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## ANNUAL QUILT SHOW OPENS IN BERKELEY SPRINGS

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV – The annual Delectable Mountains Quilt Show opens at the Ice House on Thursday, July 23. Curated by Abby Chapple, the show is titled, “America Proud.”

Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday 11am-5pm. “Unfortunately, regulations about gathering size precludes the usual gala opening reception,” said MAC Executive Director Thom Rubel. “Masks are required for the galleries.”

Curator Chapple explained the show’s theme: “2020 is an election year – a year to be proud of America,” and reminds everyone to go out and vote. “Completed under duress during the coronavirus, the show now proudly displays about 100 quilts,” she said.

Many quilts follow the theme of “America Proud” by using country houses, state parks, stars and stripes, and an eagle.

The remarkable Bicentennial Quilt is on display at the show. It features 34 squares highlighting historic, architectural and scenic wonders of Morgan County from 19 quilters. It was designed to be a permanent gift to the people of Morgan County and will hang in the Courthouse once the show closes.

The first and second floors of the Ice House are filled with quilts in a wide range of designs, from traditional blocks to embroidered works and hand-dyed fabrics. In addition to full-size quilts, the show includes a boutique featuring purses, table toppers, tote bags, the popular microwave potholders, and more.

The annual Yard-Square Quilts – a display of more than 50 small 36” quilts hanging in local businesses – transforms the entire town into a quilt show for six weeks. The quilts are auctioned on Sunday, September 6 at 2 p.m. to benefit the Humane Society of Morgan County.

The quilt exhibit, which hangs through September 13, is funded 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 at the corner of Independence and Mercer Streets in downtown Berkeley Springs, WV. For more information on this and other MAC activities, call 204-258-2300 or visit [www.macicehouse.org](http://www.macicehouse.org).