

Arts and Culture

CTA BOARD MEETING PRESENTATION

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July 2026

- NV Pride Recap
- Mark Twain Sculpture
- Lovelock Mini Mural Festival
- Points of Unity Installation
- Eastgate Depot Mural



Nevada Pride 2026



- The Third Annual Cinco de Mayo Celebracion was a huge success despite some late afternoon rain and wind.
- Promotion: An in-depth interview on The Community Connection which simulcast on all Lotus Broadcasting radio stations, Sunday May 7th. An in-studio interview at KOLO TV on June 10th. Wide distribution of physical handbills and posters. Regular mentions on 95.1FM KNVC. Social media posting. Inclusion in the BAC eblast for multiple weeks (7,000+ subscribers).
- This year the event was expanded to three days.
- Friday night featured a screening of the movie *Trick* in the BAC Performance Hall, presented by Silver State Storytellers. This event had lighter attendance (15), but everyone there was beyond thankful and excited to have it as part of the event. Movie organizers have stated they will screen a more commercially recognized film next year.
- Saturday highlighted local LGBTQ+ performers with music from 12-6 p.m. An estimated 1,000 attendees over the course of the day was Headlined by Carson Street Ragtime Band featuring live burlesque performances by Titanium Tina.
- Saturday night welcomed the return of Punk Rock Black Box in the Maizie Theater at BAC. Headlined by Heterophobia, 50 pre-sale tickets.
- Sunday morning the festival concluded with Drag Brunch at Nashville Social Club, a full sellout at 78 tickets.

Mark Twain Sculpture/Bench

Through private fundraising led by McAvoy Layne and a collaborative partnership with Carson City and Public Works, a new interactive, community- based sculpture will be installed at McFadden Plaza, July 2026. Ribbon cutting July 24, 6 p.m.



Lovelock (mini) Mural Festival



Lovelock has become the newest stop on *Nevada's Mural Highway*. Led by community members and the Frontier Community Coalition, seven new murals were created.

Artists from Reno, Sparks, and Wadsworth brightened the corners of the downtown corridor. The event culminated in a Main Street party with vendors, interactive art, kid's activities, music, food trucks, and Indigenous dancers from the Lovelock Colony.

L to R – Clockwise
Bill Louis
Autumn Harry
Anthony Ortega



Doomed Movement
Joe C. Rock



Points of Unity Interpretive Railroad Spike Sculptures

The Points of Unity, America250 grant project has come to a successful end. Artist and fabricator Jeff Schomberg created nine site-specific, interpretive railroad spike sculptures, to be installed throughout Carson City at historical, cultural, and heritage sites.

Locations:

- Brewery Arts Center
- Stewart Indian School Museum & Cultural Center
- Wungnema House, Mills Park, Seely Loop
- V&T Railroad Depot
- Dat So La Lee House
- Riverview Trailhead (installation after park redo)
- Chinatown (Third St. @ Valley St.)
- McFadden Plaza
- Historic Nevada State Prison





Eastgate Depot Mural by Joe C. Rock

Visit Carson City was one of three organizations awarded surplus funding from the America250 grant for a secondary project. A quick pivot allowed for a site-specific mural to be installed at Eastgate Depot. This mural will serve as a welcome to visitors and is the first of three art additions to the venue. In September, a 12' railroad spike sculpture along with a triptic of complimentary murals will be added. The artwork was created by Joe C. Rock, who's in-kind donation of nearly \$7,000 made this project a huge success.



THANK YOU

