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UP, UP AND AWAY TO THE ICE HOUSE GALLERY

BERKELEY SPRINGS, WV—The Morgan Arts Council in Berkeley Springs, WV, will present its next gallery show, “Up, Up and Away”, beginning Friday, September 24 and continuing through Sunday, November 7 at the Ice House Gallery. The show is curated by Catherine Hutton.

Also at the Ice House in the Carr-Kelly Gallery and Hall of Dreams are Debby Brown, who will show her ink and watercolor abstracts with a theme of the natural world in a fluid motion and featuring “hidden gems”, along with Daryoosh Mosleh whose “enchanted” oil paintings will raise eyebrows, touch hearts and tickle the soul.

Curator Hutton explained her concept for the show saying that she originally thought of “Things that Fly” but decided “Up, Up and Away” felt more joyous and made room for a bigger variety of artist mediums. There are 14 participating artists, including locals Veronica Wilson with stained and fused glass items, chain-saw wood carver Jack Veara, unique handmade items by Hiroko Rubin, and Laura Chalupka’s shadow boxes and jewelry. In addition will be clay items by Janine Davis, wirework jewelry by Maya Fredo, resin charms and jewelry from Juliette Roach, and acrylic painting by curator Hutton.

The show will include other returning favorites furniture/cabinetmaker Joe Bourgeois, water colorist Pat Spranger, glass artist Maureen Storey, and woodworking artist Rob Mock, whose unique guitar creations have been featured in woodworking and guitar magazines. New artists include Neville Daniels from North Carolina who plans to donate the proceeds from his framed photographs to local charity, and Valsoaney – also known as Rosemarie Gillen – an award-winning children’s book illustrator and designer.

Two MACreate adult art classes will be available during the show. The first will be held Saturday, October 2 at Cacapon Resort State Park, featuring “Create a Mushroom Forest” instructed by Hiroko Rubin; the second class will be “Mix it up with Mixed Media” instructed by LeeAnn Brannon on Saturday, November 6. For more information or to register visit the Morgan Art’s Council website or call 304-258-2300.

Ice House Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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 visit www.macicehouse.org and on our Facebook page.