

Afghan Women's Collective Pop-Up Boutique June 6 and 7 | 10am-3pm (Montview Blvd)

Our Afghan friends, Fatima, Kamala and Farida, have been busy sewing some old favorites and some new items for the Pop-Up Boutique on Montview Boulevard June 6 and 7.

We recently affiliated with an Afghan artist, Rohina, who paints beautifully evocative portraits and scenes from her homeland in oil. She has some original art as well as giclee prints for sale.



Also new to the sale will be jewelry bags for travel and some darling sewn baskets for doodads. We'll also be selling placemat sets, napkin sets in two sizes, a few table runners, microwave cozies, hot pads, aprons and lavender-infused therapeutic neck wraps. For bargain hunters, we'll have some sale items.



Montview sponsored two Afghan families when they arrived in Denver in December 2021. The families have thrived, with the heads of household securing decent jobs, the children enrolled in school and the adults learning some English. One family has bought a house with help from other Afghan friends! Another is looking for a house to buy.

The **Afghan Sewing Collective** emerged as a way to help the women develop a sense of purpose and confidence – and to help them earn some money. They've used their earnings to help their families in Afghanistan buy food, to buy furnishings for their homes and to help put groceries on the table.

Over the years, the participants have changed as their needs changed. Now, Fatima, Kamala and Farida are the core of the project, and they need the money they earn more than ever as the federal government has cut Medicaid and SNAP benefits for immigrants regardless of their status. (These three women all have green cards.)

We hope you'll come visit the booth over the weekend and find something beautiful for yourself or as gifts for others. All of the products are made from high-quality quilting cotton, are reversible and are machine washable.

We accept cash and credit cards.