



## LET'S GET TO KNOW SEW WHAT

SEW WHAT, that's the name I chose for this particular line of my work. I have been a "maker" most of my life, working in various mediums and styles and this work was an inspiration for the Mercantile. I was born and raised in the burg, the middle of 7 children, into a ranching family.

While growing up, Walsenburg had a thriving downtown and lots of businesses that have since disappeared. One such place was Railway Savings and Loan, which was located in this building. Mrs. Pazar was in charge and always pleasant and professional, never a hair out of place. As soon as my dad got his check from his second job as the Water Commissioner, my mom would send one of us downtown to make the house payment. Mrs. Pazar would take the money, make the adjustments, and return the booklet, always closing with "see you next month". Later in life, when my family built and ran the Marlboro Inn, we got dry goods from Pazar's Wholesale Foods, also located in this building. I have fond memories of both Mr. and Mrs. Pazar.

I grew up, graduated, and went to college, fell in love, got married, moved to California, got a job working retail on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills, moved around, and lived the California dream for 7 years. I moved back to Huerfano County, had 3 beautiful girls, and got to work taking care of them. I've had a variety of jobs, friends, and experiences that have made my life both interesting and fulfilling.

I'm now retired which allows me the time to do the things I enjoy so much, gardening, cooking, bird watching, spending winters in warmer places, being a part of Sangre de Cristo Center for Youth, loving up my grandchildren, and especially making ART. I have always been a supporter and believer in small business and shopping locally and do my best to spend my time and money right here, hoping what I do is make a positive impact on my community. I am glad to be a part of the Mercantile and wish the best to Arica and her team as they pursue the dream of bringing new life into this 'GRAND DADDY' of a building.

