

## STUMPTOWN ART STUDIO "WINDOWS ON WHITEFISH"

Stumptown Art Studio deserves the Event of the Year award for its public art project known as Windows on Whitefish, or "WOW". This project consists of four large (6 x 9 feet) mosaic murals on permanent outdoor display in downtown Whitefish. The murals depict the four seasons of the Flathead Valley, the whimsical nature of our community, and the endless recreational opportunities at our disposal.

Several hundred local residents and visitors to Whitefish donated thousands of hours creating the murals under the guidance of an Art Studio instructor. Local Middle and High School students helped to install each panel, and local potters and business donated materials used in the murals, including many historical and personal items.

Each mural was "unveiled" with a celebration attended by hundreds of spectators crowding the streets. A special guest was invited to pull the curtain at each unveiling, and included the Mayor of Whitefish, members of the Montana Arts Council staff, and a local Olympic skier and former Art Studio student. These murals have brought hundreds of people together to create art, have put a spotlight on the impact of the arts in our community, and have greatly increased the visual appeal of our downtown to locals and tourists alike.

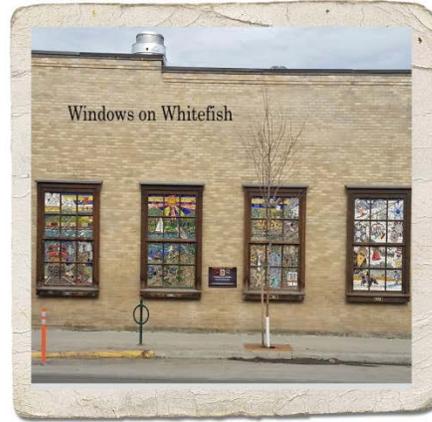
Funding for the project has come from a combination of business and individual donations, in kind donations, and grants from the Montana Arts Council and Burlington Northern Railroad. Net profits will benefit the many art opportunities offered at Stumptown for thousands of people each year.

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# Windows on Whitefish: Before & After



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Whitefish, Montana's non-profit Community Art Center since 1995

Walk in anytime to paint pottery, make mosaics or try glass fusing!  
145 Central Avenue in Downtown Whitefish

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 art parties    field trips  
 gallery nights  
 giftshop    community  
 art supplies    clay co-op  
 art gallery    art outreach  
 summer camps    programs

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