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A SEASON OF WONDER RETURNS TO THE ICE HOUSE

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—Morgan Arts Council presents A Season of Wonder, its annual holiday gift show, featuring a gallery filled with wearable art and handcrafted works from 30 regional artists. Several Christmas trees display scores of artist-made ornaments for sale.

Showing in the Hall of Dreams Jassmine Jack displays her Nature and Folklore multimedia art. Quilts continue to hang throughout the Ice House, as well as in the Quilt Boutique just outside the Gallery. The Ice House Co-op Gallery artists are also on display.

Curator Maya Fredo invites art lovers and shoppers to “step out of 2020 and into A Season of Wonder for an uplifting blast of color and creativity!” Her quest for participating artists led to a work ranging the elegant and sophisticated to fun and cuddly for the kids. Fredo’s invitation is to “bring a little magic into your holiday” by discovering the perfect gift for all those special someones.

The show celebrates the creative expressions from some of the tri-state area’s talented artists. New artists include Swanee Shedd with her seashell ornaments; fiber art by Deborah Brown; Edward Connor with wood work including mushrooms, cutting boards and more to delight the eye; and Sarah Amendola’s jewelry and crystal sun catchers. Eileen Egan displays her array of pottery, while Tamme Rae Marggraf captures the energy of seashells with her art.

Returning favorites include Hiroko Rubin’s fiber art plus vintage kimono fabric masks and scarves; Caitlin Godbee’s whimsical needle felted ornaments; glass from Veronica Wilson and Maureen Storey; crystals and wire art by Maya Fredo; plus, cards and much more from Mary Klotz, as well as many other wood crafts, forged steel, stone art, and jewelry.

Now open, the show continues through January 3. Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Masks are required in the Gallery. Even with all the art, there is abundant space to feel comfortable and safe.

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 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.