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ICE HOUSE DISPLAYS PANDEMIC THROUGH ART

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV – The Morgan Arts Council presents *How Are You Feeling: Expressions in Uncertainty* at the Ice House Gallery, with artists celebrating and visualizing the impacts that the pandemic had on their artistic expression. Many artists are local to West Virginia while others come from neighboring states including Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. The show, curated by Maureen Doyle opens Friday, January 15 and hangs through February 28. Gallery hours are Friday through Sunday, 11am-5pm.

Doyle comments on the show stating “I am excited to be able to curate my first show during such an important time. Through history, art has been a means of communication. It has provided a way to tell a story about people and the times in which they lived. In this show, each piece of work communicates a unique perspective of how that artist is relating to what is happening to them and around them. I can’t think of a better way to tell the story of a Pandemic than through art.”

There are more than twenty artists participating in this show with varied styles including first-time local photographer Dan Bowers and wire sculpture artist Mark Conrad. Hiroko Rubin returns with her popular face masks, some made with vintage Japanese kimonos. Elsa Riveros and Victoria Pendragon are displaying paintings inspired by the pandemic along with first-time New Jersey artist Michele Pasciullo with stained glass and mosaic tile pieces. Other artists from the Ice House Gallery Co-op will be featured bringing paintings, jewelry, wood, metal, and fiber art. Of note will be an “installation” piece by local artist Jane Pingleton-Evans.

In the Hall of Dreams Gallery, West Virginia artist Seth Pitt presents “Small Tales, New Worlds, and Creatures of the Heart” that includes new and collected favorites from three bodies of work. He will also feature his first exhibition of work in watercolor.

Precautions in place throughout the Ice House are aimed at the safety of staff and patrons. Masks are mandatory for all visitors throughout the building.

The curated gallery shows are presented with financial assistance from the West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History, and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia 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.