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Exhibit Features Bountiful Variety of Artwork

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—A wide range of artwork celebrates the season in the "Autumn's Bounty" exhibit in the main Ice House Gallery in Berkeley Springs, WV. The show, curated by Paul Berryhill, opens on Friday, September 15 with a meet-the-artists reception starting at 7:30 p.m. The Morgan Arts Council (MAC) produces the show, which runs through November 5.

Also showing at the Ice House in the Carr-Kelly Gallery and Hall of Dreams from September 15 to November 5 are Raymond Raza's "Images and Motifs of Costa Rica," an exhibit of paintings and crafts, and "Meditations" from Gerry DeWitt, with impressionist landscapes and seascapes as well as Zentangle art.

"Autumn's Bounty" harvests the talent of regional artists gathered by Berryhill, a watercolorist who hails from Gerrardstown, WV. Artwork includes watercolor paintings by Berryhill and Joe Shugars and acrylic paintings from Katherine Cimaglio; Erika Woodard's enchanting fairie houses; gourd art from Ed Cimgalio; luxurious scarves hand-knitted by Lynda Stronza; and spectacular stained glass from Lynn Gundy.

"This exhibit highlights the varied and creative artistic talent in our local area," said Berryhill. "What better time to showcase this than in autumn with nature also reflecting creative variety."

Berryhill holds a workshop on "Watercolor Postcards" on Saturday, October 14 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the Ice House. He guides participants to create a realistic painting on watercolor-paper cards. Register by calling 304-258-2300.

Funding is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, West Virginia Commission on the Arts and hotel/motel tax revenues from Morgan County and Town of Bath.

Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Ice House is located at the corner of Independence and Mercer Streets in downtown Berkeley Springs. For more information call MAC at 304-258-2300 or check online at www.macicehouse.org.