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Juried artworks by noted Western artists will be displayed in four galleries in Genoa: Pink House, Rustic Romance Barn, Tieg Building and the former Itildo Realty office, sponsored by Lone Tree Gallery in Minden.

The four-day festival kicks off Thursday with the Cowboy Dinner of roast beef, Basque beans, salad and dessert from 5 to 7 p.m. (\$20) presented by Trimmer Outpost and JT Basque Bar and Dining Room (dinner will be held in the Genoa Community Center next to the Town Office; tickets must be purchased by April 26) followed by Cowboy Poetry and Music with Dave Stamey, Larry Maurice and

Richard Elloyan at 7 p.m. at Mormon Station Stockade (\$30). These two events do not require a day pass.

After a full day of activities on Friday, the Basque Club will serve steak and lamb with salads and paella 5-7 p.m. in the Genoa Community Center (\$20). On Saturday, guests can fill up on beef stew, salad, bread and dessert in the Genoa Community Center, 5-7 p.m., hosted by the Genoa Volunteer Fire Department (\$20).

Tickets must be purchased by April 26 for the three Cowboy Dinners.

Events close with the a Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Masons (\$5) and Cowboy Church on Sunday at the Genoa Town Hall. For a complete list of times and costs of the activities,

workshops, presentations and performances, you can visit [www.genoacowboyfestival.com](http://www.genoacowboyfestival.com) or visit [www.genoanevada.org](http://www.genoanevada.org).

The Town of Genoa and the Carson Valley Arts Council are cosponsoring the festival. For tickets and programs, call or visit the Town Office, 2289 Main St., Genoa 89411, 775-782-8696, or call the Arts Council, 775-782-8207, or visit [www.genoacowboyfestival.com](http://www.genoacowboyfestival.com).

Beginning at noon Thursday, April 29, festival-goers can stop by the Town Offices to pick up their tickets and packets, which include programs and maps showing where each of the festival events take place. The ticket booth will be open throughout the Cowboy Festival.

## NATIVE AMERICAN ARTS & CRAFTS

*Presented by the Native American Cultural & Historic Center*

*Article written by Joyce Hollister*

Native American jewelry, drum and beadwork makers, silversmiths, basket weavers and visual artists will show and sell their work at the Native American Cultural and Historic Center as part of the Genoa Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival.

More than a dozen artists and craftspeople from the Great Basin Tribes and the Maidu Tribe of California will be in the former Inn Cognito building on Genoa Lane.

Indian tacos will be sold as a fundraiser for the third annual Carson Valley powwow planned for Lampe Park later this summer.

Lana Hicks and her daughter Lori Pasqua are organizing the activities. In addition to the show and sale, Hicks said, demonstrations of Native cultural heritage and traditional singing and dancing are planned.

People can hear Washoe stories Friday and Saturday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. "A narrator will tell the story in Washoe, and the stories will be



translated into English," Hicks said. The presenters are Steven James and Melba Rakow.

The Eagle Wings Dancers, a large group of members of the three Nevada tribes, Washoe, Paiute and Shoshone, will demonstrate Great Basin traditional dances Saturday 11 a.m.–noon and 2:30–3:30 p.m.

"This isn't like powwow dancing," Hicks said. "These dances were sacred to our people before the powwow came. The bear dance, the circle dance, the antelope/deer dance and several others. What people will see is the original Nevada type of dancing."

The cultural demonstrators are: Darrel Cruz, Washoe Tribe Cultural Resources Preservation, Friday 10:30-11 a.m., Saturday 10-10:30 a.m.; Grayson Toney, rope and harpoons, F 11-noon, S 10:30-11; Alan Wallace, edible herbs, ethics and plants, F and S noon-12:30; Kurt Sam, Great Basin songs, F 1-1:30, S 3:30-4; Wanda Batchelor, California Basket Makers Association, F 1:30-2:30, S 1-1:30; Kevin Jones, drum making, F 2:30-3; and April Moore, acorn processing, F 3-4, S 1:30-2:30.

Elaine Smokey will show cradleboards. The ongoing displays also include hide tanning and a collection of Washoe baskets.

The cultural center opens Thursday at 3 p.m. and will be open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Genoa Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival day pass, which provides entrance to the Native American Cultural and Historic Center as well as 80 other workshops, costs \$20; two-day pass, \$35. Passes can be purchased online or at the Town Office.