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ANNUAL QUILT SHOW OPENS IN BERKELEY SPRINGS

BEREKELEY SPRINGS, WV – The annual Delectable Mountains Quilt Show opens at the Ice House on Thursday, July 29. Curated by Abby Chapple, Quilt Guild President, the show is titled, “Patchwork Garden.” Gallery hours are Thursday through Monday 11am-5pm.

“We plant fabric, nurture color, and harvest quilts,” says curator Chapple. “Quilts can preserve memories, comfort the healing, tell stories and can, for radicals, ‘challenge ideas’. In addition to being beautiful or spectacular, traditional or contemporary, made up of little boxes or abstract shapes they can cover the entire spectrum of every minute of our birth to death existence.”

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 currently hanging in local businesses – transforms the entire town into a quilt show for seven weeks. The quilt squares will be auctioned on Sunday, September 5 at 2 p.m. in Berkeley Springs State Park. Proceeds will be contributed to the Morgan Arts Council to defray the cost of the sprinkler system currently being installed throughout the Ice House that will enable expansion into the top two floors.

The quilt exhibit, which hangs through September 19, 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.