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YOUTH ART EXHIBIT OPENS February 28, 2020

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV--The Morgan Arts Council and Morgan County schools celebrate National Youth Art Month with their annual exhibit of artwork created by local youth, showing at the Ice House in Berkeley Springs.

The opening extravaganza on Friday, February 28, features musical and dance performances as well as hundreds of pieces of visual art. The Youth Art exhibit fills the Ice House with two- and three-dimensional works made by students in every Morgan County school and local homeschoolers. Hiroko Rubin is the curator.

Refreshments will be served at the opening reception, which begins at 7:00 p.m.; the performances start at 7:15 p.m.

The extravaganza, emceed by Leslie Devine- Milbourne of Wind Dance Farm and Earth Education Center, will feature entertainment by students of Erin Belcher, a creative movement demonstration by The Lynn Swanson Dancers, plus performances by students from Wind Dance Farm.

Hiroko Rubin commented, “We have so many talented children in Morgan County schools – more than you can imagine. Every year I am inspired by their artwork.” Rubin will lead a yoga demonstration using student volunteers from the audience during the opening reception.

Visual art teachers will be recognized for their help in organizing the students’ artwork. The teachers’ participation is essential and deeply appreciated.

“It’s fun to see what kids come up with every year,” says Thom Rubel, MAC Executive Director. “The creative process involves more basic skills than you would think and those show up in their art. MAC is proud to be a partner in youth art programs in and out of our schools for over 40 years. We encourage everybody to come and see for themselves. It will make you smile.”

The Youth Art Show may be seen every Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., through March 29.

Grant support for these programs comes in part from individual donors, the National Endowment for the Arts, the West Virginia Commission on the Arts and local hotel/motel taxes, Clay Center, Eastern WV Community Foundation, and the Tom & Virginia Seely Foundation. 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.