

Downtown Go-Round gets

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SENECA — Art takes a “new look” Friday with the opening of a new exhibit at the Blue Ridge Arts Council.

The gallery opening is just one aspect of a busy Downtown Go-Round sponsored by Ram Cat Alley retailers.

“New Looks” exhibit features paper versus plastic renewed artwork, said BRAC Education Director Lisa Kiser. Participating in the exhibit are two area artists, Jessica Stone and Susan Moore, and David Edgar of Charlotte.

“The artwork is best described as two- and three-dimensional paper and plastic works,” Kiser said.

Edgar’s Plastiquarium is a traveling exhibit that uses post-consumer recyclable plastics to create a variety of colorful objects. Moore is a paper constructionist, while Stone creates wood cutouts on large canvases. Stone’s artwork depicts images from the house she lived in as a child.

The new exhibit opens at 1 p.m. today, but will be open to the public tonight for the city’s Downtown Go ‘Round. The exhibit is free to the public and will be on display until Nov. 4. BRAC will also have a bin for

‘New Looks’

recycled items at the entrance to the arts center to go along with the exhibit’s theme.

Kiser said BRAC will serve refreshments during Downtown Go ‘Round for people who come see the “New Looks” exhibit.

BRAC also will host a free three-dimensional mask-making class from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday with Moore as the teacher. It is open to all ages.

Ram Cat Alley will be bustling tonight as the regular Go-Round offers family fun for

locals residents and visitors.

Porta Portese, located at 112 Ram Cat Alley, will hold a Taste of Fall starting at 5:30 p.m. The event will continue from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. On Friday, there will be

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mulled cider, wine, Circa 1930 fall soups and assorted breads. On Saturday and Sunday, Porta Portese will offer coffee, mimosas, bagels, muffins and seasonal fruit in the morning, and sampling assorted products from Stonewall Kitchen, Grits Bits, Morning Star Specialty Foods, Apple Grove Farms and The Wild Hibiscus Flower Company.

The Tsunami Wave Riders will perform on Ram Cat Alley Friday night.

For tonight’s event, beer and wine will be served on Ram Cat Alley since Seneca City Council approved to expand its Jazz on the Alley ordinance only for tonight’s Downtown Go ‘Round.

Green Springs on the Alley will also offer a 10 percent discount tonight to anyone who donates a non-perishable food item to benefit the Collins Home for Children.

Downtown Go ‘Round ends at 8:30 p.m.

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Blue Ridge Arts Council office administrator Laura Conner, left, and education director Lisa Kiser organize artwork in the center’s exhibit “New Looks.” The exhibit opens today and is part of Downtown Go ‘Round.