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News Release

Unveiling of “Painted” Utility Box

(March 12, 2013) – The City of Nampa and the Downtown Business Association will proudly unveil the first “Painted” Utility Box this Thursday at 9:30 am across the street from the Flying M Coffeegarage.

The work titled “**Olé!**” is vinyl art wrap created from an original watercolor by artist Helen Grainger Wilson. The painting depicts recent traditional Mexican dance performances in Nampa and Boise. Wilson describes the painting as “Using energetic sweeps of color and action, the painting celebrates the Treasure Valley’s vibrant Hispanic culture.” Wilson donated her artwork for this project.

This is the first of many traffic utility boxes that will be adorned by paintings throughout the city. It is part of the program “Paint the Box” designed to decrease graffiti and vandalism on these surfaces, while making them colorful works of art. It is also a way to promote, recognize and celebrate local artists, art students and those of all ages interested in growing their creativity.

What: Unveiling of “**Olé!**”
When: Thursday, March 14, 2013
Time: 9:30 am
Where: Corner of 14th Avenue South & 2nd Street South

“Paint the Box” will continue through the City of Nampa’s Economic Development Department, as funding allows. Grants from the Idaho Commission on the Arts, National Endowment on the Arts and matching funds from Community Development Block Grants helped make this first box possible.

For more information or to donate to the program email collinsrr@cityofnampa.us or stop by 9 12th Ave. S., Nampa.

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