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### **Glass Gallery Show opens at the Ice House**

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—Morgan Arts Council presents the work of seven artists in a new exhibit, *Connections Shaping Glass*, in the Ice House Gallery with a gala reception on Saturday, July 21, at 7:30 pm. The show is on exhibit from July 20 through September 9, 2018.

Each of the seven artists expresses his or her vision of the world using different techniques that delight and dazzle visitors to the Ice House. Maureen Storey, show curator, exhibits her fused glass deep vessels and functional bowls. “I am honored to curate the glass exhibit, *Connections Shaping Glass*, and to be a part of it. We’ve worked hard for nearly a year to bring a range of techniques and styles in glass artistry to visitors of the Ice House” says Storey.

Philip Valencia, of Valencia Glass, will be doing glassblowing demonstrations on July 21 from 12 to 5 p.m. and again during the opening, from 6 to 9:30, in the Ice House’s outside Cultural Courtyard.

The art represented during the show includes sculptural cast glass by Liz Braun, blown glass creations from Mark Hill, non-traditional stained glass by Sharon Moffitt and painted, cast and fused glass by Patricia de Poel Wilberg. Brazilian born Sheila Rosa uses her kiln to form images in glass, while the melted glass of Nancy Weisser showcases new work from her “Dream Garden” series.

Three painters are also exhibiting in the Hall of Dreams and Carr-Kelly Galleries for the duration of the glass show. Pat Hilton’s exhibit “Atmospherics” explores how patterns and colors emerge and change around us at a dizzying speed. Lily Ramos and Carole Wolfensberger team up to present “Passion and Pleasure” – paintings as therapeutic expressions.

Funding for these exhibits comes in part from the National Endowment for the Arts, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and local hotel/motel taxes.

The Ice House is located at the corner of Independence and Mercer Streets in downtown Berkeley Springs. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. For more information about this and other MAC events, call 304-258-2300 or visit [www.macicehouse.org](http://www.macicehouse.org).