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# WELCOME!

## A Word From Our Executive Director

Greetings! I am proud to say that the Arts Consortium continues to produce weekly, monthly, and annual community arts programming that is free for the general public to attend. Our greatest hope is that you, our reader, will become even more involved in all of the amazing artist opportunities and community events that we provide.

If you have not had a chance to take part in our activities, here is a short summary of the major events from our 2024-2025:

Our My Voice Media Center continues to see new participants who help us reduce the stigma surrounding mental illness through their artistic expression. Presentations by our No Stigma Speaker's Bureau are now part of the required curriculum for our local SJVC nursing program. In 2024, we traveled to the Los Angeles County Museum and this year, we traveled to the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art and to the Broad Museum.

Our First Friday Art Walk saw a maximum of 14 venues featuring local artists. Our Lofts at Fort Visalia First Friday pavilions have become regular participants in our monthly event. We saw an average of over 100 people each First Friday.

Taste The Arts has seen a record high of 6,500 estimated attendees to our 2025 festival, and we hope that the momentum to showcase our local talent continues to grow well beyond 2026.

South Valley Art Tour returned in 2025 as a countywide event for both event days. We introduced a stamp rally for this iteration of SVAT, with our grand winner being Kristin Flowers. Kristin visited more than 25 of our South Valley Art Tour Stops located throughout the entire county.

Our partnerships to produce and place art within several public locations under the management of the Tulare County Resource Management Agency and the Tulare County General Services Agency continues to yield artist opportunities that provide truly competitive rates for our creative individuals. In the year 2024, the Arts Consortium paid out more than \$100,000.00 directly to Tulare County artists for their creative efforts.

We are very aware and enthusiastic about the growing number of active community organizations and community events. Our community's involvement in the arts is at a high point in recent memory and we hope that you will help us encourage everyone who shares our mission to promote artists as well as opportunities to make art. We thank our Arts Consortium members and donors for supporting our organization, along with everyone who attends and enjoys our programs!

-Ampelio Mejia Perez



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# PRESENTING PARTNER



# The Arts Consortium 2025-2026 Artist of the Year **MICHAEL JASSO**



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*The Arts Consortium's Artist of the Year designation began as a symbolic recognition of an artist's contribution to our organization. As the Arts Consortium has evolved, so has this distinction.*

*To be considered for the Artist of the Year designation, an artist must demonstrate excellence in their artistic discipline, strive to make the arts accessible, educate the general public about the arts, act as a mentor to new artists in our community and show their commitment to the arts.*

Spoken word artist Michael Jasso calls his art, "Poetry that lets you say everything real that you wouldn't say in polite society." His specific art form is the poetry slam, which he began organizing

in Visalia when he was just out of high school. A poetry slam is a competition where poets perform before a live audience and panel of judges. Poetry is judged as much on enthusiasm and style as on content.

The subjects can be heavy, revealing inner turmoil, but sometimes they're humorous. It's an art form that is not widely known, and Michael is proud that he has been chosen the Arts Consortium's Artist of the Year, not just for himself, but for the recognition of spoken word art. "It's a major milestone opportunity, to bring poetry to the community," he said.

For the last 15 years as a spoken word artist, Michael has run the Loud Mouth Poetry Slam in Visalia and traveled across California and out of

state as a poet, emcee, workshop facilitator, slam coach and certified poet-teacher. He is currently the Loud Mouth Grand Slam Champion. But he says he was a late bloomer to poetry. He was into sports, writing and different art forms, but it wasn't until he took creative writing as a sophomore at Redwood High School that he found his niche.

The class wrote poetry, short stories and prose and shared what they wrote. They also learned about slam poetry. Michael started watching videos of well-known slam artists such as Saul Williams and Taylor Mali. "I was into sports—not the best—and worked backstage in theater productions, but I thought spoken word might be a unique opportunity. My priority was to do something different."

## Unstuffy poetry

Poetry slams began in Chicago in the 1980s, designed to move poetry recitals from structured, stuffy academia to more accessible locations, using terms that everyday people could understand and enjoy. A month after graduating from Redwood, Michael started the Loud Mouth Slam. "I'd already been scouting potential venues, and Howie and Sons offered me the best deal," he said. A couple of years ago, he moved the monthly competition to Arts Visalia. In August, the group celebrated their 13th anniversary, having just come back from regional competition in Portland, OR, where their team took several awards.

Michael says he is living the whole starving artist life, and supplements his income as an Uber driver, which he says is the perfect job for someone trying to be a full-time artist because you can set your driving hours around your art. He has brought some well-known spoken word artists to his slams and has been published in several poetry anthologies, including last year's "Burn after Reading & Other Remains."

## Teaches writing poetry

A certified poet-teacher affiliated with the state-wide non-profit, California Poets in the Schools, Michael does several trainings throughout the state each month, most recently in Hollister, where he was training teachers how to teach poetry. Last summer he did a four-session training to teach participants how to write poetry at the Book Nook in downtown Visalia. He will be doing a workshop for the social justice class at Redwood High School.

He uses various timed prompts to get students thinking. He often starts with one-minute mental warm-ups which he compares to athletes doing warm-up sprints. He'll give participants one minute to write on such words such as hope, disillusionment or longing. Then he'll have them do 12-word prompts. He'll say, "Write your life history in a 12-word sentence." Next he'll tell them to choose

one word from that sentence and write a 12-word sentence around that word. Michael carries a little notebook with him everywhere or jots notes on his phone to write down ideas and then lets those ideas "marinate."

"I write down ideas and concepts, but I don't go back to them for several months," he said. He spends much of his time coaching his slam team, giving critiques and feedback on both the poetry and presentation. He said speaking poetry is a balance between writing and performing. "In school I took theater and debate classes, which were as helpful as just the creative writing classes."

## Catharsis

Michael has attended retreats in the mountains where you write "the poem that you never get to read. At the end, you throw it into the fire. "Poetry offers room for catharsis. It's not therapy, but it can be therapeutic."

Fellow poet Bryan Medina, who has run the Fresno poetry slam for 24 years, was an early mentor for Michael. They now consider their shows sister slams. "I saw a hunger in him and wanting to do something for Visalia," Bryan said. "He has really excelled in going to slams, and he's such a great man." The two slams sometimes share poets. "Our shows are very strong," said Bryan. "We're both affiliated with art museums and have great talent, people who talk about things they feel in their bones. Great young talent that have things to say."



Photo provided by Michael Jasso

### What's next

Michael wants to use his time as Artist of the Year to bring poetry to the community. "It opens up opportunities," he said. "I'd like to get a whole manuscript printed by a publisher." He would also like to establish a poet laureate in Tulare County. "California has a state poet laureate, and some counties and cities have them, including Fresno. "We haven't had

a Tulare County poet since Wilma McDaniel [known as the Okie Poet] was named poet laureate 50 years ago," said Michael. "This area has a history in literary arts—William Saroyan, Gary Soto and Jack Kerouac."

Michael would like to see a literacy legacy by having an annual poetry event. "We currently have a regional competition in California. I would like to make it even wider."

### Where We Are From By Michael Jasso

When they ask you where you come from,  
Do not respond right away  
We were raised different  
Mama told us we treat others with respect  
Even when they don't show you the same respect back  
Even when they come to your house  
Your fields  
Your factories  
  
As if you haven't called these 4 walls a safe space  
That sanctuary can be compromised over a single question

When they ask you where you're from  
Point down  
That you are the first born from the soil which your accusers stand upon  
Show them how your back stands straight like the corn stalks  
Show them your callused knuckles sharpened by quartzite  
How the sweat on your brow captures sunlight

When they ask you where you're from  
Show them the walnut trees you sit under for your lunch breaks  
Teach them the secrets of finding shade  
Finding a warm fire for the winter harvests  
Finding a homemade meal that waits for your return  
Tell your children  
Your mothers  
Fathers  
You will return

When they ask you where you come from  
Show them the pages from the history books they want to erase  
As if we going to ignore history repeating itself

Turning a blind eye  
Sending shockwaves  
Putting the teachers  
The police  
The politicians on notice  
That we are home

When they ask you where you come from  
Look them in the eye  
And speak  
"Where do you think you'd be without me?"

## THE ARTS CONSORTIUM INVITES YOU TO

# TASTE THE ARTS



Taste The Arts is a free street festival celebrating the rich cultural and artistic heritage of our community. Enjoy a full day of art with over 100 artist,

participating in different aspects of the festival such as artist booths, interactive booths, performances at the Garden Street Plaza stage, and food vendors!

## ANNUALLY, 3RD SATURDAY OF OCTOBER

Garden Street, Downtown Visalia



The South Valley Art Tour is Tulare County's widest reaching art event, where local artists annually host behind-the-scenes tours of their workspaces and

studios. 2026 will take place on March 28th-29th from 10am-5pm, featuring all of Tulare County, including Visalia, Three Rivers, Tulare and more!

## ANNUALLY, LAST WEEKEND OF MARCH

Locations will be available in our 2026 Passport booklet and our online map.

# PETER N. CAREY GALLERY EXHIBITS

Since the Arts Consortium's move into the Lofts at Fort Visalia in late 2023, we have continued to exhibit works from Tulare County artists within the



Photo by Jason Clausen



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Photo by Sandra Velasquez

2025 has been an outstanding year for the gallery, with six different exhibits being hosted throughout the year, each bringing unique, local voices to share their experiences and work in the space. Our first show of the year, *Walk-ins Welcome*, brought together painting, ceramics and tattoo culture into a one-of-a-kind collaborative show.



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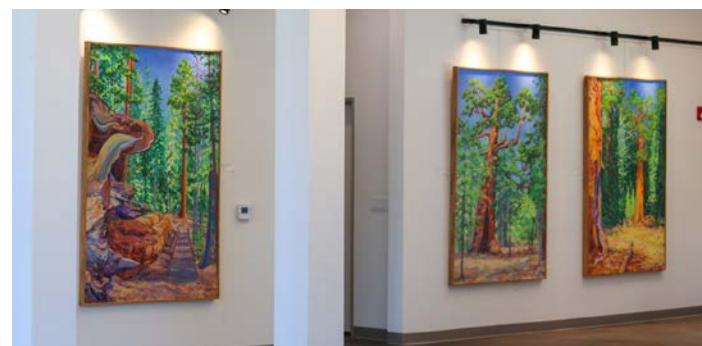


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August introduced the Tierra Mia Collective's *Voices From the Fields*, which shared photography from local artist Adam Perez and a collection of work from the 2024 Tierra Mia Festival. Afterwards, we showcased the *Members Art Show*, a collaborative exhibit of artwork from Arts Consortium Members. We closed out the year with *Walk-ins Welcome 2* in December, then we will begin 2026 with Michael Jasso's Artist of the Year Exhibit in February and Efrain Becerra's *Visalia Around the World* in May.



Photo by Ampelio Mejia Perez

Receptions and events with these shows displayed during First Friday brought over 1,200 visits to the Peter N. Carey Gallery in 2025 to see local art, with many others viewing exhibits during our community meetings and operating hours! As always, we thank Self Help Enterprises for being such an accommodating partner and giving us the opportunity to bring artwork to the Lofts at Fort Visalia. We look forward to sharing more incredible local artwork with our community!



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Artwork by Kuraira Barboza

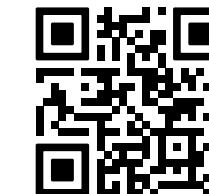
# 2025 Watermark Art Contest Winner **KURAIRA BARBOZA**

*Every year the Arts Consortium puts out a call to artists for the Watermark Art Contest. Tulare County artists of all ages are encouraged to submit an entry. The winner of this contest will be featured in the Arts Consortium's annual Watermark publication and receive \$500!*

This year, we had 18 artists submit their work for the Watermark Art Contest. To decide the winner, jurors in a four person panel individually ranked all entrees. From there, all juror scores were tallied, with the highest scored artwork being the winner. Kuraira Barboza's artwork earned the highest score. Thank you to all of the entrants of this year's art competition!

If you or someone you know are interested in submitting artwork to be considered for our 2026 Watermark Art Contest, submissions start in January of 2026 and will close on May 13, 2026.

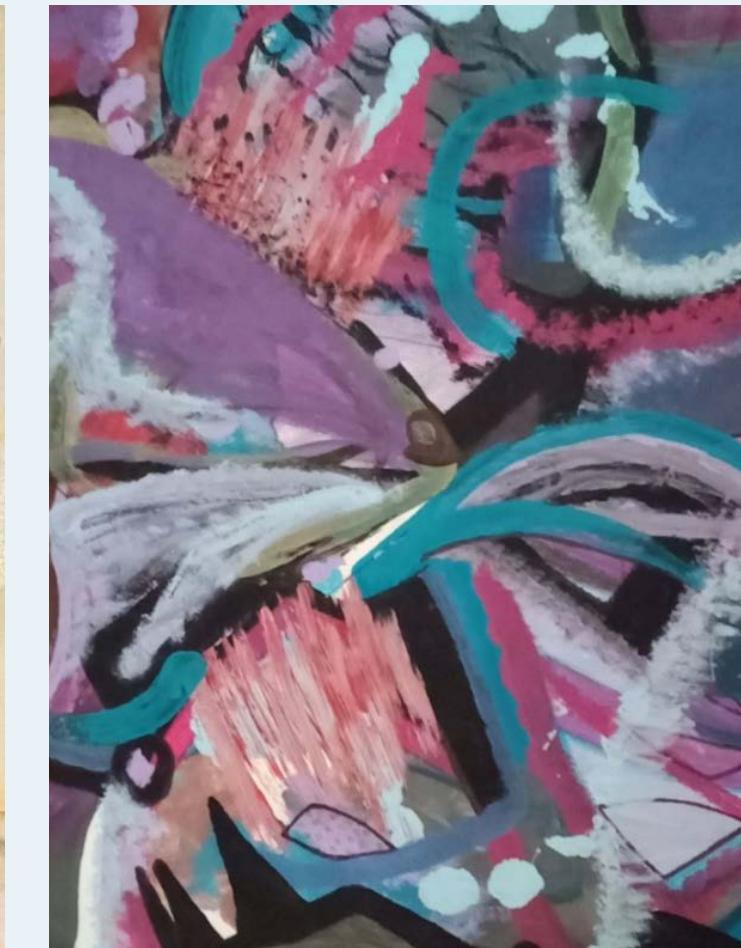
For more info about the Watermark Art Contest, visit [Artsconsortium.org/watermark-art-contest](https://Artsconsortium.org/watermark-art-contest) or scan the QR code below.



## Honorable Mentions



Aida Bartoletti

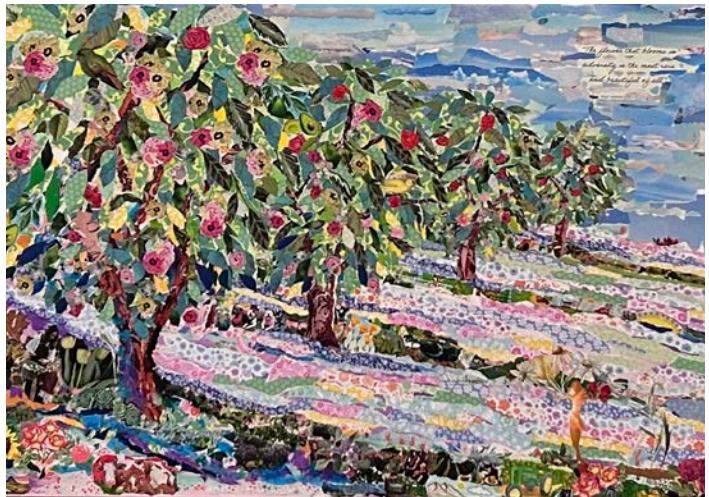


Jessica Jackson

# Contestant Gallery



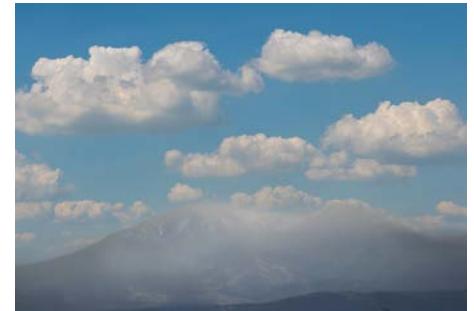
Tim Clark\*



Valerie Estes\*



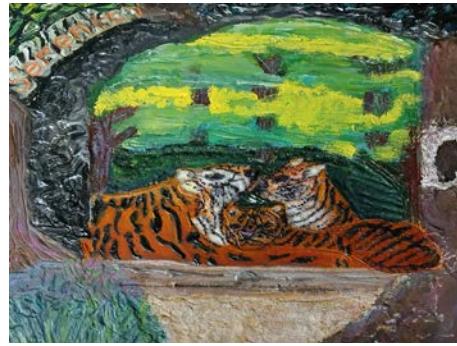
Simone Vesner



Susan Leary\*



Cianna Dalida



Sheila Ashford



Linda Neuhaus\*



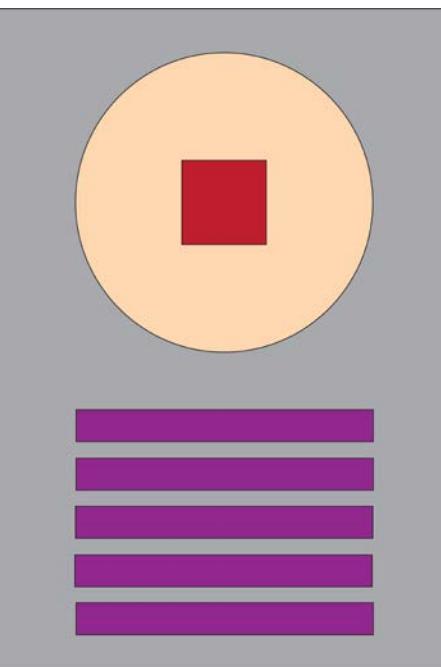
Amanda Stone



Bailey (Blyton) Schilling\*



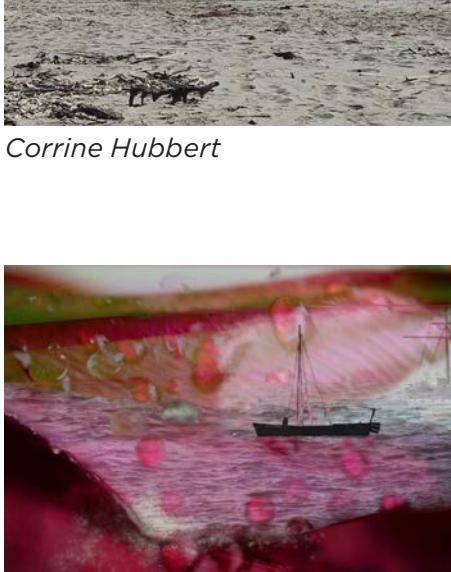
Mike Schroepfer\*



James Stark



Dalila Virgen Gonzalez



Corrine Hubbert



Christopher Beans

# The Future is Art ANALI BENAVIDEZ

Every year, the San Joaquin Valley Air District calls for artists to submit drawings with clean air themes for their annual Healthy Air Living Kids' Calendar Contest. The contest is open to all K-12 students in San Joaquin Valley schools. For more info, visit: [Valleyair.org/youth-resources/calendar-contest](http://Valleyair.org/youth-resources/calendar-contest)

We at the Arts Consortium are excited to see arts engagement reach all aspects of our community and are proud to share these words by the regional winner:



Photo by Ampelio Mejia Perez

"My name is Anali Benavides, and I am a senior at Woodlake High School. I participated in the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution

Control District Calendar Contest and won the front cover. My inspiration came from my time in Mexico, where each house was a different color. This influenced me to use a complementary color scheme for the buildings. I drew a plant shop, an eco-friendly apartment, and a bookstore to highlight the importance of plants in our environment. I included people in front of the buildings to show how individuals can contribute to improving air quality by planting greenery."

-Anali Benavidez



Anali Benavidez, *Planet Hope*, 2025

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# 2025 Artist Spotlight **FABIANA SANDOVAL RUBIO**

Fabiana Sandoval Rubio, an immigrant from the state of Michoacán, Mexico, has worked in the educational field for more than 40 years. A resident of the city of Porterville, CA. Ma. Fabiana has contributed to the local newspaper *El Sol del Valle de San Joaquin* and the magazine *La Voz Hispana*. She is the author of unpublished poems, published since 2002 in various anthologies in countries such as: Mexico, Chile, and Italy, and in some media outlets in the United States, where she has also received

recognition for her poem *Mujer Campesina y El Campesino Olvidado* (Woman Farmhand and the Forgotten Farmworker).

Ma. Fabiana Sandoval has published three fiction novels and a collection of poems. She has participated in various poetry readings and radio and television interviews. She is member of the international arts association *The Cove Rincon* in Miami Florida. She is the founder of an arts and culture group called *Arte Y Quimeras* (Art and Chimeras).

## **Woman Farmhand By Fabiana Sandoval Rubio**

Woman farmhand...  
You lift your gaze at the clearing of dawn  
and remain genuine, the labor  
which has been entrusted to you,  
your skillful hands know every corner  
of the sacred sustenance, which in the process  
and with your effort, to a great feast it shall arrive...

Woman farmhand...  
Your steps firm and secure  
in the furrowed land they are lost at the end.

Your mind remains alert,  
but the heart reminds you  
of those you left some time ago,  
without being able to tell them "I love you!"  
because they slumbered still.

One or two drops of salty dew,  
slowly roll,  
mixing with the sacred liquid,  
that there is, there...below, on the ground  
where your strength ends up.

Woman farmhand...  
You sing, you laugh, and in your sonorous laughter  
you dissolve the fatigue from the strenuous route,  
your hands, you often hide  
before the curious gaze of a multitude  
who ignore the precedence of your labor  
a worthy labor, that overcomes  
any adversarial stigma.



Photo provided by Adam Perez

Woman farmhand...  
You seek protection under the shade of a vine  
while you hurriedly gobble the sustenance that the  
same provides through your effort.  
You would wish to devour all time and run  
towards where those who drive you to fight are.

You wish to be the one to care for them when they  
are small,  
you would give part of your existence for your face  
to be the first that your offspring see upon awakening,  
but, these dreams end up along the road,  
for your crossroads begins at first light and ends  
at dusk when even the soul lies tired...

# 2025 Artista destacado **FABIANA SANDOVAL RUBIO**

Ma. Fabiana Sandoval Rubio, inmigrante del estado de Michoacán México, ha laborado en el ámbito educativo por más de cuarenta años. Residente de la ciudad de Porterville Ca.

Ma. Fabiana colaboró en el periódico local *El Sol del Valle de San Joaquin* y la revista *La Voz Hispana*. Autora de poemas inéditos, publicados a partir del 2002, en diversas antologías de países como: México, Chile e Italia y en algunos medios de

comunicación en Estados Unidos, donde también ha recibido un reconocimiento a su poema *Mujer campesina y El campesino olvidado*.

Ma. Fabiana Sandoval tiene publicadas tres novelas de ficción y un poemario. Ha participado en diferentes recitales poéticos, entrevistas radiales y televisivas. Es miembro de la asociación internacional dedicada a las artes *The Cove Rincon* de Miami Florida. Fundadora de un grupo de arte y cultura denominado *Arte y Quimeras*.

*Tu mente se mantiene alerta,  
pero el corazón te recuerda  
a quienes dejaste hace un rato,  
sin poder decirles ite amo!  
porque aún estaban dormitando...*

*Una o dos gotas de rocío salado,  
ruedan lentamente,  
mezclándose con el sagrado líquido,  
que hay, ahí...abajo, en el suelo  
donde tus fuerzas van quedando.*

*Mujer campesina...  
Cantas, ríes, y en tus sonoras risotadas  
difuminas el cansancio del extenuante recorrido,  
tus manos, muchas veces escondes  
ante la mirada curiosa de una multitud  
que ignora la procedencia de tu labor  
una labor digna, que supera  
cualquier estigma de adversidad.*

*Mujer campesina...  
Buscas ampararte bajo la sombra de una viña  
mientras de prisa engulles el sustento que la  
misma te prodiga a través de tu esfuerzo.  
Desarías devorar el tiempo y correr  
hacia donde están quienes te impulsan a luchar.*

*Quisieras prodigarles los cuidados cuando son  
pequeños,  
darías parte de tu existencia por ser tu rostro  
el primero que viera tu descendencia al despertar,  
más, esas ilusiones en el camino van quedando,  
pues tu encrucijada comienza en la alborada y termina  
al caer la tarde cuando hasta el alma yace cansada...*

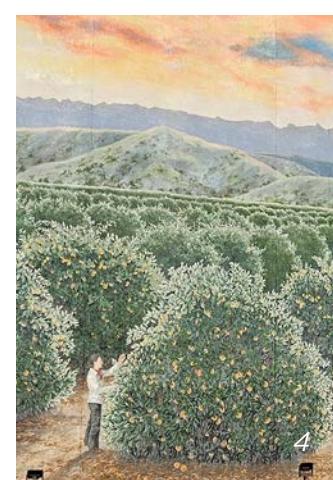
# TULARE COUNTY



An Arts Consortium project produced in partnership with the Tulare-Kings Museum Alliance & the College of Sequoias

The Tulare County Public Art Catalogue is an online map that showcases public art treasures that we live amongst, while crediting the many artists who bring beauty and thoughtfulness to our surroundings. All of the artworks featured are original, accessible to the general public at all times of the day and are free to visit. Artwork/artist/location info has been recorded to the best ability of the Cultural Connections Scholarship Winners and Arts Consortium staff.

Catalogue entries can be added and edited by emailing info to [hello@artsconsortium.org](mailto:hello@artsconsortium.org). For edits, please send contact information, links, or copies of the publications that would help confirm your suggested change. For additions, please submit an image of the artwork, google map coordinates, and any artist information available to you.



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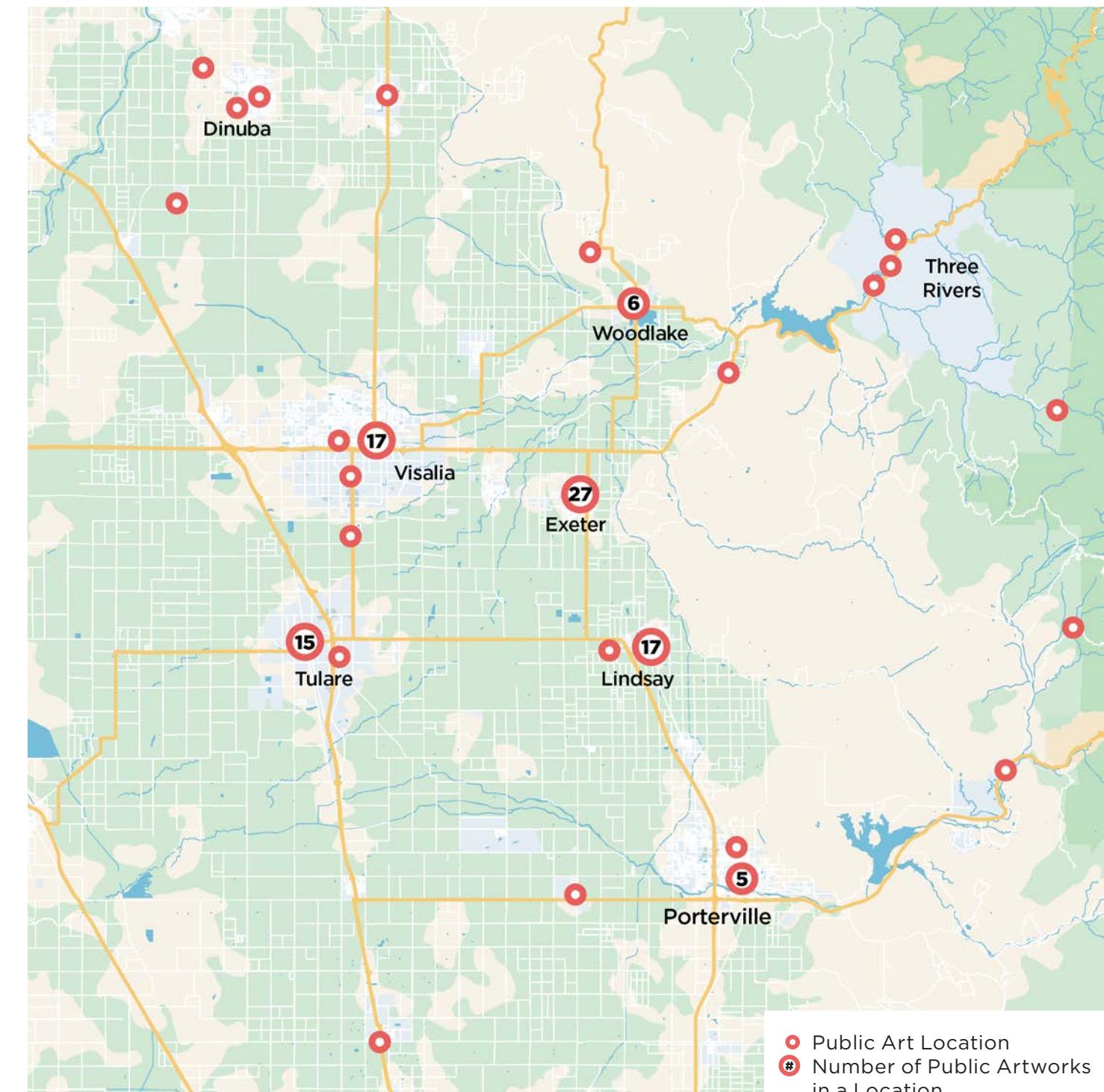
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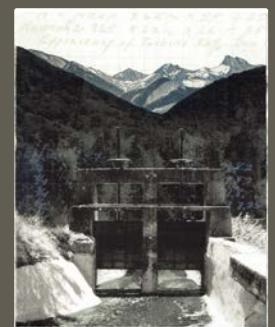
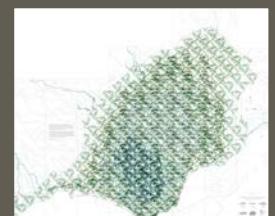
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MATTHEW  
RANGEL



The SRT Art+Conservation Award celebrates visionary artists whose work advances contemporary art and environmental conservation. Presented by Sequoia Riverlands Trust, the award honors artists whose new works deepen public awareness of the land and its essential role in our collective wellbeing.



# SUSAN LEARY

## My Voice Media Center Breakout Artist



Photo by Susan Leary

*Susan Leary has been consistently active in My Voice Media Center sessions and has continued to grow as an artist in multiple disciplines. Alongside her artistic development in photography and videography, she has also been a prominent speaker in the No Stigma Speakers Bureau, where Susan shares her story alongside other NSSB speakers to share a firsthand perspective about living with mental illness. The Arts Consortium thanks Susan for sharing these words about herself and her journey!*

"Hi, my name is Susan Leary. I am from Visalia, CA. I am a wife, mother, videographer, and photographer. Growing up in the 70's, I was diagnosed with a learning disability. I was in Special ED all my life. I was bullied most of my school years. Being bullied made me feel ashamed. People treated me like I had the cooties.

In the 90's, my mental illness began. Sometime after I had my daughter, I had a complete meltdown. I didn't know what I was doing, and I had a lot of stress. I'm trying to manage the mental illness symptoms. Mental illness is just like a regular illness. Every day, I ask myself: Is this a cold, or am I having a mental illness symptom right now?

My meltdown was during college. My lowest point through it all was losing my daughter to CPS [Child Protective Services] and having to live with that guilt. My sister, who was a psychologist, noticed first. She encouraged me to speak to a doctor. The doctor gave me some samples of medication. The samples didn't work. He referred me to a psychiatrist. And I decided to re-open my mental health case.

Today, I am doing good. I am keeping busy. I have been going to the My Voice Media Center for about 11 years. I also go to the Visalia Wellness Center. My daughter and husband go too. In both places, I have made friends and enjoyed their groups.

I picked up a camera in the year 2015. I feel like I'm walking in my granddad's shoes - because he was an amateur photographer. I attend the MVMC Photography, Video and Photo Editing, and Art of Movement sessions. I attend Cooking and other classes at the Wellness Center. I also join the Wellness and Recovery Meetings, where different organizations and consumers meet to discuss Tulare County's resources.

In 2023, I received an honorable mention in the Arts Consortium's yearly magazine, The Watermark. I use the word goals now, as I get better and better. I have transitioned out of seeing a therapist or psychiatrist, but continue to take the meds that my doctor prescribes. I have reached this point by challenging myself and getting out there.

My daughter began living with me 6 years ago. She also has a mental illness. We both have taken different sessions at the My Voice Media Center. We check in with each other to see how we both are doing and do a lot of mother-daughter time.

I plan to do more videos in videography and stay healthy, both mentally and physically. I dream to continue working with the My Voice Media Center and the Wellness Center, and my daughter's and my relationship continues growing."

-Susan Leary



Photo by Marcos Villarreal

# MY VOICE MEDIA CENTER

My Voice Media Center (MVMC) is a collaboration between the Arts Consortium and Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency - Mental Health Branch to provide **free art sessions for adults and their support base who have lived experience with mental illness**. MVMC provides digital and traditional media in order to tell their stories and achieve their artistic aspirations.

Accomplished professional artists facilitate the creative ambitions of participants, offering weekly courses. The facilitators act as guides, **empowering artists to use digital tools to realize their own creative visions**.

To join a MVMC Session, visit 340 E Oak Ave Suite 112 in Visalia from Tuesday-Friday, 10am-3pm to sign up, then refer to the times below for specific classes.

## Sessions

**Art & Feelings**  
Tues, 10-12pm

Explore and express complex emotions with 2D & 3D art.

**Photo Editing**  
Tues, 12-2pm

Learn to edit your photos using digital tools and software. *On Zoom*.

**Drawing**  
Wed, 10-12pm

Practice drawing techniques to bring your ideas to life on paper.

**NSSB**  
2nd & 4th Wed, 12-1pm

Build confidence and empathy by sharing your mental health journey.

**Visual Voices**  
1st, 3rd & 5th Wed, 12-1pm

Explore and express your emotions in a supportive group setting.

**Photography**  
Wed, 1-3pm

Learn to capture memorable moments using professional tools.

**Painting**  
Thurs, 10-12pm

Explore creative expression using color and brushwork.

**Video Editing**  
Thurs, 12-2pm

Learn to edit your videos using digital tools and software.

**Peer Support**  
Thurs, 2-3pm

Receive personalized guidance in a safe and supportive space (by appt only).

**Rescued Wood**  
Fri, 10-12pm

Work with salvaged wood to create something new and unique!

**Printmaking**  
Fri, 12-2pm

Carve, ink and create unique printed artworks using wood or lino blocks

**Youth Art Night**  
Last Wed

Collaboration with CASA of Tulare County providing youth art. *Off Site*.



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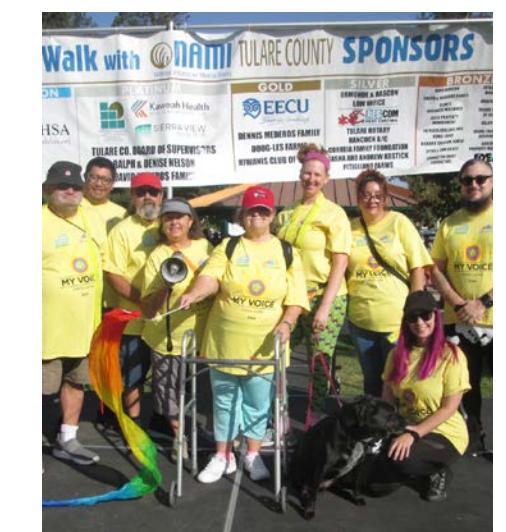


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Poetry Out Loud is an event for high school students (grades 9-12) and is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. Students participating in this event will choose three pieces to recite in front of a live audience.

The Poetry Out Loud experience is now being offered to middle school students (grades 6-8) in the Poetry Out Loud Junior event. Middle School students will also choose three poems to recite.



Poet's Own Voice is an event open to middle and high school students (grades 6-11). Students will submit five original poems. Judges will determine the best portfolio in this showcase event.

Students who submit their written work can choose to recite two of their original poems in front of an audience. Judges will choose from those performers the Tulare County Youth Poet Laureate.

**County Final Competition**  
**February 6, 2026**  
 Arts Consortium  
 340 E. Oak Ave., Suite 112, Visalia

School online registrations due December 5, 2025  
<https://bit.ly/PLSchoolRegister>

School champion online registration due January 7, 2026  
<https://bit.ly/PLStudentChamp>

Poetry Live is open to all (including homeschool) Tulare County students in grades 6-12. Interested students should contact their schools first to get started.



The California Arts Council describes Poetry Out Loud as a national arts education program that encourages the study of great poetry by offering free educational materials and a dynamic recitation competition for high school students across the country. This program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about literary history and contemporary life.

The Arts Consortium is proud to administer the Tulare County branch of this national recitation

competition, in partnership with the Tulare County Office of Education and the California Arts Council.

Our local version of this nation-wide event is only one piece of three diverse competitions known collectively as Poetry Live. This event consists of Poetry Out Loud and Poetry Out Loud Jr, along with Poet's Own Voice, where grade 6-12 students create and perform original poetry. In 2025, Tulare County's annual Poetry Live took place on February 7th during First Friday in the Peter N. Carey Gallery.



Photos by Jason Clausen

# 2025 Tulare County Poetry Out Loud Winner **YAREZLY NAVARRO**



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After three incredible live poetry recitations, the judges decided that Yarezly Navarro from Mission Oak High School was the winner of the Tulare County's 2025 Poetry Out Loud competition! She won \$1,000 for winning Poetry Out Loud, which went to help her and her poetry coach travel to the state championship held in Sacramento this March.

## Poetry Preformed by Yarezly Navarro:

*Poem About People* by Robert Pinsky

*When You Are Old* by William Butler Yeats

*Mansplaining* by Jennifer Militello

# 2025 Tulare County Poet's Own Voice Winner **CAYDINCE HUSTON**

After reciting two captivating original poems, Caydince Huston from Porterville's Summit Charter High School was declared the winner of the 2025 Poet's Own Voice competition! As the competition's winner, Caydince was given a \$1,000 cash prize and became the Tulare County Youth Poet Laureate, an ambassador for literacy, arts, and youth expression.

## Some people's voices by Caydince Huston

*"I know they can't control it,  
But some people's voices annoy me.*

*Her delicate little voice rings in my ear, speak up.  
Your mouth squeaks, they bore me.  
I know you yell at your mother at home,  
So use that power when you speak to me.*

*Maybe I'm just jealous.  
Jealous, my voice sounds like a man.  
Jealous, I can't sound sweet, but you can.  
Your voice sounds like a delicate flower,  
While mine sounds like a shriveled cactus.*

*I wish I sounded sweet,  
I wish I sounded feminine.  
You have a slow, soft voice.  
And when I'm nervous, I sound like Eminem.*



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*Your voice sounds like a perfectly round bubble,  
Floating above, so full of love.  
My voice drops like a rock,  
And it's coarse like sidewalk chalk.*

*I'm jealous of your voice,  
but I'll never admit that to you.  
My ego doesn't have a choice,  
So if I believe I hate it long enough,  
It'll be true."*

# Annual COS Scholarship Winner **MONMARI PRESTO**

The Arts Consortium is proud to continue supporting our community's young artists through our partnership with the College of Sequoias Scholarship Program. The winner of our 2025 \$1,000.00 scholarship is Monmari Presto of Hanford, CA.

Monmari has a long history of community involvement and she has demonstrated her desire to help her community come together through her dedication to school clubs, student government, Link Crew, and Academic Decathlon.

Miss Presto's interest in the arts led her to take part in a number of clubs and activities during her time at College of Sequoias (COS). She acted as Treasurer of the Animation Production Club and helped present student-led workshops. She also played a role in the Pathway to the Museum Club, where she learned about careers in the arts and made site visits to arts organizations, such as the John Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles.

Finally, Monmari's pursuit of the arts led her to join the Printworks club at COS. Miss Presto felt an immediate desire to take part in Printworks activities, campaigning and winning her position as Secretary for the club. With the Printworks club, Monmari has participated in printmaking events in Visalia, Los Angeles and Chicago. Monmari's dedication to the arts and her plan to continue her education in the arts make her an ideal candidate for our annual award.

## Congratulations Monmari!



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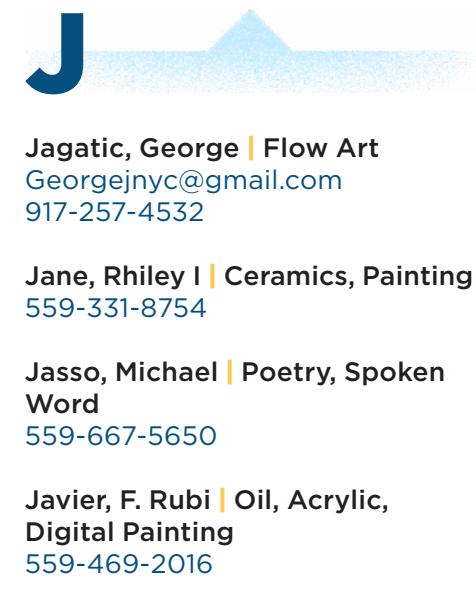
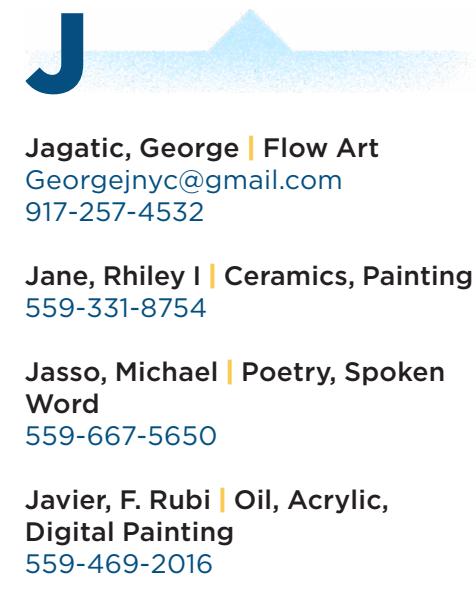
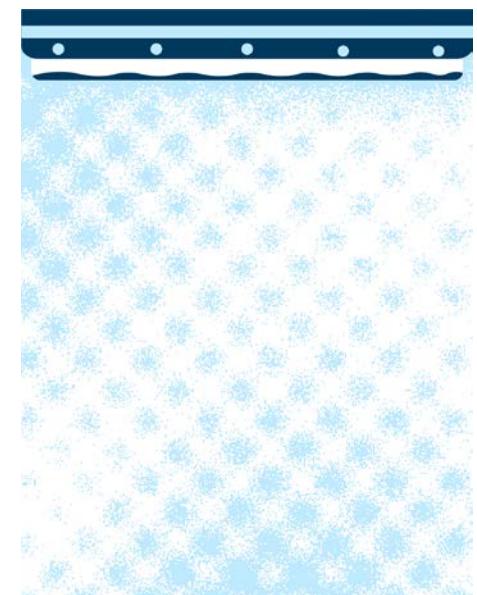
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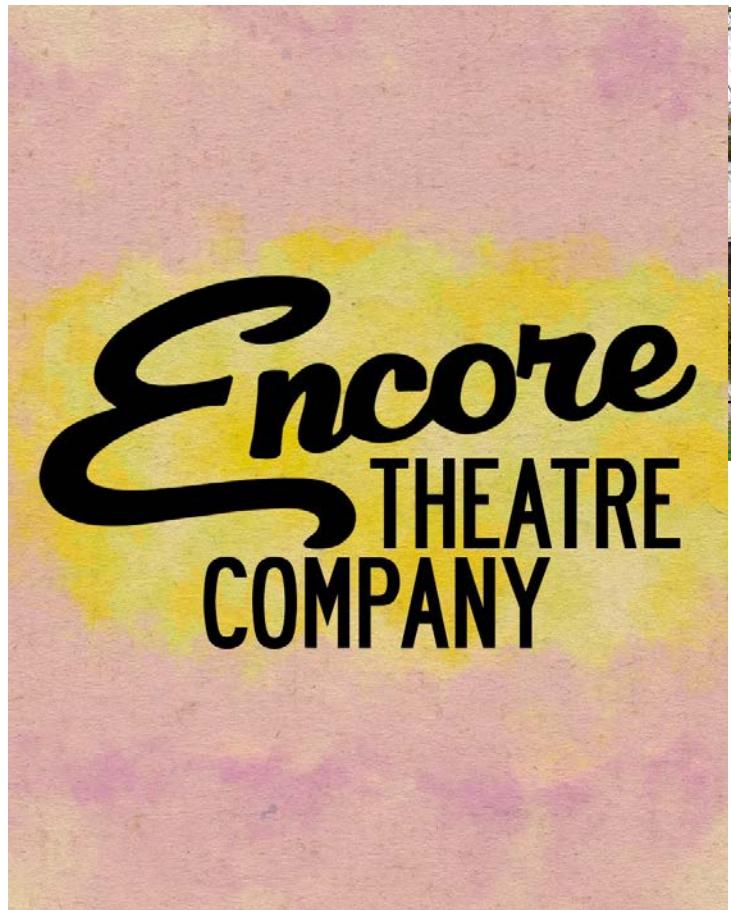
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*Find information about art related organizations in Tulare County, including museums, art galleries, music studios, art teaching centers, and other advocates for the arts.*

*If you are part of one of the above-mentioned groups and are not part of the cultural directory and would like to be, please email us at [hello@artsconsortium.org](mailto:hello@artsconsortium.org)*

### THE ARTNOOK

[Makeartnook.com](http://Makeartnook.com)  
[Makeartnook@gmail.com](mailto:Makeartnook@gmail.com)  
 559-909-7572

#### 118 S Court St, Visalia

The Artnook offers art lessons for kids and adults in a professional studio environment. Owner and founder, Stevi Daniels, trains her students to create thoughtful, quality art which embodies their personal ideas and experiences.

### ARTS CONSORTIUM

[Artsconsortium.org](http://Artsconsortium.org)  
[Hello@artsconsortium.org](mailto>Hello@artsconsortium.org)  
 559-772-0001

#### [@](#) [Facebook](#) ArtsConsortium

#### [YouTube](#) Artsconsortium1694

#### 340 E Oak Ave, Ste 112, Visalia

The Arts Consortium brings together artists, organizations, and art enthusiasts, in order to advocate, promote and provide opportunities for the creation and celebration of the arts for all of Tulare County's residents and visitors. Monthly networking meetings are held for artists and the community.

### ARTS VISALIA

[Artsvisalia.org](http://Artsvisalia.org)  
[Artsvisalia@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Artsvisalia@sbcglobal.net)  
 559-739-0905

#### 214 E Oak Ave, Visalia

Arts Visalia is a nonprofit community art center. It houses a gallery that promotes the visual arts through diverse monthly exhibitions of regionally, nationally, and internationally recognized artists. Plus a gift shop that houses over 50 artists. Events include First Friday, meet-the-artist receptions, lectures, workshops, and open studio sessions. Part of the Arts Consortium's First Friday art hop.

## B

### BALLET FOLKLORICO SIERRA LINDA

[Bfsl.est2006@gmail.com](mailto:Bfsl.est2006@gmail.com)  
 559-901-6240

#### [@](#) [Facebook](#) Bfsl2006

Performing regional dances of Mexico under the direction of Yvonne Arroyo Sweeney since 2006. Woodlake - Exeter - Visalia



Photo by Jason Clausen

### THE BOOK NOOK

[Thebook-nook.com](http://Thebook-nook.com)  
[Booknook@fhcn.org](mailto:Booknook@fhcn.org)  
 559-741-2665

#### [@](#) TheBookNook\_Visalia

#### [Facebook](#) TheBookNookVisalia

#### 114 W Main St, Ste 102, Visalia

#### Tues-Fri 10am-7pm,

#### Sat 10am-3pm

The Book Nook is a start-up bookstore in downtown Visalia, CA owned and operated as a division of Family Health Care Network. Part of the Arts Consortium's First Friday art hop.

### BRANDON-MITCHELL ART GALLERY

[Brandonmitchellgallery.com](http://Brandonmitchellgallery.com)  
 559-625-2441

#### 117 S Locust St, Visalia

Brandon-Mitchell Art Gallery features revolving art exhibitions from local artists. Part of the Arts Consortium's First Friday art hop.

## C

### CACHE CENTER FOR ART CULTURE AND HISTORY - EXETER

[Cach-exeter.org](http://Cach-exeter.org) • 559-592-5900

#### 125 S B St, Exeter

#### [@](#) [Facebook](#) Cachexeter

Mon-Fri 10AM-4PM Sat & Sun 12PM-4PM, Closed Wed

CACHE is a nonprofit organization that brings to life the art, culture, and history of California's heartland. It features quarterly art exhibitions, student artwork, and rotating history displays.

### CLAY CAFE

[Wobigong@yahoo.com](mailto:Wobigong@yahoo.com)  
 559-733-2022

#### [Facebook](#) ClayCafeVisalia

Contemporary Ceramic Art Studio, now mobile!

### COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS ART GALLERY

[Cos.edu/en-us/academics/fine-arts/gallery-exhibitions](http://Cos.edu/en-us/academics/fine-arts/gallery-exhibitions)

559-737-4861 • [Facebook](#) COSartgallery

#### 915 S Mooney Blvd, Kaweah Building Room 214, Visalia

#### Tues-Thurs 10am-4pm,

#### Friday by appointment

The College of the Sequoias Art Gallery has two exhibition spaces, one in the Kaweah building (one-month exhibitions, fall/spring semesters) and one in the Lodgepole Library (four-month exhibitions, year-round). The gallery provides exhibition opportunities for national, regional, and local artwork. It also showcases students' work with an annual student exhibition each spring. Open and free to the public, COS Art Gallery is an advocate for art and artists, it seeks to heighten community awareness and appreciation of all forms of art.

### COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS PERFORMING ARTS

[Costicketleap.com](http://Costicketleap.com)

Chrism@cos.edu • 559-730-3907

#### [@](#) [Facebook](#) Chrism\_TulareCounty

[Facebook](#) BuddysDrumCircleAndFriends

#### 107 W Tulare Ave, Visalia

Nonprofit in Tulare County that strives to create a more connected and equitable society where cultural diversity is celebrated

### COMISION HONORIFICA MEXICANA-AMERICANA (CHMA CENTER)

559-285-6054

#### [Facebook](#) CHMAPorterville

#### 466 E Putnam Ave, Porterville

CHMA is a non-profit organization who sponsor and co-sponsor activities or events that promote the socio-economic welfare of the community and enhance cultural awareness.

### THE CREATIVE CENTER (JON GINSBURG GALLERY)

[Thecreativecenter-visalia.org](http://Thecreativecenter-visalia.org)  
 559-733-9329

#### [@](#) TheCreativeCenterVisalia

#### [Facebook](#) CreativeCenterVisalia

#### 606 N Bridge St, Visalia

#### Jon Ginsburg Gallery: 410 E

#### Race St, Visalia • Mon-Thurs

#### 7am-3:30pm, Fri 7:30-3pm

The Creative Center is a nonprofit community arts center for adults with developmental disabilities with the mission of fostering self-expression, self-worth and personal growth through the arts, community integration, providing cultural resources to the community and recognizing the individual's value and contribution. Part of the Arts Consortium's First Friday art hop.

### CULTURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION

[Chftularecounty.org](http://Chftularecounty.org)  
 Chrism@cos.edu • 559-730-3907

#### [@](#) Chf\_TulareCounty

#### [Facebook](#) BuddysDrumCircleAndFriends

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## D

### DANCE ARTS

[Danceartsvisalia.com](http://Danceartsvisalia.com)

559-733-9414

#### [@](#) DanceArts242

#### [Facebook](#) DanceArtsVisalia

#### 242 E Oak Ave, Visalia

Dance Arts offers dance classes for ages three years and up in Ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and musical theater.

## DANCERS EDGE

Dedance.com • [@DancersEdgeCA](#)  
[f](#) Dancers Edge  
Visalia: 7022 W. Pershing Ct  
559-732-5327  
Downtown Visalia: 113 N. Willis St  
559-802-3289  
Hanford: 104 E 7th St  
**559-585-8585**

Dancers Edge mission is to make dance a rewarding, fulfilling and fun experience designed to meet the needs of any student. Classes are offered to beginners of all ages and training through pre-professional levels. Dancers at the studio are able to excel in the areas of Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Modern, Theater Arts and Tot-A-Lot through classes geared towards technical placement and expression.

## DOWNTOWN VISALIA

Downtownvisalia.com  
559-732-7737

### 120 S. Church Street, Visalia

The Downtown Visalians serve as a unifying force for the downtown. They host multiple events throughout the year including the Wine Walk, Brewfest, Taste of Downtown, and the Candy Cane Lane parade.



## EAGER STUDIOS

Eagerstudios.com  
Joseph@eagerstudios.com  
559-627-9500 • [@EagerStudios](#)  
2332 W Whitendale Ave, Visalia  
Eager Studios is dedicated to helping the Eager Musician thrive! Serving students from Visalia & Tulare of all ages!



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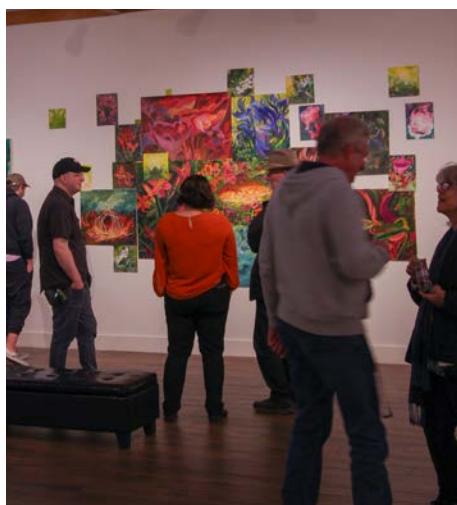


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## ENCHANTED PLAYHOUSE

**THEATER COMPANY**  
[Enchantedplayhouse.org](#)  
**559-972-7027**

The Enchanted Playhouse produces live staged theatrical productions to provide opportunities to celebrate our rich heritage of children's literature for the residents of the Central San Joaquin Valley. The Enchanted Playhouse continues to fulfill its original mission to "enchant, surprise, excite and amuse audiences, young and old!"

## ENCORE THEATER COMPANY

[Encoretulare.org](#)  
[Encoretulare@gmail.com](#)  
**559-686-1300**

Call for information and tickets  
324 S N St, Tulare  
PO Box 1952, Tulare CA 93275  
Tulare's Encore Theatre Company was founded in 1979. In addition to producing five main-stage productions annually, it is home to two performing youth groups: Encore Kids and Stages. We offer an intimate black box theater with cabaret-style seating and refreshments delivered to your table by our friendly staff.

## EXETER MURAL GALLERY (EXETER MURALS)

**559-592-3160**  
**204 E Pine St, Exeter**  
Souvenirs and Information about Exeter Murals.



## GONZALES DANCE ACADEMY

[Gonzalesdanceacademy.com](#)  
**(559) 616-0258**  
[@Gonzales\\_Dance\\_Academy](#)

[f](#) BforGulloMexicano  
Visalia: 210 S Cain St

### Porterville: 466 E Putnam Ave

At Gonzales Dance Academy (GDA), we welcome students of all ages and skill levels. Our dedicated instructors help every dancer reach their full potential in Folklorico, emphasizing culture, traditions, and heritage. We unite communities through a shared love of Folklorico, creating unforgettable experiences. Serving Porterville, Visalia, and Fresno, we look forward to dancing with you!

## GRACE NOTE MUSIC STUDIO

[Gracenotemusicstudio.com](#)  
**559-736-4738**  
814 W Oak Ave, Visalia  
Mon-Frid 10am-8pm,  
**Sat 10am-2pm**

We are so excited to serve Visalia with the best opportunities in music education! We offer private one-on-one music lessons at Grace Note for nearly every musical instrument, including voice.

## GREEN ROSE PRODUCTIONS (VISALIA OPERA COMPANY)

[Greenroseproductions.org](#)  
[Greenroseproductions.usa@gmail.com](#) • **559-972-5798**  
[f](#) GreenRoseProductions.USA  
[GreenRoseProductions1084](#)

The Green Rose Production mission is to create events to help persons with disabilities find their purpose and independence through the arts. They accomplish this by producing community events, plays, and productions.



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## HANDWEAVERS OF THE VALLEY

[Hwotv.org](#) • [Mrsjulie@gmail.com](#)  
[f](#) Handweavers of the Valley

Handweavers of the Valley is a guild of fiber artists based out of Exeter, CA. The guild began with weavers and expanded to spinners, felters, and a multitude of other possibilities for fiber artists. They meet monthly on the second Saturday morning of each

## HIL INK ART

[Hilinkart.com](#) • [Hilink7@gmail.com](#)  
**818-568-9325** • [Etsy: Hilinkart](#)

Hilary Williams is a watercolor and calligraphy artist living in Central California. She expanded her portfolio to include pet portraits, and also does calligraphy for wedding invitations, addressing envelopes and bible verses with beautiful watercolor flowers.

## IMAGINE ART CENTER

[Imagineartcenter.org](#)  
[Info@imagineartcenter.org](#)  
**559-615-1373**  
[@ImagineArtCenter](#)

[f](#) ImagineCAC

**63 S Main St, Porterville**

**Tues-Sat 10am-8pm**

Imagine Arts Center is a safe space for the community to collaborate and create inspirational works of art using the mediums desired. Provides art education to everyone: children, adults, schools, clubs, etc.

## IMAGINEU: CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

[Imagineumuseum.org](#)  
**559-733-5975**  
[@ImagineU\\_Museum](#)

[f](#) ImagineUMuseum

**210 N Tipton St, Visalia**

**Mon-Fri 9am-1pm, Sat-Sun 9am-5pm**

At ImagineU, children are encouraged to explore their imaginations and learn through creative play. Each exhibit is designed to provide a fun and interactive experience that allows children to develop at their own pace. From hands-on activities that inspire creativity to exciting adventures that spark the love of learning, ImagineU offers a safe and welcoming environment where kids can grow and thrive. Whether your child is one or eight years old, they are sure to find something to love at ImagineU.



## KAWeah ARTS

[KaweahArts.com](#)  
[KaweahArts3R@gmail.com](#)  
**559-561-2222**  
[f](#) KaweahArts3R

**42249 Sierra Drv, Three Rivers**

Part of 1st Saturday in Three Rivers, monthly open-studio event showcasing the art and artists of Three Rivers.



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## LINDSAY ART ASSOCIATION

[Lindsaymuseumandgallery.org/](#)  
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[lindsay-art-association](#)

[Lindsayartassociation@gmail.com](#)

**559-359-6393** • [@LindsayCA\\_Art](#)  
[f](#) Lindsay Art Association

The Lindsay Art Association goal is to promote a local appreciation of the arts, to be responsible stewards for Lindsay's fine art collection and to provide opportunities for creating and exhibiting art in various media.

## LINDSAY COMMUNITY THEATER

[Lindsaycommunitytheater.com](#)  
[Jrkliegl103@gmail.com](#)  
**559-284-2223**

**190 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay**

The Lindsay Community Theater is a publicly owned, nonprofit corporation. They feature live theater performances throughout the year.

## LINDSAY MURALS (THE LINDSAY MURAL SOCIETY)

[Lindsaymurs.org/](#)  
[lindsaymurs.html](#)

[Judythd@lindsaymurs.org](#)

The Lindsay Mural Society's purpose is to help preserve and promote the cultural, ethnic and historical roots of Lindsay, in a manner that citizens and children will have some sense of who they are and where they came from and a sense of community. To build pride in the community and to use public art as a tool to build bridges across barriers between ethnic and cultural groups. To help beautify and revitalize historical Lindsay downtown by establishing public art and promote tourism.

## LINDSAY MUSEUM & GALLERY

Lindsaymuseumandgallery.org

559-310-4109

[f LindsayMuseumAndGallery](#)

165 N Gale Hill Ave, Lindsay

The purpose of the Lindsay Museum and Gallery is to expand local awareness and appreciation of Lindsay's history as well as the arts.

## M

### MIGHTY OAK CHORUS/BARBERSHOP HARMONY SOCIETY

Visaliamightyoakchorus.org

Info@visaliamightyoakchorus.org

559-280-5715 • Mon 7pm-9pm

1023 N Chinowth St, Visalia

Men's singing group, Visalia Chapter D-029.

### MINERAL KING PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Mineralking.org

Lisa@mineralking.org

559-561-1000

MKPS exhibits its collection in the Mineral King Room at the Three Rivers Historical Museum and in the Honeymoon Cabin in Mineral King. We host a variety of annual events, lectures, hikes, and more!

### MOONHAVEN HAUS

421 W Main St, Visalia

[@ MoonHavenHaus](#)

Plant-based Cafe & Herbiary Shop (Coming Soon!)

### MY VOICE MEDIA CENTER

Myvoicemediacenter.com

Myvoicemediacenter@gmail.com

559-772-0001

[@ MyVoiceMediaCenter](#)

340 E Oak Ave, Ste 112, Visalia

The My Voice Media Center offers free training in visual and digital arts, audio recording, and creative writing to people who have lived experience with mental health. We do so in order to help individuals tell their stories of recovery as well as to reduce the stigma of mental illness.

## O

### THE ODD SHOP

559-972-2023 • [@ The.Odd.Shop](#)

[f TheOddShopThriftStore](#)

118 S Court St, Visalia

Thrift and consignment store in Downtown Visalia with hand-crafted gifts, homemade goods and unique items. Part of the Arts Consortium's First Friday art hop.

### oval gallery

[@ TheOvalGallery](#)

808 N Court St, Visalia

The Oval Gallery is a contemporary art space and print shop located in North Visalia. Part of First Friday art hop in Visalia.

## R

### RAVE DANCE COMPLEX

Ravedancecomplex.com

Studio@ravedancecomplex.com

559-623-9162

[@ RaveDanceComplex](#)

4341 W Noble Ave, Visalia

Offering various dance classes for ages 3-18. Their mission is to provide a supportive and inclusive environment where dancers of all levels can explore their creativity, develop their skills, and reach their full potential.

## S

### SIERRA PERFORMANCE ART CENTER

Spacdance.com • Spacpp@att.net

559-627-8277 • 114 E Oak St, Visalia

The Sierra Performing Arts Center is dedicated to providing quality dance instruction and performance opportunities for children and adults: Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Musical Theatre/Broadway Dance, Lyrical, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Stretch/Strengthen and Turns/Jumps for Dancers, Improv, Progressive Ballet Technique using balls, Preschool Ballet and Creative Movement.

### PORTERVILLE BARN THEATER

Portervillebarntheater.com

BarnTheaterMedia@gmail.com

559 310-7046

[@ f BarnTheaterPorterville](#)

42 S Plano St, Porterville

Community theater that has been putting on local performances by volunteers since 1948.

### PORTERVILLE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Portervillemuseum.com

Portervillemuseum@gmail.com

559-784-2053

[f PortervilleHistoricalMuseum](#)

257 N D St, Porterville

Displaying and preserving local history.



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## SEQUOIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com

Info@sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com • 559-732-8600

[@ f SequoiaSymphony](#)

[@ SequoiaSymphonyOrchestra4104](#)

208 W Main St, Ste D, Visalia

Mon & Fri 9am-3pm,

Tues & Thurs 10am-2pm

Presenting nearly ten concerts a year and a rich array of education and community programs, the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra's reach into Visalia and surrounding communities of the Central Valley is broad. The professional symphony offers a repertoire ranging from the great orchestral masterworks to music from today's most prominent composers.



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### SOCIETY OF CHILDREN'S BOOK WRITERS & ILLUSTRATORS (SCBWI)

Scbwi.org

Canorthcentral-ic@scbwi.org

[@ Scbwi\\_Ca\\_NorthCentral](#)

The Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators is the pre-eminent membership organization for children's book creators. We are a global community of writers, illustrators, translators, publishers, librarians, advocates, and other industry professionals establishing a more imaginative and inclusive world through children's literature. Our mission is to support the creation of quality children's books, so that young people everywhere have the books they need and deserve.

### SPIRIT HILL MEDITATION GARDEN AND ART STUDIO

3rtogether.org/calendar-item/spirit-hill-meditation-2/2025-06-14/

Sblaircreativeplay.blogspot.com

559-561-3463

43641 Skyline Drv, Three Rivers

Come join Bruce Keller to meditate on Saturday mornings at 10 in Three Rivers. Watch an inspiring video, meditate outdoors to the sound of chimes, bubbling pond and breeze in the trees. You can also visit Shirley Keller's art studio, featuring re-purposed items made into artwork, ceramic masks and more. Keller is an author of three books that can be found on Amazon, Book Nook, Visalia and her studio in Three Rivers.

## T

### THREE RIVERS HISTORICAL MUSEUM

3rmuseum.org

History@3rmuseum.org

559-561-2707 • [f 3Rmuseum](#)

42268 Sierra Drv, Three Rivers

Three Rivers Historical Museum's mission is to preserve the past for future generations. The museum exhibits Three Rivers history, holds events, and offers educational programs each year.

### THREE RIVERS PLAYERS

3rplayers@gmail.com

559-561-4154

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46173 N Fork Drv

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### T.O.B -VISALIA

Tobgraphics.com

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303 N. Garden St, Visalia

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### TULARE COUNTY LEAGUE OF MEXICAN AMERICAN WOMEN

Tularecountylmaw.org

[@ f Tlcmaw](#)

Founded in 1979, this nonprofit organization is dedicated to increasing the cultural knowledge of women and our community through conferences, workshops, and public projects.



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#### TULARE COUNTY MUSEUM

[Tularecountymuseum.org](http://Tularecountymuseum.org)  
[Aking1@tularecounty.ca.gov](mailto:Aking1@tularecounty.ca.gov)  
**559-624-7326**  
**@ TulareCountyMuseum**  
**27000 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia**  
**Thurs & Mon 10am-4pm**

The Tulare County Museum houses a large collection that tells the story of our local history and the diverse cultures that have shaped Tulare County. The museum is home to the original museum building, a pioneer village that includes 10 structures, the Farm Labor & Agriculture Museum, and the AG Equipment Barn all of which house local history. We offer programming for school field trips, free community events, and regular hours for public visitation. During your visit you may see a Visalia Saddle, military uniforms, Native American baskets, agricultural equipment (some restored by our local high school students), and cultural displays. There is something for everyone to connect with history!

#### TULARE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

[Tcoe.org/StudentEvents](http://Tcoe.org/StudentEvents)  
**Theatre Company: 559-651-1482**  
**TCOE: 559-733-6300**

TCOE provides Student Future Ready Events that include: Theatre Company Performances & Workshops, Young People's Concerts, Poetry Out Loud, Student Art Exhibitions, Slick Rock Film Festival and much more. TCOE provides quality service and support to the students and school districts of Tulare County.

#### TULARE HISTORICAL MUSEUM

[Tularehistoricalmuseum.org](http://Tularehistoricalmuseum.org)  
**559-686-2074**  
**444 W Tulare Ave, Visalia**  
The Tulare Historical Museum preserves the rich history of the city of Tulare. In addition to our permanent historical displays, they also feature temporary art, cultural and holiday exhibits in their Heritage Art Gallery and Depot Gallery.



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#### TULE GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY

[Tulegem.com](http://Tulegem.com)  
**559-802-6029 (Text)**  
**@ Tule Gem and Mineral Society**  
**444 N Gene Ave, Farmersville**  
The Tule Gem and Mineral Society are for those who are interested in lapidary arts, geology, the preservation of nature, and would also like to learn how to cut, polish, or facet rock, create jewelry or bead work, or go on field trips to collect rock. They meet the first Monday of the month @7:30pm.



#### URBANISTS ART COLLECTIVE

[Urbanistscollective.com](http://Urbanistscollective.com)  
**@ Urbanists\_CA**

Committed to the professional expansion of urban art within the community, Urbanists Art Collective embraces the concept of redefining public space with the addition of art and public engagement through art education, demonstration, and outreach.



#### VISALIA ART LEAGUE

[Visaliaartleague.org](http://Visaliaartleague.org)  
[Visaliaartleague@gmail.com](mailto:Visaliaartleague@gmail.com)  
**559-972-0981**

**@ Visalia\_Art\_League**  
**@ Visalia Art League**  
**PO Box 4063, Visalia CA 93278**  
The Visalia Art League's mission is to promote interest in art throughout Tulare County and to develop art appreciation. We believe in artists helping artists through support, mentoring, and teaching one another. We have scheduled monthly meetings, which include club updates, fun demonstrations from local artists, other useful and interesting information plus socializing opportunities with other club members.

#### VISALIA COMMUNITY PLAYERS

[Visaliaicehouse.com](http://Visaliaicehouse.com)  
[Visaliaplayers@gmail.com](mailto:Visaliaplayers@gmail.com)  
**559-734-3900 • @ VisaliaPlayers**  
**410 E Race Ave, Visalia, CA**

The Players have been performing for nearly 60 years. Having established a home in the Old Visalia Ice House, they are dedicated to entertaining Valley residents with a mix of all types of theater.

#### VISALIA FOX THEATRE

[Foxvisalia.org](http://Foxvisalia.org) • [Info@foxvisalia.org](mailto:Info@foxvisalia.org)  
**559-625-1369 • @ VisaliaFox**

**308 W Main St, Visalia**  
**Ticket Office: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm**

The historic Fox Theatre has been entertaining the community since 1930. As a non-profit, our mission is to preserve this treasured venue while providing exceptional live entertainment and cultural experiences that inspire, educate, and unite our community. From concerts and comedy to film and community events, you'll find it all here!

#### VISALIA'S PODCAST

[Visaliaspodcast@gmail.com](mailto:Visaliaspodcast@gmail.com)  
**@ VisaliasPodcast**  
**@ VPSocialMedia**

A podcast dedicated to Visalia's health, wealth, & community.

#### VISALIA TALKS

[Visaliatalks.com](http://Visaliatalks.com)  
[Visaliatalks@gmail.com](mailto:Visaliatalks@gmail.com)  
**559-429-5898**

**113 N Church St, Ste 308, Visalia**  
**@ VisaliaTalks**  
**@ VisaliaTalk**  
Visalia Talks is your go-to source for staying updated on events happening throughout the Central Valley! From community gatherings to entertainment, business networking, and cultural festivals, we share what's happening so you never miss out.



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Directed by Bob Merzola

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Music by Charles Hickinbotham & Jennifer Cannella

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The Lion King Jr.  
Musical  
Co-Directed by Kate Smith & Daniella Lovato

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SEPT 12 & 13  
Mean Boys & Jersey Girls  
Music Fundraiser

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Play Written & Directed by Todd McPherson

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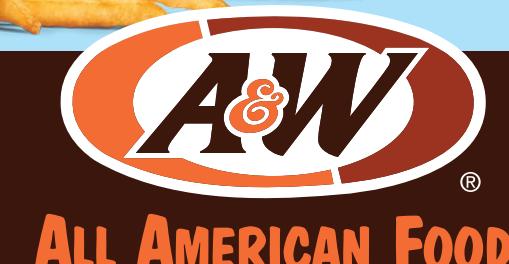


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# Watermark 2025-2026 EVENT CALENDAR

## Recurring Events

### 1st Friday | 1st Friday of every month

5-8pm • [Artsconsortium.org](http://Artsconsortium.org) • 559-772-0001

Downtown Visalia's art hop. Visit a variety of art exhibits, interactive art activities and more at participating downtown art stops.

### 1st Saturday in Three Rivers | 1st Saturday of every month

11am-5pm • [1stSaturdayTR.com](http://1stSaturdayTR.com) • 559-799-1473

A different featured artist every month. Art studios, galleries, restaurants, and merchants open their doors and invite you to join in a town-wide celebration.

### Cuppa Jazz | Every Saturday

10am-12pm • 210 W Center Ave, Visalia

Enjoy live Jazz music every Saturday along with a cup of your favorite coffee at the 210 Café Lounge.

### Loud Mouth Poetry Jam | 3rd Sunday of the month

4-7pm • 214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-667-5650

[f LoudMouthPoetryJam](https://www.facebook.com/LoudMouthPoetryJam)

The Central Valley's growing slam poetry community, hosted at Arts Visalia.

### Handweavers of the Valley General Meetings

#### | 2nd Saturday of the month

Socializing at 9:30am, meeting at 10am • [Hwotv.org](http://Hwotv.org)

324 N Kaweah Ave, Exeter • 559-561-4048

Programs are open to all. Some programs are followed by workshops that require pre-registration and may include fees for materials. Each meeting is a hybrid and can be attended in person at the Exeter Veterans Memorial Building or on Zoom.

### Squeekie Wheels | 3rd & 4th Friday of the month

9am-1pm • 230 E Chestnut St, Exeter

[Quailhaven@protonmail.com](mailto:Quailhaven@protonmail.com)

Meeting group for new and experienced hand spinners from around the valley. Show and tell items are encouraged to see what you have been spinning, weaving, knitting, or crocheting!

### Kaweah Konnection | 2nd Wednesday of every month

10AM • [Hwotv.org/calendar](http://Hwotv.org/calendar) • 143410 Sierra Dr, Three Rivers • [Saddleblankets@haydenrances.com](mailto:Saddleblankets@haydenrances.com)

Kaweah Konnection is a group of weavers in Three Rivers. The group welcomes weavers of all abilities and focuses on learning, support, and sharing.

### Mighty Oak Chorus Meetings & Rehearsals | Mondays

7-9pm • [Visaliamightyoakchorus.org](http://Visaliamightyoakchorus.org)  
3315 N Akers Street, Visalia • 559-280-5715  
Men and Women singing group, Visalia Chapter D-029.

### Veterans Drumming Circle | Every Sunday

6pm • 107 W Tulare Ave Visalia • [CHF\\_TulareCountyBuddy.jones24@yahoo.com](mailto:CHF_TulareCountyBuddy.jones24@yahoo.com) • 559-799-6436

Open to veterans of all backgrounds, this event encourages self-expression, stress relief, and camaraderie in a supportive, community-driven environment. No drumming experience is necessary, all are welcome to join!

### Ancestral Drumming Circle | 1st & 3rd Monday

6pm • 107 W Tulare Ave Visalia • [CHF\\_TulareCounty559-334-8594](mailto:CHF_TulareCounty559-334-8594)

Join us for an ancestral drumming circle led by Tino Rayos where we connect through rhythm, tradition, and community. This powerful gathering honors cultural roots and shared heritage, inviting everyone to experience the healing and unifying energy of the drum.

### African Drumming Circle | Every Thursday

6pm • 107 W Tulare Ave Visalia • [CHF\\_TulareCountyBuddy.jones24@yahoo.com](mailto:CHF_TulareCountyBuddy.jones24@yahoo.com) • 559-799-6436

Join us in a sacred African drumming circle where the beat of the drum connects us to our ancestors, our roots, and each other. Through rhythm and shared intention, we release what no longer serves us and tap into the healing power of community and tradition.

### SCBWI Monthly Chapter Meeting | 2nd Wednesday of every month

6-7pm • Virtual • [Scbwi.org/regions/canorthcentral](http://Scbwi.org/regions/canorthcentral)  
Interested in writing or illustrating for kids? Join SCBWI's monthly regional meetup to connect with fellow creatives, ask questions, and learn about the world of children's publishing.

### Tulare County Libraries

[Tularecountylibrary.org/calendar](http://Tularecountylibrary.org/calendar)

Across 17 branches, Tulare County Library hosts a multitude of free programs for all ages! Check out what is happening at your branch by visiting their website.

# 2025

## October

### Pigments of Perception | Tuesday, July 1st - Friday, Oct 24th

915 S. Mooney Boulevard, Visalia • 559-737-4861  
Works by Krista Fulbright, Anne Pearce and Shawn Michelle Smith.

### Adam Perez - Voices from the Fields | Aug 1st - Oct 31st

[Artsconsortium.org](http://Artsconsortium.org) • 340 E Oak Ave Ste 112, Visalia 559-772-0001

Adam Perez's gallery show at the Peter N. Carey Gallery. Voices from the Fields is a collection of work from the Tierra Mia Festival and focuses on the farmworker communities in the California Central Valley. Visit adamgperez.com to learn more about Adam and his work.

### Hispanic Heritage Month Exhibit | Sept 4 - Oct 18

[Tularehistoricalmuseum.org](http://Tularehistoricalmuseum.org) • 444 W Tulare Ave, Tulare 559-651-3003

The Tulare Historical Museum presents Hispanic Heritage Month in the Depot Room.

### Cardboard Challenge | All of October

[Tcoe.org/CardboardChallenge](http://Tcoe.org/CardboardChallenge) • [Juliana.davidian@tcoe.org](mailto:Juliana.davidian@tcoe.org) • 559-651-3003

The Cardboard Challenge is an opportunity for children to play and learn by using simple materials to build the things they imagine while learning skills like critical thinking, resourcefulness, perseverance and teamwork. During the month of October, TCOE encourages schools to host a local Cardboard Challenge, or join us for a mini Cardboard Challenge at the STEAM Expo held March 7, 2026 at the TCOE Mooney Conference Center.

### Dracula | October 9th - 18th

[Cos.edu/theatre](http://Cos.edu/theatre) • 915 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia 559-651-3003

A drama production by the College of the Sequoias Performing Arts.

### The Shai Ones | October 10th - 26th

Oct 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 24th & 25th at 7pm, October 12th, 19th, & 26th at 2pm • 559-310-7046

[portervillebarntheater.com](http://portervillebarntheater.com) • 42 S Plano St, Porterville An original play written by Todd Mathenia and produced by the Porterville Barn Theatre.

### TEDx Visalia | October 12th

Doors open at 12pm, show starts at 1pm • [Foxvisalia.org](http://Foxvisalia.org) 308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

Join TEDx Visalia for an unforgettable afternoon of bold ideas, local voices, and community transformation. This independently organized TED experience will feature a powerful line-up of visionary speakers, live performances, and thought provoking storytelling design to inspire, challenge, and empower. From mental health and forgiveness to innovation, agriculture, youth advocacy and the arts, TEDx Visalia brings together change makers and everyday heroes who are deeply rooted in the Central Valley and beyond. This year's theme, "Rooted in Change: Growing Ideas, Cultivating Impact," highlights the resilience of our community and the power of planting bold ideas in fertile ground.

### Tulare County Historical Society Fundraiser | October 12th

3:30-6pm • [Tularecountymuseum.org](http://Tularecountymuseum.org) 27000 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia • 559-624-7326

For more than 70 years, the Fabulous Studio Band of Porterville High School has been entertaining audiences throughout the United States. Come discover why this talented group has gained nationwide acclaim. Proceeds from the tickets sales will support the Tulare County Historical Society and the Tulare County Museum.

### The Graduates - The Sound of Simon & Garfunkel | October 15th

Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm [Foxvisalia.org](http://Foxvisalia.org) • 308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

From the ethereal Scarborough Fair to the upbeat and unforgettable Mrs. Robinson, the mysteriously provocative Sound Of Silence to the anthemic Bridge Over Troubled Water, *The Graduates* is an energetic and heartwarming salute to the music of Simon & Garfunkel. With a backdrop of stunning multi-media, "Paul & Art" escort us through an evening filled with beautiful renditions of some of the most beloved folk songs ever written.

**Taste the Arts | October 18th**

10am-5pm • [Artsconsortium.org/events/tta](http://Artsconsortium.org/events/tta) •  
Garden st, Visalia • 559-772-0001

The 15th anniversary of the Arts Consortium's free arts festival in Downtown Visalia! Featuring the artwork of local Tulare County artists, live music, performances, food vendors and interactive activities for all ages. From Garden St Plaza to E School Ave.

**Mariachi Los Camperos | October 18th**

Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 8pm • [Foxvisalia.org](http://Foxvisalia.org)  
308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

Mariachi Los Camperos - led by Jesus "Chuy" Guzman and considered by many to be among the finest mariachi ensembles in the world, invites you for an evening celebrating the Golden Era of Mariachi music with composers and singers such as Agustin Lara, Maria Grever, Javier Solis and Manuel M. Ponce to more contemporary musicians like Juan Gabriel, Vicente Fernandez and many more.

**Monarch Murder Mystery Benefit Dinner Theater | October 25th**

4-8pm • [Cach-exeter.org](http://Cach-exeter.org) • 125 S B St, Exeter  
559-592-5900

B Street closes for an interactive whodunit with live music, ribs, scandalous drinks, auctions, and a new pioneer exhibit. Tickets at CACHE or online. Tickets are \$75 each, \$800 for a table of 8. All tickets can be purchased on our website.

**Theatre Company's War of the Worlds | October 24th - 25th**

[Tcoe.org/theatreco/callboard](http://Tcoe.org/theatreco/callboard) • 11535 Ave 264, Visalia • 559-651-1482

Each fall, a small cast of students performs a reenactment of the infamous 1938 radio broadcast, War of the Worlds. The Theatre Company offers classes and performance opportunities to all Tulare County youth. There are minimal course fees for classes and productions (scholarships are available).

**Handweavers of the Valley Show and Sale | October 25th**

10am-3pm • [Hwtv.org](http://Hwtv.org) • 324 N Kaweah Ave, Exeter  
559-561-4048

The Handweavers of the Valley Guild promote public awareness of the fine art of handweaving and spinning as well as to support guild programs with this annual event. It serves as an educational experience for those wishing to share and learn more about one of the ancient arts.

**Village Halloween at ImagineU | October 31st**

3-6pm • [Imagineumuseum.org](http://Imagineumuseum.org) • 210 N Tipton St, Visalia • 559-733-5975

ImagineU Kid's Museum hosts a fun and safe Halloween event for children. This free community event offers a great alternative to traditional trick-or-treating, with a trick-or-treat village set up in the backyard of the museum. Each door is decorated by members of the community, so you can be sure that your child will have a safe and enjoyable experience. Don't forget to bring a trick-or-treat bag and your best costume!

**Prolonged Events****Arts Visalia: Jose Soria | Oct 1st - Nov 1st**

Reception Oct 3rd from 5-7:30pm • [Artsvisalia.org](http://Artsvisalia.org)  
214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Works by Jose Soria "I am split between two existences: in Fresno, as a bisexual artist and in Sanger, a son in the closet. I grew up navigating my sexuality under the scope of religion so it has become a core part of my development and perception of the world."

**Group Photography Art Exhibition | Oct 4th - Nov 29th**

[Cach-exeter.org](http://Cach-exeter.org) • 125 S B St, Exeter • 559-592-5900

**Perpetual Shifts | Oct 7th - Nov 21st**

Opening Reception Oct 9th from 12-2pm

915 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia • 559-737-4861

Works by Steven L. Anderson, Cori Champagne, Chenhung Chen and Liz Ensz, exhibited at the College of the Sequoias Art Gallery.

**Fall Musical: Young Frankenstein | Oct 24th - Nov 3rd**

Oct 24th, 25th & Nov 1st at 7:30 PM, Oct 27th & Nov 3rd at 2pm, Oct 31st at Midnight

[Lindsaycommunitytheater.com](http://Lindsaycommunitytheater.com) • 190 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay • 559-284-2223

Lindsay Theater's fall musical. Admission for adults is \$15 (\$10 online in advance), \$5 for students.

**The Fantasticks | Oct 24th - Nov 9th**

Oct 24th, 25th & 30th at 7:30pm, 26th at 2pm, Nov 1st, 7th & 8th at 7:30pm, 2nd, 9th at 2pm

[Visaliaicehouse.com](http://Visaliaicehouse.com) • 410 E Race Ave, Visalia  
559-734-3900

A musical that focuses on two young lovers and their meddling fathers. Preformed, produced, and directed by local central valley talent.

# November

**Winter Impressions | Date TBA**

[Tularehistoricalmuseum.org](http://Tularehistoricalmuseum.org) • 444 W Tulare Ave, Tulare • 559-686-2074

Christmas Train Exhibit and Senior Studio Art Show.

**Day of the Dead | November 1st**

4-8pm • 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia

[GreenRosePrvproductions.USA](http://GreenRosePrvproductions.USA)

Green Rose Presents Day of the Dead at the Visalia Cemetery Mausoleum. Arts - vendor booths - altars - food honoring the ancestors ceremony. Featuring sound therapy, drums and face painting.

**Pictures at an Exhibition | November 1st**

7:30pm • [Sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season](http://Sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season)  
308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

Our classical season opens with a majestic celebration of some of the most beloved masterworks. International sensation, Sterling Elliott, brings his remarkable artistry to the stage as he joins us for Tchaikovsky's elegant Rococo Variations. Then, the orchestra takes the spotlight, showcasing its full virtuosity in Mussorgsky's colorful and imaginative Pictures at an Exhibition, a powerful musical journey through art and storytelling.

**Arts Visalia: Andrew Turner | November 6th - 15th**

Reception Nov 7th from 5-7:30pm • [Artsvisalia.org](http://Artsvisalia.org)  
214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Works by Andrew Turner: "This exhibition Violence at first glance starts with iconography of a large scale meant to envelop the viewer. The aesthetic subject matter on the surface appears inspired by armored warfare of the Middle Ages, yet is symbolically intended to represent the human crisis of violence and its psychological effects. Some details are carefully rendered while others are not, meant to aid the sense of movement and guide the viewer through the chaos while in the midst of battle."

**Mouse Trap | November 7th - 22nd**

Nov 7th-9th, 13th-16th & 20th-22nd, Times TBA  
[Encoretulare.org](http://Encoretulare.org) • 324 S N St, Tulare • 559-686-1300

Encore Theatre's holiday show: As news spreads of a murder in London, a group of seven strangers find themselves snowed in at a remote country-side guesthouse. When a police sergeant arrives the guests discover, to their horror, a killer is in their midst!...This record-breaking murder mystery features a brilliant surprise finish from Dame Agatha Christie, the foremost mystery writer of her time.

**Arts Consortium Members Art Show**

**| November 7th - 26th**

Tues-Fri 10am-3pm • Reception Nov 7th from 5-8pm  
[Artsconsortium.org](http://Artsconsortium.org) • 340 E Oak Ave, Ste 112, Visalia  
559-772-0001

Artists who participate in this show are part of the Arts Consortium Annual Membership Program. Two prizes will be awarded: Best in Show and People's Choice.

**Judy Collins with Special Guest Tom Rush | November 12th**

Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm

[Foxvisalia.org](http://Foxvisalia.org) • 308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

Judy Collins has inspired audiences with sublime vocals, boldly vulnerable songwriting, personal life triumphs, and a firm commitment to social activism. In the 1960s, she evoked both the idealism and steely determination of a generation united against social and environmental injustices. Five decades later, her luminescent presence shines brightly as new generations bask in the glow of her iconic 55-album body of work, and heed inspiration from her spiritual discipline to thrive in the music industry for half a century.

**One Night of Queen | November 13th**

Doors open at 7pm, show starts at 8pm • [Foxvisalia.org](http://Foxvisalia.org)  
308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

For over 20 years Gary Mullen and The Works have been performing their world renowned One Night of Queen live concert. Gary Mullen & The Works featuring Gary Mullen on vocals, David Brockett on guitar, Malcolm Gentles on keyboards, Jon Halliwell on drums and Alan McGeoch on bass guitar will have you dancing in the aisles during their show, while the band pays tribute to the stage theatrics, showmanship, and music of Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductees: Queen.

**The Cottage | November 13th - 22nd**

[Cos.edu/theatre](http://Cos.edu/theatre) • 915 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia  
559-730-3822

College of the Sequoias Performing Arts.

**Tales of Exeter and Beyond with Dwight Miller | November 17th**

[Cach-exeter.org](http://Cach-exeter.org) • 125 S B St, Exeter • 559-592-5900

**NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet | November 20th**

Doors open at 6pm, show starts at 7pm • [Foxvisalia.org](http://Foxvisalia.org)  
308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

Give the gift of NUTCRACKER! Magical Christmas Ballet to the whole family. Celebrate America's favorite Christmas tradition with an international all-star cast that blends world-class ballet with whimsical puppets, lavish costumes, and stunning acrobatics! Share the tradition of pure Holiday magic and Tchaikovsky's timeless score with friends and family of all ages. Don't miss this chance to create memories of a lifetime.

## Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

**| November 20-22**

Evening Show at 7pm, Sat matinee at 2pm  
[Tcoe.org/theatreco](http://Tcoe.org/theatreco) 330 S Dollner St, Visalia  
559-739-0905

The TCOE Theatre Company's fall musical. One of the most enduring shows of all time, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, eleven brothers, and the coat of many colors.

## Holiday Bazaar | November 22nd

9am-4pm • 43490 Sierra Dr, Three Rivers  
559-799-1473  
Arts & Crafts Festival - Music, Food, Fun!

### Prolonged Events

#### Double Take | Nov 4th - Feb 20th

Reception Nov 5th • 915 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia  
559-737-4861

Works by Eric Zeigler & Aaron Ellison and the College of the Sequoias LRC Gallery.

## Arts Visalia Annual Holiday Show and Sale

**| Nov 20th - Dec 24th**

Reception Dec 5th from 5-7:30pm • [Artsvisalia.org](http://Artsvisalia.org)  
214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

This winter, Arts Visalia transforms into a holiday boutique filled with locally crafted gifts for everyone on your list. Dozens of local artisans will be showcasing what they create. Support local this holiday season by shopping Arts Visalia's Holiday Show & Sale!

## December

### Exeter Downtown Christmas | December 4th

5-8pm • [Cach-exeter.org](http://Cach-exeter.org) • 125 S B St, Exeter  
559-592-5900

CACHE takes part in Exeter Downtown Christmas after hours. Exeter downtown business are open late for holiday shopping and holiday fun!

### Elf - In Concert | December 5th - 6th

7pm • [Sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season](http://Sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season)  
308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

Buddy was accidentally transported to the North Pole as a toddler and raised to adulthood among Santa's elves. Unable to shake the feeling that he doesn't fit in, the adult Buddy travels to New York, in full elf uniform, in search of his real father. This holiday season, relive this heartwarming holiday classic on a giant screen as every note of John Debney's wonderful score is played live in Elf - In Concert!

## The Children's Nutcracker | December 5th - 7th

Dec 5th at 7pm, Dec 6th at 4pm & 7pm, Dec 7th at 2pm  
[Lindsaycommunitytheater.com](http://Lindsaycommunitytheater.com) • 190 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay • 559-284-2223  
Lindsay Community Theater's Christmas show. Admission for adults is \$15 (\$10 online in advance), \$5 for students.

## Lion King Jr. | December 5th - 21st

Dec 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, & 20th at 7pm  
Dec 7th, 14th & 21st (matinees) at 2pm  
[Portervillebarntheater.com](http://Portervillebarntheater.com) • 42 S Plano St, Porterville • 559-310-7046

Disney's The Lion King has captivated the imagination of audiences around the world, and now you have the opportunity to view this one-of-a-kind musical in your community. Bring the African savanna to life with Simba, Rafiki and an unforgettable cast of characters as they journey from Pride Rock to the jungle and back again in this inspiring, coming-of-age tale.

## The Annual Holiday Cabaret | December 12th - 14th

Dec 12th & 13th at 7:30pm, Dec 13th, 14th at 2pm  
[Visaliaicehouse.com](http://Visaliaicehouse.com) • 410 E Race Ave, Visalia 559-734-3900  
Directed by Charlotte Garcia Da Rosa, performing at the Ice House Theater.

## An Irish Christmas | December 14th

Doors open at 1pm, show starts at 2pm • [Foxvisalia.org](http://Foxvisalia.org)  
308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369  
Experience the joy of An Irish Christmas as seen on PBS! Enjoy all the holiday carols you know and love plus a spectacular high-energy display of Irish dancing at its very best.

### Prolonged Event

#### Walk-Ins Welcome 2 | Dec 5th - Jan 25th

Tues-Fri 10am-3pm • Reception Dec 5th from 5-8pm  
[Artsconsortium.org](http://Artsconsortium.org) • 340 E Oak Ave, Ste 112, Visalia 559-772-0001

Ceramicist Antonio Cuellar once again partners up with local tattoo artists to create one of a kind pieces. The gallery will display a mix of ceramics that show the art of a collaborating tattoo artist.



Photo by Jason Clausen

# 2026

## January

## Arts Visalia: Mark Robinson | January 1st - 31st

Reception Jan 2nd from 5-7:30pm • [Artsvisalia.org](http://Artsvisalia.org)  
214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Mark Robinson works across several types of media, but for several years he has most enjoyed working in stone and wood. Artwork created from stone and wood are durable. These pieces invite people to reach out and touch them. In sharing a retrospective of my work, Mark invites viewers to see where he began my artistic pathway. These pieces display moments of his life, perspective, and how he has grown as an artist over the 70 years of his life.

## Hadestown | January 16th - 25th

Jan 16th, 17th, 23rd & 24th at 7:30pm, Jan 18th & 25th at 2pm • [Lindsaycommunitytheater.com](http://Lindsaycommunitytheater.com)  
190 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay • 559-284-2223  
Lindsay Community Theater's high school musical. Admission for adults is \$15 (\$10 online in advance), \$5 for students.

## Community Design Challenge | January 29th

4-7pm • 6200 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia • 559-302-3670  
[Emilia.wade@tcoe.org](mailto:Emilia.wade@tcoe.org)

The Community Design Challenge is an architectural design competition where Tulare and Kings county high school students research, understand, and design a solution to a challenge in their own community. These challenges can be functional, civic, climatic, or structural challenges. The goal is to identify the problem and then design a solution following an architectural and engineering design process.

## Romeo & Juliet | January 31st

7:30pm • [sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season](http://sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season)  
308 W Main S, Visalia • 559-625-1369

January's concert is a celebration of some of history's greatest love stories - and the music that brought them to life. Ravel's Daphnis and Chloe is a luxurious score that beautifully captures the blossoming of young love in a pastoral setting. Romeo and Juliet has inspired unforgettable music from many composers, from Tchaikovsky to Bernstein. This time, we turn to Prokofiev, whose energetic and exotic score vividly expresses the passion and tragedy of these iconic, star-crossed lovers.



Photo by Jason Clausen

## February

### RENT | February

[Encoretulare.org](http://Encoretulare.org) • 324 S N St, Tulare • 559-686-1300

Encore Theatre's winter show: Rent is a powerful rock musical that follows a year in the lives of struggling artists in New York City's East Village, grappling with love, loss, and the pursuit of dreams against the backdrop of the AIDS crisis. With an electrifying score and unforgettable characters, this Tony Award-winning phenomenon celebrates resilience, friendship, and the enduring spirit of "La Vie Bohème." Experience the story that has inspired generations with its raw energy and passionate message of hope.

## Arts Visalia: Merry Miller-Gass | February 5th - 28th

Reception Feb 6th from 5-7:30pm • [Artsvisalia.org](http://Artsvisalia.org)  
214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Celebrate the release of illustrator Merry Miller-Gass' two new children's books Duck, Duck, Groove and No Love Potion with an interactive exhibition for all ages. In her artistic journey, Merry is drawn to the delightful fusion of interactive art and picture book illustration. With the upcoming release of "Duck, Duck Groove" and "No Love Potion," she is inspired by themes of acceptance, creativity, kindness, and community.

### Poetry Live! | February 6th

6-8pm • [Tcoe.org/PoetryLive](http://Tcoe.org/PoetryLive) • 340 E. Oak Ave, Ste 112, Visalia • [Paula.terrill@tcoe.org](mailto:Paula.terrill@tcoe.org) • 559-651-0565

Poetry Live! is a series of events that offer students in grades 6-12 the opportunity to not only recite poems written by great poets, but to write and recite their own original works as well. Poetry Live! will feature three events that students can choose to participate in: Poetry Out Loud, Poetry Out Loud Junior and Poet's Own Voice. Students the arts of master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, improve English fluency and reading comprehension. The Poetry Out Loud program begins with classroom and school-wide competitions, with winners advancing to the county, state, and national level competitions.

## Summer Night City: ABBA Spectacular!

### | February 20th

Doors open at 6:30pm, show starts at 7:30pm  
[Foxvisalia.org](http://Foxvisalia.org) • 308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369  
Combining stellar vocals with flawless musical performances into a show complete with costume changes and choreography have resulted in experiences that keep people engaged and most of all, delivers the magic of ABBA to audiences spanning multiple generations. Each of the members of Summer Night City bring a wealth of musical and performance experience. A collection of well-seasoned professional touring and studio musicians back two charismatic singers who bring the voices of ABBA to life for each unforgettable performance.

## From Brass to the Blues | February 28th

7:30pm • [sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season308](http://sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season308)  
Celebrate America's rich musical melting pot with great works from some of our finest composers. The first half features Duke Ellington's evocative tone poem and Artie Shaw's rarely performed Clarinet Concerto. Then, Gershwin's iconic An American in Paris shows us how American musicians blended jazz and classical elements in ways that make this unique fusion feel both natural and inevitable.

### Prolonged Events

#### She Kills Monsters | Feb 20th - Mar 1st

Feb 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th at 7:30pm, Feb 22nd & Mar 1st at 2pm • [Lindsaycommunitytheater.com](http://Lindsaycommunitytheater.com)  
190 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay • 559-284-2223  
Lindsay Community Theater Hot Dog Melodrama Theater. Admission for adults is \$15 (\$10 online in advance), \$5 for students.

#### Michael Jasso - Artist of the Year | Feb 2nd - Apr 24th

Tues-Fri 10am-3pm • Reception Apr 3rd from 5-8pm  
[Artsconsortium.org](http://Artsconsortium.org) • 340 E Oak Ave, Ste 112, Visalia 559-772-0001

Michael Jasso is a spoken word artist from Visalia, CA. He has traveled all across California and the country as either a poet, emcee, volunteer, workshop facilitator, slam coach, or a combination of all the above. He has been lead organizer of Visalia's Loud Mouth Poetry Jam for the last 12+ years bringing out the world's most talented poets, as well as showcasing the talent of the Valley's poetry community back to the world.

# March

## Tulare County Student Art Exhibition: Virtual Art Gallery | March

[Virtual.Tcoe.org/artgallery](http://Virtual.Tcoe.org/artgallery) • 559-651-3003  
Open to students in grades PK-12, the annual Student Art Exhibition showcases the county's gifted young artists. Beginning in March, student artwork is displayed in a public online gallery viewable above. Entries are judged by local artists and select pieces receive a Best of Show award.

## Arts Visalia: Ruth Soderlund with Nancy Youdelman | March 5th - 28th

Reception Mar 6th from 5-7:30pm • [Artsvisalia.org214](http://Artsvisalia.org214)  
214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905  
A collaborative exhibition between emerging artist Ruth Soderlund and Feminist icon Nancy Youdelman that aims to explore the regular frustrations that women face in a male-dominated society. Ruth states, "As a resident of a very small town, I have seen women recoil at the mention of 'Feminism' and I think that art might be an effective tool to break through the negative impression that Central Valley women may have through being a symbolic mirror that brings light to oppression.

## STEAM Expo | March 7th

10am-3pm • [Tcoe.org/steamexpo](http://Tcoe.org/steamexpo) • 6200 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia • 559-651-3003 or 559-651-0565  
Free to the public! Science & engineering Fair, Planetarium Shows, Robotics, Art Projects, Makerspace, Cardboard Challenge, Food Vendors, Community Exhibitors. The STEAM Expo provides students with fun, engaging activities to build knowledge about STEAM, including the Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair, Robotics Activities & Exhibition, Hands-On Art Activities and MakerSpace. Participants, coaches, and the public can visit vendor and exhibitor booth and attend a free planetarium show during the STEAM Expo.

## Rodgers+Hammerstein's Cinderella | March 12th -21st

[Cos.edu/theatre](http://Cos.edu/theatre) • Kaweah, 915 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia 559-730-3822  
A production by the College of the Sequoias Performing Arts.

## Mad Ones | March 20th - 29th

Feb 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th at 7:30pm, Feb 22nd & Mar 1st at 2pm • [Lindsaycommunitytheater.com190](http://Lindsaycommunitytheater.com190)  
190 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay • 559-284-2223  
Lindsay Community Theater Hot Dog Melodrama Theater. Admission for adults is \$15 (\$10 online in advance), \$5 for students.

## Overtures & Interludes | March 28th

7:30pm • [Sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season308](http://Sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season308)  
W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

Come and experience some of the greatest music from the world of opera. Overtures, dance suites, and entr'actes - from beloved classics to exciting new favorites - offer a glimpse into the rich musical worlds of some of opera's most iconic works. Conductor Bruce Kiesling will introduce each piece with his signature charm, wit, and humor before leading the orchestra in performance of this colorful and compelling music.

## South Valley Art Tour | March 28th - 29th

10am-5pm • [Artsconsortium.org/events/acsvat/](http://Artsconsortium.org/events/acsvat/)  
559-772-0001

Celebrate the arts with Tulare County artists from Three Rivers, Porterville, Springville, Tulare, Exeter, Visalia and more opening their studios for this two-day event! Visitors will be entered into an opportunity drawing to win a prize by visiting artists during this two-day event.

# April

## Young Authors' Faire | April

[Tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire](http://Tcoe.org/YoungAuthorsFaire) • 559-651-3003

Young Authors' Faire offers budding writers in grades K-8 an opportunity to showcase their work at the county level. Ten exemplar submissions per school are displayed in an online gallery, where the public is invited to read and comment on them.

## Arts Visalia: Cheryl Coon and Angel Lesnikowski | April 2nd - 25th

Reception Apr 3rd from 5-7:30pm • [Artsvisalia.org214](http://Artsvisalia.org214)  
E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Works by Cheryl Coon. The Symbiosis installation was started during the Covid pandemic period of isolation. The work is inspired by science and microscopic organisms such as viruses, cells, spores, pollen, and other biological creatures that have the power to affect our physical well-being. Some of the pieces are an homage to Ruth Asawa, because Cheryl Coon thought about her life during the isolation period that we all experienced during the pandemic. Works by Angel Lesnikowski. "The Cigarette Box Project series is a collection of over 400 landscape oil paintings, each meticulously described/rendered/painted on the front of disposed Seneca Silver 100s cigarette boxes. The series explores themes of consumerism, waste, and the transformation of discarded objects into art."



Photo by Ampelio Mejia Perez

## Poetry & Prose | April 14th - 24th

9am, 10:15am, 11:30am & 1pm • [Tcoe.org/pnp](http://Tcoe.org/pnp) • 6200 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia • [Brookk@tcoe.org](mailto:Brookk@tcoe.org) • 559-733-6326

(Grades K - 8) Poetry and Prose has been part of TCOE's student events lineup since 1985. Students present poetry and prose selections to an audience of students, teachers, family members, and judges at this countywide, oral interpretation event. Students receive constructive feedback on their performance and each participant receives a beautiful, personalized certificate. Students make lifelong memories, gain confidence in performance and public speaking, and are encouraged to develop a love of poetry and literature.

## Orange Blossom Festival Art Show | April 18th

[Lindsaymuseumandgallery.org](http://Lindsaymuseumandgallery.org) • 165 N Gale Hill Ave, Lindsay • 559-310-4109

Lindsay Art Association hosts this show with adult artists, college students in the open division and high school students in the student division working in a wide variety of media.

## Time for Three Returns! | April 18th

7:30pm • [Sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season308](http://Sequoiasymphonyorchestra.com/season308)  
W Main St, Visalia • 559-625-1369

Wrap up the season with the best of the best! Time for Three returns with Ranaan Meyer, double bass & vocals, Nick Kendall, violin & vocals, and Charles Yang, violin & vocals with a brand-new concerto by Mason Bates, written especially for them. The Sequoia Symphony also premieres an exciting new concert opener by Time for Three bassist, Ranaan Meyer. The season then comes to a thrilling close with Respighi's breathtaking Pines of Rome. Love orchestral music for its power, color, charm and sheer volume? This is the concert for you!

### **Young People's Concerts | April 20th**

Tcoe.org/YoungPeoplesConcerts • 308 W Main St, Visalia • [Kate.stover@tcoe.org](mailto:Kate.stover@tcoe.org) • 559-741-0809  
(Grades 3-5) Since 1959, the Tulare County Office of Education and the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra have partnered to share symphonic music with the students of Tulare County through the Young People's Concerts. Elementary students from across the county have the opportunity to perform alongside the orchestra as part of Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute Link Up program.

### **Prolonged Events**

#### **Machinal | Apr 23rd - May 2nd**

Cos.edu/theatre • 915 S Mooney Blvd, Visalia 559-730-3822  
A production by the College of the Sequoias Performing Arts.

#### **Arts Visalia: Martha Sterling and Amie Rangel | Apr 30th - May 30th**

Reception May 1st from 5-7:30pm • Artsvisalia.org 214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Works by Martha M. Sterling. Her accomplished accumulation of works includes oils on canvas and numerous study drawings and sketches. Amie T. Rangel, is an artist rooted in an observation-based and layered research practice that is shaped by an anthropological and intuitive approach to the subject matter, expressed through large-scale drawings on linen, mixed-media drawings on paper, lithography printmaking and installation.

## **May**

#### **Choices Lip Sync Battle | May 1st**

6-9pm • [Brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org](mailto:Brittaney.quinonez@tcoe.org)  
308 W Main St, Visalia • 559-651-0155

Dozens of middle and high school performers annually vie for awards in four categories: dance, lip sync, novelty, and showcase. Friday Night Live provides youth with fun, life-affirming activities promoting abstinence from alcohol, tobacco, drugs, gang participation, and violence. Fee: \$150 for each team registered.

#### **Rewind, A Murder Mystery | May 2nd**

Lindsaycommunitytheater.com • 190 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay • 559-284-2223

Lindsay Community Theater special fundraiser dinner theater. Admission for adults is \$15 (\$10 online in advance), \$5 for students.

### **Slick Rock Student Film Festival | May 8th**

9am-8:30pm • Tcoe.org/SlickRock • 300 W Main St, Visalia • [Kgreet@tcoe.org](mailto:Kgreet@tcoe.org) • 559-737-6350  
The Slick Rock competition provides the opportunity for middle and high school students to submit videos they have created. The best videos will receive an award and be presented to the public at the film festival. Some videos may also be aired on television.

#### **Redbud Festival | May 10th**

Kawaiharts.com/redbud • 559-799-1473  
Handcrafted Treasures by Area Artisans: Art, Crafts, Music, Food, + Make and Take Crafts.

#### **Lion King Jr. | May 15th - 24th**

May 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd at 7:30pm, May 17th & 24th at 2pm • Lindsaycommunitytheater.com 190 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay • 559-284-2223  
Lindsay Community Theater children's musical. Admission for adults is \$15 (\$10 online in advance), \$5 for students.

## **June - September**

#### **Arts Visalia: Trishelle Jeffery and Jolynn Reigeluth | June 4th - 27th**

Reception June 5th from 5-7:30pm • Artsvisalia.org 214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Trishelle Jeffery's desire to share her work more fully in the world contributes to her decision to use printmaking as her primary media. She loves being able to produce multiples, each with their own sense of space and destination. She also loves that each one is hand crafted and precious. This adds to the artwork, implying that the subject matter should be treated as carefully as the object. In her prints and drawings, she uses the visual language and mechanics of the comic book. This format has a deep-rooted connection with the construction of memory. Jolynn Reigeluth's work earnestly and humorously reflects on the emotional and physical facets of our existence, unraveling its twisted ironies and confronting the inescapable specter of mortality. Jolynn combines various printmaking techniques, both traditional and unconventional, with drawing methods to create print and mixed media hybrids.

### **Theatre Company Summer Camps | June 8th - 26th**

Mon - Fri, 9-11am, no camp on June 19th • Shows on June 26th from 5-8pm • 11535 Ave. 264, Visalia and 6200 S. Mooney Blvd. Visalia • 559-651-1482 [bethany.rader@tcoe.org](mailto:bethany.rader@tcoe.org)

The Theatre Company offers summer camps to Tulare County youth grades TK-2 and 2-6. The summer camps help young performers develop their stage skills through three weeks of performance training. Directors work with participants on refining their voice, dance, and acting skills. The camps culminates in a performance on the evening of the final day of camp.

#### **Arts Visalia: Dean De Cocker | July 2nd - 25th**

Reception July 3rd from 5-7:30pm • Artsvisalia.org 214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Dean De Cocker transforms flat, two-dimensional surfaces into three-dimensional objects. He derives inspiration from everyday objects such as mailboxes, aircraft structures, wings, propellers, heavy machinery and architectural works. These objects become conceptual elements which are then transformed into drawings, then fabricated into inner structures with outer coverings that create volumetric enclosures. He employs technologies of the Southern California based engineering and aerospace industries to develop sensuous, light-filled sculptures that take historical concepts and transform them into vehicles for an unknown future.

#### **Theatre Company Summer Musical | July 17th - 25th**

July 17th, 18th, 23rd and 24th at 7pm, July 18th and 25th at 2pm • [tcoe.org/theatreco](http://tcoe.org/theatreco) • 330 S Dollner St, Visalia • [bethany.rader@tcoe.org](mailto:bethany.rader@tcoe.org) • 559-651-1482

The Theatre Company traditionally performs a full-scale musical production with seven shows held during the last two weeks in July. Students from throughout Tulare County are invited to audition each spring. Rehearsals are held during the summer. There are minimal course fees associated with the production, but scholarships are available.

#### **Arts Visalia: Young at Art | August 6th - 29th**

Reception Aug 7th from 5-7:30pm • Artsvisalia.org 214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Celebrate the art of the Young at Art Youth Art Summer Classes during this fun-filled exhibition.

#### **Arts Visalia: Annual Community Show | September 3rd - 26th**

Reception Sept 4th from 5-7:30pm • Artsvisalia.org 214 E Oak Ave, Visalia • 559-739-0905

Be a part of the community and show your art alongside others in the Annual Community Show. Call for Art will open June 2026.

**TBA**

#### **Wizard of Oz - Stages Musical | Spring 2026**

Encoretulare.org • 324 S N St, Tulare • 559-686-1300

Encore Theatre's spring show: L. Frank Baum's classic novel comes to life in The Wizard of Oz and features all the most beloved songs and moments from the 1939 classic film. Young Dorothy Gale is swept away by a tornado from her Kansas farm to the magical land of Oz where she journeys along the Yellow Brick Road to see the mysterious and all-powerful Wizard in Emerald City. Along the way, she makes new friends, but must also brave many dangers, including the Wicked Witch of the West. To make it home safely, Dorothy must learn an important lesson: there's no place like home.

#### **Annie | Apr 23rd - Summer 2026**

Encoretulare.org • 324 S N St, Tulare • 559-686-1300

Encore Theatre's summer show: Annie tells the extraordinary story of an orphan who ends up in the lap of luxury with Depression-era billionaire Oliver Warbucks. Unlike most other children at Miss Hannigan's orphanage, spunky Annie believes that her parents are still alive and will one day return to claim her. So when Mr. Warbucks offers to adopt her, she asks the most powerful man in America to help find her real mom and dad instead, and he agrees. Warbucks' whopping reward for Annie's parents attracts the attention of con artists Rooster, Lily and the wicked Miss Hannigan, who hatch a plot to kidnap Annie and take the \$50,000 reward. But don't fret: This classic family musical has a happy ending for Annie, Daddy Warbucks and the whole gang.



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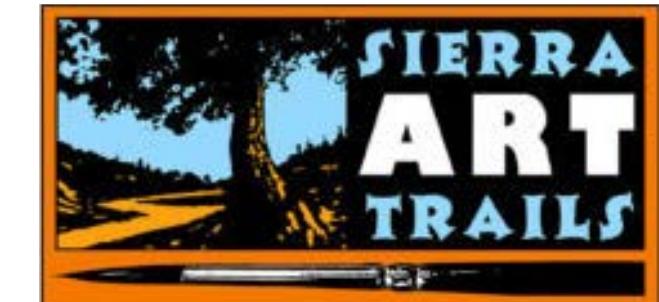


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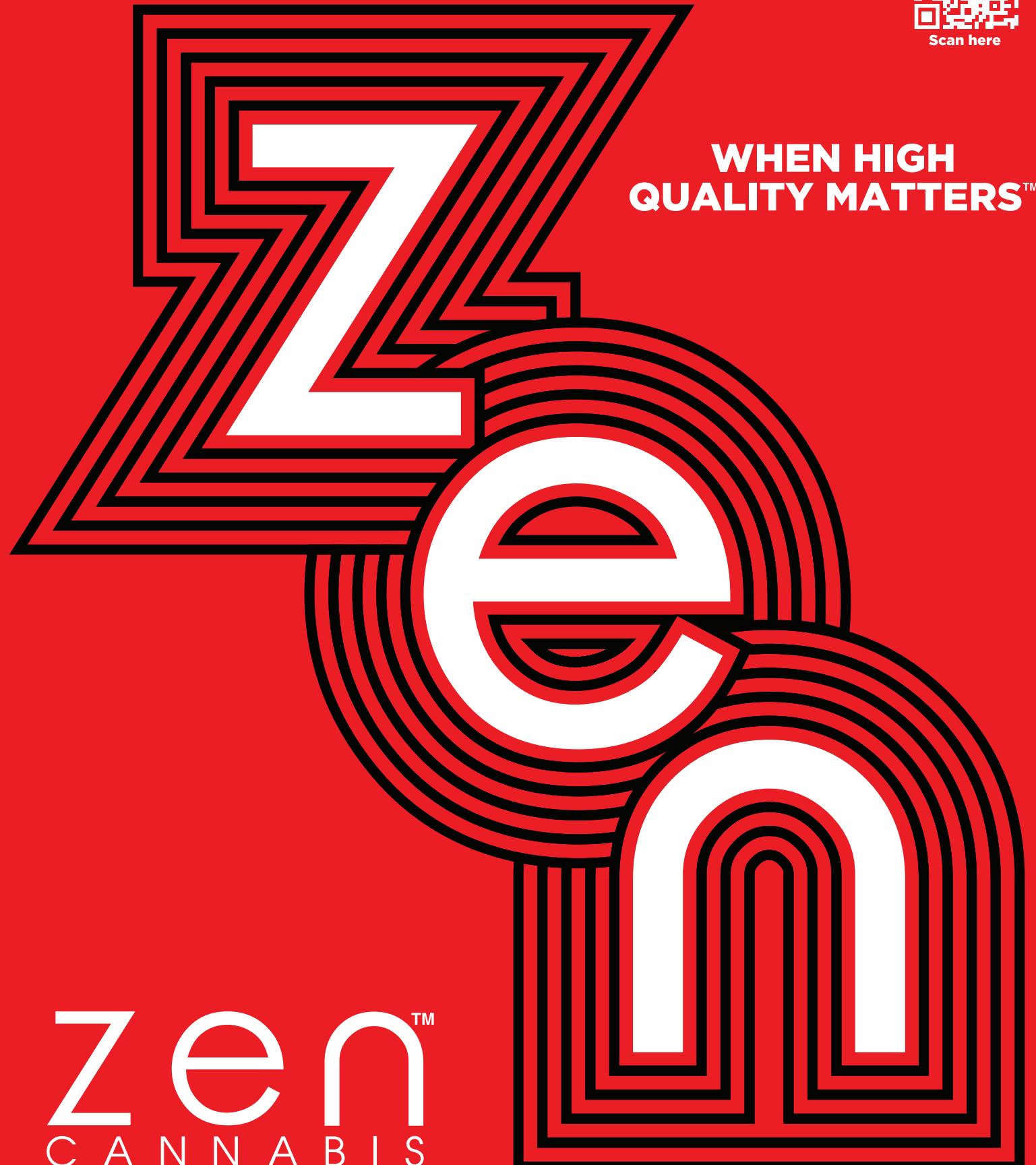


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# Arts Consortium Programs



**The My Voice Media Center** is our in-house project, providing free art instruction for adults and their support base who have mental illness experience. *More info on pg 23.*

## F1RST FRIDAY



**F1rst Friday** is a free monthly event involving downtown Visalia venues opening their doors for communities to interact with their local art scene.

**Poetry Out Loud** is a National Arts Education program where students across the country recite poetry, build speaking skills, and more. *More info on pg 24.*



**The South Valley Art Tour** is Tulare County's widest-reaching art event, where local artists annually host behind-the-scenes tours of their workspaces and studios. *More info on pg 7.*

## TASTE THE ARTS

**Taste the Arts** is Tulare County's largest art festival. This annual event in downtown Visalia is a celebration of the rich cultural and artistic heritage of our community. *More info on pg 7.*

## Special Programs



**The Oval Gallery** is a concept gallery located at Oval Park that displays the local artwork.



**The Tulare County Theater Boosters** support TCOE theatre companies by gathering and sharing donated labor and money.



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