

And I don't want to sound presumptuous, but I feel like a lot of the other people here use resources that I bring, and they'll lose that. The things I'll lose are probably smaller compared to that. ... Four of five people a day will ask me how to do a thing with metal, or can I help with this or explain that. Part of my background is structural engineering."

But the loss of the community, he said, would hit him hard—a sentiment that others there echoed as well.

"I think we already have this community and this family, and we have to find a home for it," said Jessi "Sprocket" Janusee, director of communications at the Generator. "That's really important. I hope we can find something that will fit our price range, so we don't have to split up. It's just a home base that we all really rely on, I think, for not just our art making, but for our mental health and support and all of that stuff. ... And this is such an awesome, constructive, uplifting space. I wouldn't have ever believed I could make the things I've made if it wasn't for having this community and these resources and support."

One of the artists there on Saturday who's been planning a new project for this year's Burning Man was a woman who goes by Tamz. Since news of the lease termination broke, she's been wondering if she'll be able to complete it.

"This would be my third project to build here," she said. "I was going to build a

project called 'The Watcher.' And it's actually a morphing of a project from 2018 and a new project. So, it's kind of keeping that ethos of not wasting things. ... And without the Generator, I don't see how art can really sustain in Reno. There's one other spot, but it's not set up like this. I mean, they're set up to have things but not be a teaching and a building, makers' area."

The Generator, she said, is "not just a place where Burners can come build. It's a place where anyone in the community can come and build." It's also a space from which many different types of classes, from screen printing to sewing to fabrication, are taught. According to Janusee, the organization will continue teaching such classes in the coming months.

"At the end of March, the Girl Scouts will be here making their Pine Derby cars and earning their woodworking badges," she said. "Since we'll definitely be here until May, we're trying to still do as many workshops and events and keep it all going."

In its March 5 press release, the organization announced that it "is asking the community to volunteer short-term suggestions should they have any. Leads can be emailed to info@renogenerator.com."

Learn more about the Reno Generator by visiting www.therenogenerator.com.

Smells like team spirit



Earlier this year, Governor Steve Sisolak officially declared Jan. 22 to be Las Vegas Raiders Day, marking the official relocation of the professional football team from Oakland to Nevada's most populous city. In what looks like a show of state solidarity, this mural, visible from West Fourth Street, now sports the team's helmet.

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