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The Art of Collaboration

One goal of renovating the old Carbondale Elementary School, was to create affordable spaces for nonprofit organizations and artists. Another goal was to foster collaboration. Over the last five years, we have been able to achieve both goals.

We have been fortunate to have several artists plying their art in the former classrooms (one is even in her old 3rd grade class!). Three artists, Jill Scher, Dave Durrance, and Lisa Singer have not only been working their artistry at Third Street Center since the grand opening five years ago, they exemplify the collaborative arts as well.

Jill, a member of the Carbondale Flock, recently worked with other team members on a beautiful wool shawl that took 3 first place finishes at a competition in Estes Park.

Dave and Lisa collaborated last fall to capture some words that describe the Third Street Center in a mural in the front entryway (and also reflect banners created by Jill Scher).

Artists have a well earned reputation for being solitary (mad) geniuses, but our experience has shown that artists can be equally generous and collaborative as they work to accomplish something unique, beautiful and inspiring - whether it be made of wool or painted on a wall.

Collaboration isn't easy. It requires patience, persistence and creativity. Fortunately, we have some great collaborative role models in the building and spaces to encourage it.



The Carbondale Flock (I to r), Third Street Center Resident Artist Jill Scher, Judy Craig, Peg Malloy, Kate Friesen, Hollis Kerler, and Ruth Hollowell celebrate.



Resident Artists Dave Durrance and Lisa Singer in front of their entryway mural they completed last fall.

The Shape of Things to Come - Master Plan 2.0

After collecting a ream of ideas from tenants, we are implementing suggestions we can do now and exploring funding options for larger capital and programmatic improvements. The main themes identified to date include:

- More plants and art in the building
- A food place or service
- Improved the parking facilities
- Upgraded big bathrooms
- Upgrade the gym space for music, dance, children's theater, larger gathering space, and conferences.

You can also weigh in on ways to improve the Third Street Center over the next five years. Take the Master Plan 2.0 Survey on our website www.thirdstreetcenter.net



Tenant News

Third Street Center congratulates:

Ascendigo for opening it's Adult Enrichment Space in Suite 26 last month.

Third Street Center welcomes:

- **Evergreen Events** to Suite 2.
- **Catherine Bishop** has moved here tutoring service into the shared space with the Sopris Sun (Suite 36)

Mark your calendars

July 27 - August 1 **Compassion Week** with Monks from Gaden Shartse Monastery in Gym

August 12-16 Sol Theatre presents "Into the Woods" in Gym

July 28 Ascendigo presents Temple Gradin on Autism in Calaway Room

