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Piecework Brings Fun and Friendship to the Stage

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV--The Ice House Theater Project of the Morgan Arts Council presents a staged reading of *Piecework* by Bea Jakubowski on Saturday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 14 at 2 p.m.

The production comprises three short comedies that follow the zany adventures of best friends Donna and Betty. As the name implies, *Piecework* refers to stitching together somewhat autobiographical events of Jakubowski's life, as well as paying tribute to quilt-making.

Ice House Theater Project veteran Abbie Brown directs, with cast members Jane McCloud, Sharon Carpenter, Tim Smailes and Charles Balkan. Berkeley Springs playwright Jakubowski died in 2012. This show reprises elements of a series of quilting-themed plays she wrote for performances at the Ice House from 2007 to 2011.

"The plays are full of laughs and are a wonderful way to celebrate Bea Jakubowski's legacy," said Brown. "We are thrilled to have this production during the annual quilt show at the Ice House. Friendship and quilting seem to go together."

As a special bonus, admission comes with a free ticket for a raffle to win a quilted wall hanging crafted by Phyllis Hagstad, Shirley Hillgren and Ann Darling. One wall hanging is given away at each performance. Additional raffle tickets may be purchased at the door.

Admission is \$5; tickets are available at the door. The box office opens 30 minutes before showtime.

This program 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 located at Independence and Mercer Streets. For more information, call 304-258-2300 or visit MAC's website at macicehouse.org.