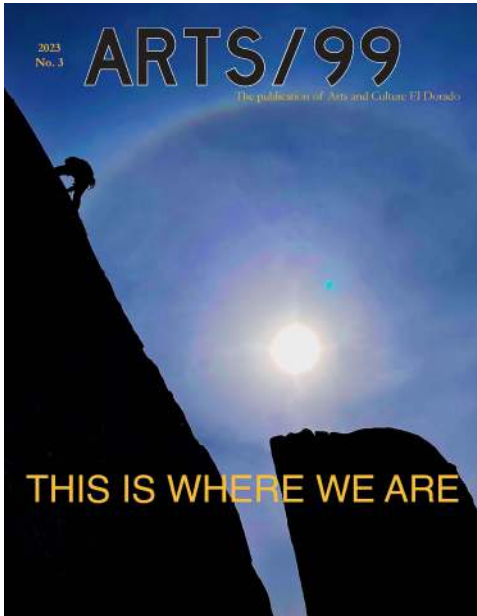
The Sugar Skull Art Walk is a community project that engages local artist-designers in creating Day of the Dead “ofrendas” on Main Street. The goal of this project is to help unify communities through art, music, and the shared human experience of loss.



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.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS



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.



Public Art Master Plan

In 2022, Arts and Culture El Dorado engaged City leadership in a dialogue about the need for a public art plan in order to establish decision-making guidelines for public art proposals that come before the Council and a roadmap for developing new artworks and funding sources.



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.

THANK YOU

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Arts and Culture Alpine County provides leadership to support, promote, and connect arts and culture in Alpine County.



The Black Rock Philharmonic is an all-inclusive orchestra, with musicians from around the world, who come together every year at Burning Man to bring beautiful classical concerts to the Burning Man community.



The Camino Roundabout Sculpture Project will be an elegant addition by artist Terrie Bennett, to the recently added roundabout in Camino Fruitridge District.



c:a+m supports California Indian, Native American and Indigenous arts and curation through community-centered contemporary art exhibits professional development workshops and educational programming.



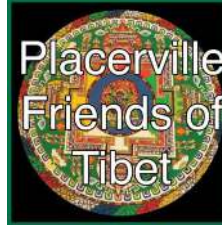
Green Room Artists Fund provides funding for entertainment and performing artists in El Dorado County.



Indigenous Art+Med of California's intention is to provide programming and space-centering contemporary and traditional arts, culture, and wellness knowledge.



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



Red Paint Collective advances wellness, reclamation, and sovereignty of Native, Indigenous and Latino Cultural Arts.



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



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Veraison, an awe-inspiring fusion of art and viticulture, manifests as a colossal grape cluster crafted from wine barrel bands.



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