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Hammer-In at the Ice House

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV— An outdoor demonstration of hot forging at the Ice House Cultural Park proves that blacksmithing is so much more than fashioning horse shoes! On Saturday, June 24, visitors get a first-hand look at how metal is forged into functional items and works of art at the Morgan Arts Council's "Hammer-In."

The live demonstration showcasing several metal artists at work takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; there is no charge to attend this event. Staged in conjunction with the current gallery show, "Forged!," the demos show how works of art are formed from solid metal and heat. Berkeley Springs artist Glenn Horr, a long-time metal worker, is curator of the indoor gallery show and coordinates the demos showing how hammer, anvil, tongs and heat each play their role in shaping metal into curves, bends, swirls and twists.

The Forged! gallery show is on display at the Ice House through July 16. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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.

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 macicehouse.org.