



A Brief History & Look to the Future

Thank You!

Grass Valley City Council Meeting

May 26, 2026

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Nevada County Pride is.....



- A social network of gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer, and transgender persons, and their allies, who celebrate and support the LGBTQ+ community in western Nevada County, California, including Grass Valley and Nevada City.
- An all-volunteer run, 100% donation funded organization, 501(c)(3) whose events are all free to attendees.
- We sponsor monthly potlucks hosted in private homes and many other events not only during Pride Month, but throughout the year such as TDOR, Speakers Bureau and more
- We also encourage others to initiate and organize events that we include on our calendar and other communications.
- Table at community events: GV Markets, NC Hot Summer Nights, Sierra College Pride Days, BriarPatch..and more!

A Brief Look Back.....



- Founded about 40 years ago by a group of gay men who met monthly in members homes for potlucks. Communication was by postcard.
- March 2022 gathering of about 17 Queer Nevada County leaders to talk about better collaboration and communication for events and how to “reinvent” NCP for the 21st century post-COVID
- Hosted CA LGBT+ Caucus in May 2023. One outcome was community roundtable discussions with SNMH to improve healthcare for LGBTQ+ community
- Pride Month 2023 – More than 10 events with 1000+ attendees from NC Pride Flag Raising to Queer Family Picnic
- August 2023 – Hosted first ever full day Pride Festival at Miner’s Foundry, more than 650 attendees
- October 2023 – Granted 501(c)(3) Non-profit status
- March 2024 –Launched two monthly support groups in partnership with BFFY and CMH
- Fourth Annual Pride Family Picnic June 2025 with 450 attendees and 20 community organization tables
- June 2025 – Nevada County BOS joins the Cities of Grass Valley, Nevada City and Town of Truckee in issuing first June Pride Month Proclamation

Current Status.....



Our Mission: “Nevada County Pride celebrates, supports, and advocates for the LGBTQIAP+ community in Western Nevada County by promoting Community, Diversity, and Respect through Events, Education, and Resources”.

Our Vision: We envision a Nevada County that is a safe, welcoming and vibrant community where all LGBTQ+ people are respected, and every individual has a sense of belonging and pride.

Our Values:

- **Visibility:** We are committed to ensuring that LGBTQ+ voices, stories, and experiences are heard, recognized, and valued in all spaces.
- **Initiative:** We take responsibility for driving change and encourage others to step up and lead in creating a more just and inclusive society.
- **Respect:** We value each individual’s identity, experiences, and perspectives, fostering an environment of inclusion, mutual respect and understanding.
- **Collaboration:** We believe in working together, fostering strong partnerships, and amplifying collective impact to create a more inclusive world.
- **Resilience:** We honor the strength and perseverance of the LGBTQ+ community in the face of adversity and celebrate our ability to thrive despite ignorance and hate.
- **Empowerment:** We empower LGBTQ+ individuals to take ownership of their voices, rights, and futures, supporting their journey toward self-determination and success.

And Looking Forward.....



- Our Strategic Priorities:
 - Increase Visibility
 - Cultivate Community Relationships
 - Financial Stability
 - Intergenerational Engagement
 - Build Organization Capacity
- Participating in Nevada County monthly Equity, Inclusion, and Leadership Alliance meetings (EILA) and other coalitions such as Color Me Human, BFFY, What's Up Wellness
- Increase Collaboration with Truckee, Placer and Tri-County and Chico Pride Centers
- A full year of Exciting Events in 2026!
- **Long-Term:** Fundraising! Future Paid staff and Community Center

Attend Our 2026 Events and Activities

Join us for Monthly Potluck Socials to connect and share.

Don't miss the Pride Family Picnic on June 28th for fun and celebration.

Participate in our Speakers Bureau to hear inspiring stories.

Attend the NCP Benefit concert with Barbara Higbie & Teresa Trull on June 16th.

Enjoy Queer Movie Night on June 14th at the Onyx at the Nevada Theatre.

Attend monthly Queer Book Club for thought-provoking discussions.

Celebrate with us during the Nevada City Pride Flag Raising ceremony on June 1st.

Visit our GV Markets and NC Hot Summer Nights Booth for information and resources.

Honor lost lives at the Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Join us at BriarPatch Pride on the Patio on June 26th for local festivities.

March in the first Nevada City Pride Parade on June 6th

Explore our Business Directory to support local businesses.

Connect online through our Facebook and IG Groups. Sign-up for our newsletter

Enjoy Gay Day at the Yuba River on August 1st

Drop in for the Monthly Dyke Night Social Gatherings



CELEBRATE Pride WITH US!

SAVE THE DATES!

- May 16th- Community Pride Potluck
- May 16th- Placer Pride, Royer Park 11am- 5pm
- May 27th- Dyke Night @ Gary's Place Patio 6pm
- May 28th- Q-Bubble Youth Meet up
- June 11, 18, 25 & July 2, 9- Grass Valley Thurs Night Markets
- July 15, 22, 29 - Nevada City Hot Summer Nights

OFFICIAL PRIDE EVENTS 2026

- June 1st- Pride Flag Raising - Downtown Nevada City
- June 6th- Pre-Game Pride - Mantra Tea House
- June 6th- Nevada City Pride Parade
- June 12th- Art in Public Space Opening, Rood Center
- June 14th- Queer Movie Night - But I Am A Cheerleader, Nevada Theater
- June 16th- Concert- Barbara Higbie and Teresa Trull at Wild Eye Pub
- June 20th- Community Pride Potluck
- June 24th- Dyke Night @ Gary's Place Patio
- June 26th- Pride on the Patio, Briar Patch
- June 28th- 5th Annual Pride Family Fest, Condon Park



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Lavender Glow | Queer Art & Our Shared History



- “Art in Public Spaces” collaboration between Nevada County Arts & Culture and NC Pride
- Opens at the Rood Government Center on May 26th and runs through August 28th, with an **Opening Reception on Friday, June 12.**
- Coinciding with Pride Month, also includes a satellite exhibit of queer artists in the Nevada City City Hall CHAMP Gallery, in partnership with the Nevada City Arts Commission.
- From the Program: Beginning with Nisenan history into the present day, *Lavender Glow* reflects on, and celebrates, the lived experiences and legacies of queer individuals and groups whose collective influence demonstrates a profound investment in place, arts, and culture. Alongside highlights of local history, *Lavender Glow* features 41 artworks selected from 127 submissions.

LAVENDER GLOW

QUEER ART & OUR SHARED HISTORY



MAY 26 - AUG 28, 2026

Opening Reception | June 12 /4:30 pm

On Display at the Rood Center
950 Maldu Ave, Nevada City

Presented by Nevada County Arts & Culture and Nevada County Pride in partnership with the County of Nevada through Art in Public Spaces

We hope you enjoy *Lavender Glow*, our 2nd exhibition of 2026 under Art in Public Spaces. We invite you to take these actions:

Support the work of Nevada County Pride—volunteer, donate, and become an ally



Support Nevada County's creative community through membership or donation to Nevada County Arts & Culture



Get involved with Pride Season—check out the Nevada County Pride and Truckee Pride community calendars



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Nevada County Arts & Culture



We need your feedback—please take a moment to fill out our quick anonymous survey!

