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Office administrator Laura Conner straightens one of many pieces of artwork in the "Transitions" exhibit at The Blue Ridge Arts Council. The exhibit opens to the public at 5:30 p.m. today in conjunction with Seneca's Downtown Go 'Round.

Arts Council's 'Transitions' kicks off Go 'Round

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Celebrate OCONEE!

SENECA — Creative work by about 50 area artists will be displayed starting tonight at the Blue Ridge Arts Council as the month's Downtown Go 'Round kicks off.

The artistic work includes two- and three-dimensional pieces, as well as a variety of scenic paintings, drawings, collages, photography, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry and fine crafts. Members of the Blue Ridge Arts Council, as well as their family members,

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created all the featured work, including a few pieces painted by a member's 6-year-old grandson.

"Everyone was invited to bring their work," said artist and gallery chairwoman Melody Davis. "No one was turned away."

There is no common theme to the "Transitions" exhibit, but Davis said it signifies BRAC's new leaf of adventure.

"This is a new and exciting thing," Davis said. "This is a good show for the new (BRAC) board to put on."

While the majority of the show's artists are from Oconee County, Davis said four Anderson University students submitted their creations.

"I think there's a lot of excitement and a lot of new classes," Davis said. "Because we've reached down to Anderson University, we'll have more younger people visiting and new faces."

Today, BRAC, at 111 E. S. Second St., will announce winners for the Viewer's Choice Awards and Best in Show. The opening reception is from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in conjunction with Seneca's Downtown Go 'Round on Ram Cat Alley. All visitors are asked to register to win a gift certificate for a 25 percent BRAC class discount.

Also, BRAC will have donated holiday arts and crafts on sale during normal business hours, and visitors are asked to take a look at "The Blue Ridge Art of Cooking" cookbook for $20. The cookbook features full-color representations of artwork and recipes created by area artists.

After visiting BRAC's "Transition" exhibit, check out The Artists' Loft, at 121 N. Townville St., for "Lunney at The Loft." The gallery show is from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today and features interpretations of The Lunney House Museum by Loft artists. A reception will be hosted by The Lunney House Museum, at 211 W. S. First St., and will feature wine and hors d'oeuvres.

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