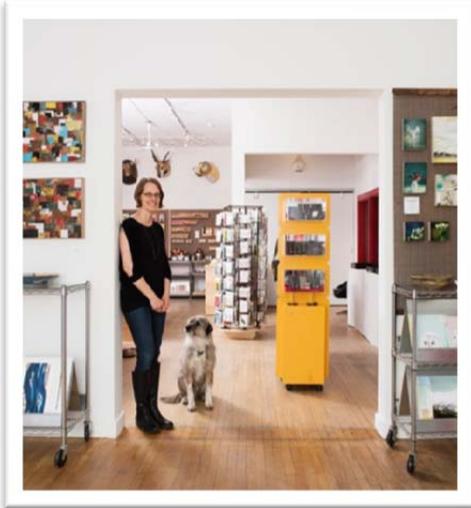




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**FEATURED WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR
ANNA VISSCHER, TART**



Born in Bozeman, raised all over Montana, and well-traveled thereafter, Anna Visscher returned to Bozeman in 2000 to be close to her family. She has a diverse (that's a nice word for random) background in photography, early childhood education, human services, retail and jewelry design, and a degree in Human Development with an emphasis in diversity education from Pacific Oaks College in Seattle, WA.

Anna is the creator, owner, and tartress of tart, a boutique and contemporary art gallery featuring unique and quirky art and handcrafted items by local and regional artists. tart opened in 2007 in a tiny shoebox of a space in the Emerson Center, a non-profit community arts center housed in an old elementary school building. The original cast of characters included just six local artists. It has grown in both size and numbers, and now occupies a large, sunny space representing over 60 local and regional (t)artists.

The name tart was created spontaneously while a group of friends helped paint the new, windowless space a bright rain slicker yellow. They loved the fact that it had multiple meanings - a pastry, the taste of a lemon, a lady of ill repute - and best of all it contained the word art. It has been a lot of fun ever since playing with the word tart. While others have artists, tart has tartists. While others have artwalk, tart has tartwalk (at which they serve tartinis of course).

While exclusively carrying artists from the Rocky Mountain West, tart strives to offer a fresh, contemporary alternative to traditional Western art. Anna carefully curates a unique selection of jewelry, art, ceramics, and gifts, with an eye for the unusual and the quirky. tart is dedicated to providing a bridge between makers searching for an audience and buyers hunting for the handmade and the unique.

When not working in or on tart, Anna spends her time reading voraciously, hiking, cooking, and photographing. She lives in a cozy little farm house near downtown Bozeman, crammed full of art, books, and cooking implements with her husband, author, actor and teacher Kent Davis, and her hiking and working companion Bobo, a scruffy and handsome rescue dog of unknown origins.

