



It all started with a blank canvas.



Amber transferred her original sketch to the special wall board.

Then she spent her weekend doing the painting.





Greta Hurst talks with Amber about various art techniques.

In just a few short weeks, Amber's work is completed



This mural was created by Amber Heaton, 18, of Bridgman and is a 2010 graduate of Bridgman High School and will be attending Kendall College School of Design this fall.

Amber's Artist Statement is as follows:

*Art, to me, is everything. It is the cerulean sky and its warm sun, it's the tiny blossoms painting the ground, or the distant glittering cosmos; the world grants you so many options to draw inspiration from. Currently, my art is discovering its stylized self through my education. The fall semester of 2011 I will be attending Kendall College of Art and Design in Grand Rapids. I am studying illustration while remaining open to supplementary mediums. I hope to someday become a professional artist while staying true to what being an artist means.*

*I view the Baroda Harvest Feast mural as an opportunity for me to improve. I focused on creating a colorful environment that used only shading to create dimensions. I wanted to paint a world that displayed the beauty of local nature. The role of the girl, Pomona, is to provide an iconic figure to the luscious harvest of Baroda. A juicy apple, peach, and grapes flow through her hair while she watches over her landscape. Seasons span across the scene and delicious wine flows over the land. I appreciate the chance to compose a painting that holds such a naturally beautiful meaning.*