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## **BridgeValley Community and Technical College Launches Woodworking Makerspace**

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(South Charleston, WV) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College (BridgeValley) has launched its Woodworking Makerspace.

As part of the colleges' GRID (Generate, Restore, Innovate, Design), designed to be a creative space with civic spirit and resources to converge and unleash innovation, the Woodworking Makerspace includes everything artisans need to build and develop practical and extraordinary woodwork. Included in the space are table saws, a miter saw, 14" bandsaw, bench grinder, drill press, 15" heavy duty planer, paint and varnish with exhaust, lumber storage and various woodworking handheld tools. Additionally, BridgeValley's resident woodworker will be onsite to offer advice, safety training and workshops each month to help makers excel in their craft.

"We had the space and some equipment and we felt the community could benefit by using the space to either create or use the space for their small business," said BridgeValley's Pam Soscia. "It is the perfect opportunity for someone who doesn't have the space to create or doesn't have certain equipment at home or their business to be able to come in and use our makerspace at a minimal cost."

The space, which has been in process since October of last year, is available for use as a guest for \$20 per day or Member Pathfinder for \$150 per month, which includes use of equipment 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

According to Soscia, BridgeValley intends on launching a ceramics makerspace at the end of May. For information on either space, contact Soscia at (304) 734-6700 or [pam.soscia@bridgevalley.edu](mailto:pam.soscia@bridgevalley.edu). The GRID is located at BridgeValley's Montgomery campus, 807 2nd Avenue in Montgomery.

### **About BridgeValley Community and Technical College**

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities. BridgeValley Community and Technical College serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the new Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley Community and Technical College is a public institution of higher education independently accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges and a member of the Community and Technical College System of West Virginia.

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