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Hal Bryant's Work Part of Upcoming Exhibit at Cleveland County Arts Council

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – The work of a Gardner-Webb University alumnus is part of an upcoming art exhibit at the Cleveland County Arts Council in Shelby, N.C., as Hal Bryant teams up with Ellen Devenny for a nature photography show titled “*An Outside View*” from March 12 through April 2.

Bryant, a resident of Shelby, received a Bachelor of Arts in Social Science at GWU before earning a Masters of Art from the University of South Carolina, located in Columbia. Bryant has taught classes in art and digital photography at Cleveland Community College (Shelby) and has won numerous awards in art competitions for both personal art and photography. Besides the Cleveland County Arts Council, Bryant is also associated with the Southern Arts Society, and both the N.C. and National Art Education Association.

Bryant's photography is the result of a journey of observation that began over 40 years ago. He loves to explore, driving to see what is around the next bend, where he roams landscapes, views abandoned buildings, by simply taking a general view of what's in front of him. Bryant is always on the look out for a variety of subjects. While it may be nature's beauty, he frequently enjoys documenting the passage of time and its effect on all things. Sometimes that might include the mystical and mysterious.

Bryant's partner for this exhibit, Devenny makes her home in Kings Mountain and has been creating photographs for the past decade. Her photographs attempt to pull the viewer into a hidden world, filled with beauty, wonder, and mystery. Whether it's a lonesome tree on an isolated hill, majestic mountains, or close-ups of flowers, Devenny hopes audiences will experience the same sense of wonder that she does.

For more information about this show contact the Cleveland County Arts Council at 704-484-2787 or visit their website ccartscouncil.org.

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