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WORK ON PANELS CONTINUES

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV --- The Morgan Arts Council invites residents and visitors of all ages to make art for our town in the second phase of a public-art mural workshop of the Engage Berkeley Springs project, Saturday, April 25.

The workshop involves painting several wooden panels to complete the set of 10 begun at the first workshop led by artist Patty Ray Avalon last fall. Local artist Janet Gauthier leads Saturday's project. Gauthier recently worked with Avalon and a number of volunteers to complete a colorful Matisse-inspired mural inside the Ice House.

"Working together to make art for Berkeley Springs is such a rewarding experience," said Gauthier. "You get to meet great people and put your energy into something really worthwhile. Everyone is welcome to be part of this workshop – no experience needed, just come and have fun."

Once the final panels are completed, the entire set is to be installed on the Ice House building.

Engage Berkeley Springs aims at creating permanent public art that is made by and enjoyed by both local residents and visitors. "Creating art together strengthens the community," said Anne Beckley, MAC's Executive Director, "and with these mural projects, participants are making something that enhances our town and makes everyone proud."

Students from MAC's Digital Media Center for Community Engagement once again are documenting the work. "We have some great time-lapse footage from our last Engage Berkeley Springs workshop," said Beckley. "It's exciting to see the artwork arise in the video."

Participants can come for the entire workshop from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or drop in for an hour or so during that period. There is no charge, but preregistration is requested. Please call MAC at 304-258-2300 to register.

Grant support for this program comes in part from the National Endowment for the Arts, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and local hotel/motel taxes. The Ice House is at the corner of Independence and Mercer Streets in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 204-258-2300 or visit www.macicehouse.org.