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***Faces of our People* opens at the Ice House**

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—Morgan Arts Council presents the work of 23 African-American and African artists in a new exhibit, *Faces of our People*, in the Ice House Gallery with a gala reception on Friday, January 11, 2019, at 7:30 pm. The show is on exhibit from January 11 through February 24.

Curator Eileen Berger describes this show as an exhibition that explores the universal threads that connect all humanity. “To me art transcends ethnicity regardless of skin tone,” says Berger. “We see ourselves in the mirror of others.”

Among the artists in this show are acclaimed social expressionist Charly Palmer from Atlanta Georgia, celebrated quilt artist Carolyn Crump, renowned painter Preston Sampson, and Joyce Owens from Chicago who is noted for both two and three-dimensional work. Award-winning printmaker Robin Holder of Brooklyn, New York, also is displaying his work.

Nine African-American artists present a “Symphony of Shape” in the adjacent Hall of Dreams Gallery. Each artist presents a different interpretation of that theme: print making, textural abstracts, fabric and paint, mixed media, chemically treated copper, poured techniques, collage, and sculpted linen fill the hallway gallery during the show.

Artists Lisa Wilder and Juliette Roach, who present their perspectives of “growing up in a household where there existed an everyday passion for creating artwork” continue their exhibit in the second floor 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, and 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.