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Dear Friends,

As it comes to a close, we're reflecting back on a very robust year of "getting art out there" with a full program of shows, concerts, theater performances, classes and improvements to the Ice House exterior to let the world know we're here. All of this has been possible because you have chosen to participate in and support our work.

MAC's board, volunteers and staff are deeply motivated by our mission to serve as a bridge between art and the public and demonstrate its impact on our daily lives. We bring visitors of all ages into the Ice House's galleries, theater and classrooms, while providing career-shaping opportunities to local and regional artists and students. Just as importantly, we take art out into our schools and public places such as Berkeley Springs State Park with our Summer Concerts in the Park.

Ultimately, we strive to support our area artists and their diverse work by bringing it to the broader community. Building bridges between artists and the public enriches, engages and enlightens those who, like you, embrace the opportunity to connect.

On the enclosure you can see for yourself examples of our busy year, but here's what they add up to:

- **Improving our quality of life** by providing art activities – classes, gallery exhibits, dance, music, theater, digital media – and a community center open to all.
- **Attracting tourists** by offering art experiences within the Ice House and throughout Berkeley Springs that bolster our reputation as one of America's best arts destinations.
- **Creating economic opportunity** by teaching life skills to adults and youth that provide opportunity for their personal growth and self-sufficiency.
- **Educating and expanding the horizons of our youth** by placing a diverse range of artists into Morgan County schools to bring cultural and environmental awareness of the world around them.
- **Boosting community pride** by improving the physical appearance of our community and offering an enhanced sense of place.

Please consider giving a year-end gift to ensure that the future of MAC and the community it serves remains bright. You can donate online at www.macicehouse.org, or drop a check in the mail to MAC, P.O. Box 248, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411 marked "Year-end Appeal".

Together we will continue our mission of building up the community we all share. And, as always, **thank you for your continued support!**

Sincerely,

Denise Bergen
President

Thom Rubel
Executive Director