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Redefining Recycling at the Ice House

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—Morgan Arts Council’s gallery show, “TRAsh ART: Redefining Recycling”, opens in the main Ice House Gallery in Berkeley Springs, WV, on Saturday, September 14, with a reception starting at 7:30 p.m. The show runs through Sunday, November 3. Gallery hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

“Trash Art” features a wide variety of artists who use recycled materials to form their works. Curator Joe Crow Heller comments, “I am proud to present the work of painters, sculptors, weavers, assemblers and cutters of steel, wood, paper, plastic, and all manner of the detritus of our culture, and the world at large.”

From London, artist Karen Christensen makes carriage-themed assemblages inside cigar boxes using old toys. Texas landscape designer Mark Fox creates primitive outdoor sculptures made of discarded wood, animal bones, and metal. Kim Kopp from Wyoming offers colorful whimsical portraits of angels, devils and more using scrap wood, carpet, and metal. Closer to home, artists from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia present items including fish from rusted steel and furniture parts, decorative robots, and lighted sculptures. Heller uses chains, barbed wire, damaged floorboards and barbecue tools for his art.

Also opening at the Ice House in the Carr-Kelly Gallery and Hall of Dreams from September 13 to November 3 is the artwork of Jake Ricci. His work, *I cannot see myself from where I am seeing*, is described as Art and Visual Exploration, and includes paintings in acrylic and oil.

The curated gallery shows are 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 in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 304-258-2300 or visit www.macicehouse.org.