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ICE HOUSE SPECIAL HOLIDAY EXHIBIT

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—One of the Morgan Arts Council's most popular gallery shows once again fills the Ice House Gallery holiday gifts, fine arts, and fine crafts. The annual *Wrap It Up!* show opens on Thursday, November 8 and continues through December 30. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. A gala artists' reception is scheduled for Friday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Curator Abby Chapple says, "We have a huge variety of items from 25 artists. There is something for everyone – from kitsch to classic." The work includes perennial favorites as well as offerings from eight artists who are displaying for the first time at the Ice House. A second room – the wet classroom – is used as additional gallery space for the abundance of art items this year.

Regional artists include John Winn from Winchester, VA, with a special display of unusual handmade and painted boomerangs, and Anna Howard from Falling Waters, WV who shows a variety of handcrafted clocks – even a clock kit to teach children how to make and read an analog clock. Martinsburg artist Sheila Mace presents a pen and ink drawing that features some of the prominent tourist attractions of Berkeley Springs; Alan Rhody of Baltimore displays a stone sculpture – "Betty in Her Bubble Bath" – which is a fitting tribute to the status of our town as "America's First Spa."

Local woodworker John Simpson once again demonstrates the ancient art of hand-hewn wooden bowls every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Thanksgiving weekend and continuing for the duration of the show.

Our hallway artists are a mother/daughter team, local teachers Lisa Wilder and Juliette Roach, who present their perspectives of "growing up in a household where there existed an everyday passion for creating artwork," said Roach. Their art, titled "Moments in Time", is exhibited in the Hall of Dreams as well as the Carr-Kelly Gallery.

This program is presented with financial assistance from the WV Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the WV Commission on the Arts, & local hotel/motel taxes. The Ice House is at the corner of Independence and Mercer Streets in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 304-258-2300 or visit www.macicehouse.org.