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Micro/Macro opens at the Ice House

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—Morgan Arts Council presents the work of three Blue Ridge artists in a new exhibit, *Micro/Macro*, in the Ice House Gallery with a gala reception on Saturday, January 11, at 7:30 pm. The show is on exhibit from January 10 through February 23, 2020.

Each of the three artists expresses their vision of the world using different techniques that delight and dazzle visitors to the Ice House. Curator Patty Avalon describes her art as an evolution from painting the “far reaches of outer space to a journey of exploring the micro worlds that comprise those much larger realms” such as the subatomic elements that make up the clouds of stars and galaxies. “Through abstract expressionism I attempt to depict these micro elements as well as movement, vibration, expansion, contraction, and waves of energy.”

Amanda Smith features paintings inspired by her love of water, and by her fascination of nature’s aerial and microscopic imagery: “micro and macro landscapes so divinely connected...” says Smith. “Each painting is a meandering of memory – an escape to water, a rocky coastline, a mossy forest, or to the sand.”

Potter Kevin Crowe makes wood-fired stoneware pots that “explore and expand the definition of functional.” His work ranges in size and shows strong Asian/English influences. Crowe describes his work as “the fierce journey of flame and ash (from the seven day firing process) and the tension between controlled engagement and surrender where wonder lives.”

In the Hall of Dreams John Petersen displays “Sky”, showing his photographs of the sky from many places on the planet. Petersen began his studies of the sky early in life when he was an aviator, then again in Vietnam, and continues today with his travels. In his words, he has “a special affinity for the sky and the extraordinary beauty that (can) be accessed from altitude.”

Grant support for these programs 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 Saturday and Sunday, 11 am to 5 pm. For more information about this and other MAC events, call 304-258-2300 or visit www.macicehouse.org.