

College student transforms planters into artwork

The facelift of Kings Beach begins later this year, but Jamie Himes, an interdisciplinary studies student at Sierra Nevada College in Incline Village, already got the beautification started.

As part of a project for her Service Learning class she came up with the Coloring Kings Beach idea. Himes' project won the college's award for Inspiring Community Impact.



Artsy planters in Kings Beach. Photo/Provided

Himes was inspired by the mosaic fish created by Peter Hazel that stands guard over the driveway at Lanza's restaurant in Tahoe Vista. She also wanted to involve the Boys and Girls Club of North Lake Tahoe in a project that would help to bring more public art into the community.

Himes saw the perfect canvas for her project in the flower pots that sit outside the entrance to the North Tahoe Event Center.

During three weekends this month, the mosaics on the pots took shape.

However, there is still work to do. Himes is soliciting

donations to purchase an additional 50 pounds of clay to complete the work and will need help cutting more tiles, glazing them and then applying and grouting them. If you would like to donate money, materials or time, call (530) 412.2701.