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ANNUAL QUILT SHOW OPENS IN BERKELEY SPRINGS

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV – The annual Delectable Mountains Quilt Show and Sale opens at the Ice House Gallery on Friday, April 13 as the first major event of Quilt Month in Berkeley Springs. The white-glove, meet-the-quilters opening reception is at 7:30pm. Produced by the Morgan Arts Council (MAC), and curated by quilt guild members Mickie Sienko and Susannah Kipp, the popular and colorful exhibit titled “Color Crazy” hangs through May 27. Gallery hours are Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11am to 5pm.

“Color may be the most compelling factor for quilters and for the public” said Kipp. “The spectacular array of colors that the public sees in the show is the result of a year of imaginative stitching by quilt group members.”

Once again, the quilt show serves as the public debut of the Apple Butter Festival Quilt. “Floral Seasons” is the third festival quilt made by guild member Mary Roach.

As always, the quilt show takes over most of two floors of galleries in the Ice House. More than 20 guild members have work on display including almost 60 full-size quilts and wall hangings for display and sale as well as smaller pieces like stuffed toys, placemats and hot pads, purses, baby items and other fabric items for every budget.

The quilts are made in a variety of sizes from throw to queen and king, and feature both contemporary and traditional designs. Although some quilts are on exhibit only, many are available for purchase.

Other Quilt Month activities include a certified appraiser from the American Quilter’s Society available to appraise new and old quilts on Sunday, April 15 during Gallery hours. On Saturday, May 12, award-winning quilter Jane Frenke teaches Indigo Dying as a MACreate art class from 2-4:30pm.

The 14th annual Yard Square Quilts – a display of more than 50 quilts hanging in local businesses – transforms Berkeley Springs into Quilt Central for six weeks. On Sunday, May 27 at 2pm, all the Yard Square Quilts are sold in a live auction to benefit the Morgan County Partnership.

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.