

## Celebrating 18 Years of Amazing BBQ, Brews and Blues!

### The Eldorado's Summer Kick-Off Event

RENO, Nev. – Fire up the grills, tap the kegs and crank up the tunes for Reno's best summer kick-off party! The 18th Annual Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews and Blues festival is set for Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22. The event is equal parts barbecue block party, micro-brew tasting event and music festival with two stages featuring non-stop rock and blues.

Headliners for this year's event include Blood Sweat & Tears, Greg Kihn Band and Tommy Castro and The Painkillers. Festival favorites like the Shane Dwight Band, Maxx Cabello Jr. and Jason King Band will be returning with newcomers like Carolyn Dolan & Big Red, Rick Hammond Blues Band, The Schall Adams Band, Valentine Rodeo and Whiskey Hauler rounding out the line-up.

Attendees can wash down the hot rock and blues with some cool brews! A selection of the Eldorado's own Brew Brothers' custom microbrews will be on tap along with more than 40 microbreweries from around the world including; Battle Born, Lagunitas, Sam Adams, Anheuser-Busch, Firestone Walker Brewing Co., Alaskan Brewing Co., Kona Brewing Co., High Sierra Brewing Co., Deschutes Brewery, Moab Brewery, Lost Coast Brewery and many more. Beer lovers will appreciate the flat rate tasting fee instead of using tokens to sample brews. The \$30 daily or \$50 weekend tasting package includes an eight ounce souvenir cup and unlimited tastings during the festival tasting times of 2 to 8 pm on Friday and 11 am to 8 pm on Saturday. Plus they'll determine which brew is crowned the winner of the "People's Choice" award.

Nothing says summer like barbecue and the Eldorado has the perfect complement to the festival's variety of microbrews...grilled chicken, ribs, sausage and more fresh from the outdoor charcoal grill. Food booths will line Virginia Street serving a variety of tasty options. There's no better way to celebrate summer than with the 18th Annual Great Eldorado BBQ, Brews and Blues Festival, set for Friday, June 21 from 2 until 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 22 from 11am to 8pm. Visit [www.eldoradoreno.com](http://www.eldoradoreno.com) for more information or call 1-800-648-5966 to book your stay.

There will be a Story Savers Workshop on Monday, May 13th: Story Savers "preserving the significant memories of ordinary people". This five hour workshop includes morning and afternoon sessions devoted to collecting and preserving memories (yours or those of someone you love.) The sessions will cover: how to inspire story telling, verbal interview questions, photograph reviews, satisfaction charts, and how to gather family material. There will be information segments as well as interactive practice sessions. We'll close the day by looking at different ways to preserve memories (booklets, tape recordings, DVD presentations).

For those who are working on their memoirs, there's an extra 25-page packet of information (let me know when registering if you'll be interested in that material.) It'll be a full day of fun and practical information. From 9:30-3:00PM at the Senior Center (229 New York Ranch Road) Facilitator: Bonnie Evans; The \$20 fee includes: Five hours of instruction and a 100-page workbook written by the facilitator; Introduction of interview styles and formats (question prompts, photograph reviews, etc.); Workshop time to practice the techniques; How to compile family history even if primary sources are no longer living; How to transform collected memories into a permanent document; Free raffle (Memory Jar); Snacks and drinks.

This workshop is only offered once a year and space is limited, please reserve a place for yourself if you'd like to attend. If you've taken the workshop in the last two years and have a current workbook, you're welcome to attend for a \$10 donation. And as is true with all of my workshops, if financial issues are troublesome but you'd like to attend, give me a call and we'll work something out.

**Anje Olmstead is May's Artist of the Month** at AmadorArts Gallery in Sutter Creek. Anje has been an exhibiting artist for 35 years, the last five in Sacramento at the 20/20 Gallery. Her mediums have ranged from watercolor pointillism to mosaic collage to the current needlepoint "tapestry" art. Her work can be seen in commercial business centers, restaurants and in private collections. She's a unique artist with an eye for creating in and with very small pieces, like painting dots, cutting and adhering minute textured paper shapes, or darning many vibrant colors of yarn in tiny needlepoint holes. The resulting "big picture" is fascinating. Sometimes she'll make a design in one medium and then replicate it exactly in another. Seeing the two next to each other makes for wondrous appreciation.

The show will run until May 31st at 11-A Randolph St., the space adjacent to the historic Monteverde General Store Museum. Attempted hours of AmadorArts gallery are 9-2, Monday, Tuesday, Thurs, Fri.; sometimes Saturdays and Sundays. 209- 267-9038



Nedra Russ and Julio "Inglases" of nJr have a unique sound and indomitable spirit. *Courtesy photo to the Gold Country Times*

### nJr Captures the Sound of Sierra Foothills Blues

Nedra Russ and Julio "Inglases" Guerra make up nJr - a duo performing Americana blues - true roots music capturing the spirit of their home in backwoods of the Sierra Foothills. Both seasoned, award-winning musicians, they are true soul mates united by a bond of performance and composition. Their sound reflects the blue-collar, hard-working class who know misery as well as joy and appreciate the solitude as much as the company of soul mate.

Russ' husky voice and diverse harmonica selections pair well with Inglases' emotive tenor vocals and expressive guitar and dobro playing. Their union started in 2009. In the years that followed, the two wrote more than a dozen songs together and finally married on Valentine's Day 2012. They released their first album "Everybody's Been Somewhere" on April 6, 2012. The hard copy CD is available at live shows. 'Everybody' runs the gamut of human emotions from the whimsical "Little Bumblebee" to the bluesy romantic "Just Hit Rewind" to the morose "I was Sick & I Couldn't Get Well." If there's a human emotion, nJr captures it.

In 2012, Russ ranked 94 on the list of All Time Top 100 Harmonica Players from the World of Harmonica. "A lot of songs I've written, I hear the melodies in my head," Russ said. "I hear the words and that's a difficult thing to portray if you're not giving someone musical notes. With Julio, he just gets it. There's something between us that works. It's like our instruments have known each other forever and they understand." "My music is like, I close my eyes and go into a trance and commune with the spirits," Guerra said. "Finding Nedra is like - I can close my eyes and she closes her eyes and we kinda go around the same places."

The organization also named nJr's "Everybody's Been Somewhere" as Album of the Year for 2012. Russ also donates her time to the local youth in her rural hometown of West Point, CA, teaching singing and performance skills. In recognition of her selfless dedication to her beloved pupils, she was awarded the 2010 Teammagic award by the Blue Mountain Coalition for Youth and Families. Come and listen to this amazing duo on these dates:

### Helwig at Dusk Presents Rhythm Vandals

Helwig Winery Picnic Pavilion, May 10, 6:30PM - 9:00PM. \$5 cover charge (No charge to Wine Club members). Wine sold by the glass or bottle. Food by Billy Bones BBQ and bottled water sold separately. Please, no outside spirits, pets or children under 12.

*Bellotti's Restaurant* in the American Exchange Hotel, 53 Main Street, Sutter Creek, CA (209)267-0242, Saturday, May 4th at 6:00pm.

*Volcano Union Inn*  
21375 Consolation Street  
Volcano, CA 209 296-7711,  
Sunday, May 19th at 4:00pm.

*Pine Grove Schoolhouse*  
20171 Highway 88 (next to  
Sierra House) Pine Grove, CA  
(209)296-4894, Friday, May  
24th at 7:00pm.

*Blues & BBQ* June 16th @ The  
St. George Hotel in Volcano. nJr  
will open and Nedra Russ will  
be showing her art as well! This  
year's Lineup features West  
Coast Blues Hall Of Fame "Band  
Leader Of The Year"...Wingnut  
Adams, Tessie Marie & The Poor  
Man Band, Jeremy Norris & The  
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