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THE ART OF GLASS OPENS AT THE ICE HOUSE MAY 29

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—When sand gets super-hot—it turns liquid, and that’s the beginning of glass, a versatile medium that skilled artists transform into innovative functional and decorative objects. The Morgan Arts Council presents “GLASS: When Silica Turns Sumptuous” in the Ice House Gallery, May 29-July 26. A meet-the-artists reception opens the show on Friday, May 29 at 7:30 p.m.

The gallery shimmers with glass art taken to a new level, including Blenko and Fenton glass, decorative objects, stained glass, jewelry and art pieces. Included are the popular hand-blown globes from Appalachian Glass in a variety of colors and sizes. Several Berkeley Springs glass artists are represented, as are works from students of the Washington Glass School in Mt. Ranier, Maryland.

“West Virginia has a long history of glass-making, and we are excited to bring together outstanding glass artistry from throughout the region,” said Anne Beckley, MAC Executive Director. “We’re showing works that truly ‘break the mold’ of what you might expect.”

Also opening on May 29 in the Hall of Dreams and Carr-Kelly Galleries are exhibits featuring two Baltimore painters. LieAnne Navarro shows figurative and expressive oil paintings and Lois Borgenicht displays landscapes and still lifes.

Funding for these exhibits 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. Gallery hours are Monday and Thursday, 1-5 p.m. and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. through December. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 204-258-2300 or visit www.macicehouse.org.