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BridgeValley GRID Artist Accepted to Tamarack Best of West Virginia Show

(Montgomery, WV) - BridgeValley Community and Technical College GRID (Generate, Restore, Innovate, Design) artist Carol Hilleary has been accepted to the Tamarack Best of West Virginia show. "We're thrilled Carol's work is being recognized in this way," said Laura McCullough, vice president of community education. "She is an exceptional artist and we're pleased to have her as part of the BridgeValley GRID family."

Hilleary, who has a shop at the GRID, submitted two images of her work, a graphite drawing of a sunflower, slightly drooped with some of its petals and leaves curled, to the committee for consideration. This year, approximately 4,000 West Virginia artists applied to gain acceptance into the show, which runs from June 15 through August 4.

"I am very excited since this is the first time I have been accepted," said Ms. Hilleary. "It is so rewarding to me as an artist to have my work noticed by a prestigious place like Tamarack." Hilleary said she has been drawing and painting her entire life, making acceptance into the show particularly special. And, while she currently teaches at Cre8 in St. Albans and will instruct at LearnShops in Berea, Kentucky this summer, she hopes to begin leading workshops and classes at the GRID in the near future.

Now in its 11th year, the Best of West Virginia exhibition features various forms of artwork from throughout the state. Themes and subject matter are the choice of the artist. Awards, with the exception of "People's Choice," will be presented on June 22. Best-in-Show will receive a \$2,000 prize, followed by a \$1,000 award for second place and \$500 awards for third place and People's Choice.

The show is at the David L. Dickirson Fine Arts Gallery, 1 Tamarack Park in Beckley. Visit www.tamarackwv.com for additional information.

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