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### ***j. McNeil Studios Announces Open House***

The ***Greer Development Corporation (GDC)*** is pleased to announce the open house and exhibition of works by various local artists at ***j. McNeil Studios***, formerly Girlfriends 205, in historic downtown Greer. ***j. McNeil Studios*** is a salon and original women's boutique, located at 205 Trade Street.

"I have worked in downtown Greenville for the past 13 years, and being a native of Greer I wanted to bring my business home," states Julie Upton, owner of ***j. McNeil Studios***.

***j. McNeil Studios*** has two components; hair designs and artist studios. Studio Aqua is upcycling original clothing designed by local artist Jill Plumley. Each piece of clothing is hand made to reflect creativity and originality. Reclaimed Eclectics by Kim Russell is also available at ***j. McNeil Studios***. This resin jewelry uses mixed media, and each item is uniquely designed.

***j. McNeil Studios*** is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. The salon is open 6 days a week; please call to schedule an appointment.

Please help celebrate ***j. McNeil Studios*** open house on Thursday, June 4, 2009 from 6 pm to 8 pm. This opening reception will feature live music by The Watts, and wine and cheese will be provided.

For more information on ***j. McNeil Studios***, contact them directly at (864) 879-1866.

For more information on Greer Station, Greer's Hip and Historic Downtown, please contact the Greer Development Corporation at (864) 416-0125, or visit their websites [www.greerstation.com](http://www.greerstation.com) or [www.greerdevelopment.com](http://www.greerdevelopment.com).

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