

Creative 360's Vosejпка sees connections in creativity

Executive director is fueled by a love of learning and creating

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Originally from Ohio, Vosejпка earned her bachelor's degree in English and chemistry from The Ohio State University and her Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Vosejпка explained she was initially interested in English but fell in love with chemistry because of the colors in compounds and wanted to understand them more. By the time she graduated, she wanted to be a college-level science

teacher and share the "beauty in chemistry."

"I had an ability to take really complicated ideas and share them. And that's because of my love of reading and writing," Vosejпка said.

Vosejпка has called Midland home for nearly 30 years and enjoys how the city has always open to new ideas and moving forward.

"It has both a hometown, small town, neighborly feel but it's also full of learners. I'm a learner and love to learn new things," Vosejпка stated.

That love of learning and creating is exactly what Vosejпка wishes to nurture at Creative 360.

While the nonprofit offers classes on traditional art forms including painting, pottery and playing ukulele, there are also sessions about mixed media and crafting chocolates. Creative 360 recently received a grant to purchase a 3D printer and Vosejпка plans to introduce classes on digital painting and drawing in the near future.

"This is a place where people come to experience creativity and we get to work with them with our resources to create those experiences. That's a powerful thing," Vosejпка said.

Vosejпка developed her career

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by expanding her views. She encourages others to pursue vocations which will bring them joy, not necessarily based on what they are talented in. She also explained that it's OK to change direction; one of her favorite quotes is by George Eliot: "It is never too late to be what you might have been." Vosejпка's own career has changed multiple times, from working as a research chemist and then as a technical writer for Dow Inc.

before becoming the CEO and dean of Helena College University of Montana.

For Vosejпка, being creative is the act of expressing your authentic self to the world. She praised Creative 360 and how it continues to help people express themselves and help them experience the creative process.

"Being creative isn't just a nice thing to have. It lives in everybody but doesn't always have the opportunity be released. Here we create opportunities for people to learn what it means to be creative," Vosejпка said.