



Tell us a bit about yourself are you a Helena Native born and raised? If not, when did you move here - what brought you to Helena?

As an Army Veteran, my spouse (who is from Butte) and I came to study at Carroll after both of us left the service in 2016. I graduated class of '20 with a bachelor's in Theology. We meant to move back to Alaska, but stayed here because we fell in love with Helena.

OCCUPATION

I am a local Artist & Picture Framer. I own Queen City Framing & Art Supplies, and am passionate about preserving art & memorabilia with picture framing. My favorite thing to do is to support and create artists in this beautiful state.

Q&A

What community service or volunteer activities/organizations are you involved with? And what interests you in being an active community member?

I run and facilitate several art groups at no cost to participants in Helena. While we offer classes (seasonally), we also need low-stakes art spaces to help us grow. Messy Sketchbook Club, Queen City Scribes, Tiny Stamp Club, and

Helena Urban Sketchers are groups where you can practice, and give you room to make mistakes. I'd love it if you joined us (they're free!!)

What do you like best about living, working and volunteering in the Helena area?

The longer I've lived here, the more I realize that Helena has unprecedented support for its own. Never have I lived anywhere that had such a vibrant local community. I love how Helena is big enough to have a Symphony & Ballet, but you can still run into someone you know at the grocery. But the city's connection to the natural surroundings is something I absolutely love. How many places have near immediate access to a mountain?

What else should people know about you?

I'm collector of artistic knowledge and skills, a knitter, a ceramicist, used to bartend at Gulch Distillers (the Rum is my favorite), have a tiny lil' King Charles Cavalier Spaniel, & I have the most supportive spouse in the world. I love hearing people's stories, & I'd love to meet you!

