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## Mural work on Artspace Ridgway Space to Create Building commences today

Ridgway, CO – Professional muralist Yulia Avgustinovich has arrived in Ridgway and is set to begin her mural work on the southeast corner walls of the Artspace Ridgway Space to Create Building. The work is expected to take two to three weeks to complete.

The mural will feature a dynamic composition of blooming flowers—symbolizing hope and renewal—alongside depictions of grazing cattle and horses as well as local wildlife, such as wild turkeys, elk, and an eagle soaring above. The aim of this new public art piece is to reflect the town's unique history, natural beauty, and creative spirit.



The artist's design was selected through a rigorous and competitive process, following a formal Request for Proposals seeking submissions from experienced artists both local and nationwide. Through the proposal requirements, interested artists were asked to submit a rough draft of the intended artwork. An ad hoc committee was assembled, made up of local artists and Town and Artspace representatives. The committee collectively and collaboratively reviewed all 17 submitted proposals and interviewed the final candidates. Ultimately, the committee was unanimously impressed with Yulia's proposal, the artistic quality of her previous work and her demonstrated success executing murals of similar size and scope across Colorado and beyond.

Throughout the process, the committee was focused on having a final selection with strong visual impact, representing the rich natural beauty that surrounds and encompasses the Town of Ridgway. Subsequent to the committee's selection, Artspace and the Ridgway Town Council gave their thumbs up to proceed with Avgustinovich's design.

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