

# Cultivate

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DENTON MONTANA ARTS & CULTURE CO-OP



# An **isolated** place.

Denton, MT (Farming, ranching and railroad)





# A “drive-through” town...

14 businesses // 255 people // Endless stories.

# Potential for creativity.

The mission of Cultivate is to encourage dialogue and collaboration, find creative solutions to local problems, and help rejuvenate community culture through the development of specialized arts and culture projects resourced from the ground up.

The one-time (hopefully ongoing program) will encourage discussion and collaboration around creative ideas for projects that better the community.







## The beginning...

This Montana Meth Project painting, completed in 2006, was the first public art project of its kind in the community.

# Project goals

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- Revitalize neglected areas
- Provide activities and creative outlets for youth
- Develop support for arts and culture in the community
- Collaboration; civic pride; sense of community
- Find creative solutions to local needs and problems



# The game plan

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- Establish strategic direction and partnerships
- Engage the community; establish trust
- Establish stakeholders and advisors
- Collect data, information, ideas, perspectives (summer 2015)
- Analyze responses; determine project outcomes (winter 2015/2016)
- Design and implement projects during (spring/summer 2016)
- Evaluate overall program and each project
- Decide on future of program; demonstrate results

# Collecting community perspectives

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Reflective Wall (end of June)

Community Forum & Community Clothes Line (end of June)

Voting System (continuous)

Social Media (continuous)

Surveys (continuous)

Interviews (June; continuous)

Cultivate blog (eventual)

Suggestion boxes (continuous)



# Anticipated project ideas

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Art workshops with the school

Collaborative art projects

Who's your neighbor

Hunting stories

Visualizing Place

Found-metal sculpture park

Wheat-pasting grain silos

Community tiles on Post Office

Swimming pool artwork

Library resource room / learning hub

Bicycle Shed

Community garden / tree planting

Intergenerational interviews

Digital histories

Story circles

"Indisposable" (disposable cameras to kids)

Reclaiming neglected buildings



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