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## ANNUAL QUILT SHOW OPENING AT THE ICE HOUSE

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV – “Keep Me in Stitches,” 2017’s Delectable Mountains Quilt Guild show, opens with a grand celebration on Friday, April 21, featuring a meet-the-artists reception at 7:30 p.m. at the Ice House. Produced by the Morgan Arts Council and curated by Mickie Sienko and Susannah Kipp, the exhibit hangs from April 14 through May 28.

“We had such fun putting this show together,” said Mickie Sienko. “It’s all about expressing and enjoying light-heartedness and whimsy.”

The dozens of quilts, filling the first and second floors of the Ice House, reflect both contemporary and traditional styles and include works made from hand-dyed fabrics and with three-dimensional embellishments and embroidery.

“It’s fun to start with a traditional design like Sunbonnet Sue and update it with modern prints and extra touches that give the quilt an unexpected whimsical meaning,” said Sienko about one of her new creations.

Exhibited quilts, which are available to purchase, are made in sizes from throw to queen and king. The show also features a boutique offering hand-crafted and quilted items including purses, table toppers, tooth-fairy pillows, tote bags and more.

Pam Pampe, a certified appraiser from the American Quilter’s Society, appraises new and old quilts by appointment on April 29. Reservations for appraisals and for fabric-arts classes can be made by calling 301-514-0223 or 304-258-8190 or at [www.delectablemountainsquiltguild.com](http://www.delectablemountainsquiltguild.com).

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Yard Square Quilts – a display of more than 50 quilts hanging in local businesses – transforms the entire town into a quilt show for six weeks. The quilts are auctioned live on Sunday, May 28 at 2 p.m. This year’s beneficiary is the Great Cacapon Fire Department, whose building burned last year. Over the years, the guild has raised over \$55,000 for local charities.

This show is funded in part by 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 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 304-258-2300 or visit [www.macicehouse.org](http://www.macicehouse.org).