GREENBRIER GINKGO TREE PERFORMS ITS FALL MAGIC WITHOUT FANFARE

[LEWISBURG, WV] The largest, and perhaps oldest, ginkgo tree on public property in West Virginia is putting on its annual show on the New River Community and Technical College Greenbrier Valley Campus.

The Greenbrier Ginkgo stands to the north side of the main sidewalk entrance to Greenbrier Hall, the main office and classroom building on the campus at 101 Church Street in Lewisburg, WV. It becomes a curiosity this time of the year for those who love to see nature at its best.

The Greenbrier Ginkgo stands taller than the five-story Greenbrier Hall and is usually the last tree to have its leaves change color, changing almost overnight to a bright gold color. Usually at the
end of October or early November, the leaves fall in a relative short period of time, forming a golden halo around the foot of the tree which was brought to the Greenbrier Valley from China in the late 1880's or early 1890's.

“We always enjoy having the public come to the campus to view the tree and watch as nature puts on one of the finest and most colorful shows,” noted Roger Griffith, dean of the New River Greenbrier Valley Campus who adds, “However, this year and last year, the leaves fell without turning colors and fell earlier than many of the surrounding trees.”

Most of the leaves on the huge tree fell on Monday, Oct. 19, while they were still green. The maintenance staff at the College will leave the “halo” at the foot of the tree for several days, weather permitting. He also noted that a good number of leaves in the highest part of the tree are still hanging on and may change colors and fall to the ground to form a “mini halo.”

The New River Greenbrier Valley Campus is located at the intersection of US 60 West and Church Street in Lewisburg.

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**Photo Caption:** A carpet of leaves surrounds the Greenbrier Gingko on the Greenbrier Valley Campus of New River Community and Technical College.