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Sisters studio focuses on local artwork

Chris Nelson is an artist who is helping to build a community of artists at her Wildflower Studio in Sisters.

An oil painter and ornament maker, known for her paintings of landscapes, songbirds, and flowers, she is also an expert framer. In that role, she enhances the work of all kinds of artists.

That's part of a way of life for Nelson in her working studio.

"What I've tried to do is focus on local artwork," she said. "There's so many talented people here, so it's fun to do and you become friends."

The sense of community built around the arts has never been more vital than it is right now. She notes that since the coronavirus pandemic struck, many people have contacted her just to check in and to offer support. Mutual support is

"If we're shopping local and doing local things, we can support ourselves – and that's pretty awesome," she said. "Those things make a huge difference when you're looking for a place to be. I know that's what drew me here."



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