Poetry and Pentecostal spirit in Black Mountain

Minister and poet Mamie Hilliard is retired, but engaged with her surroundings, people and mountains.

By Barbara Hootman

BLACK MOUNTAIN — Tracy, an artist who lives near the rear wall of Black Mountain Center for the Arts, has combined her love of art and nature in the mural that is now adorning the outside wall of Black Mountain Center for the Arts.

"The mural kicks off Bring Back the Monarchs campaign" by Barbara Hootman

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Tracy Cerino traced the design on the mural on an outside wall of Black Mountain Center for the Arts. It is a recreation of a watercolor painting of Tracy's. It took her 18 hours of her time and another 18 hours of her time at night. 

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