

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of the Arts Schedules Art Auction Fundraiser

APRIL 9th is THE Date for this Annual Marblehead Tradition

Marblehead, MA (March 9, 2006) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts announced its plans today for the annual Art Auction. This year, the Auction will be on Sunday April 9th, 2006, at Abbot Hall (188 Washington Street) in Marblehead. As in past years, there will be a silent auction from 4 - 5:30pm and a live auction from 5:30 - 8:00pm. Back by popular demand, there will be a preview of auction items onsite at a reception on Thursday, April 6th (6 - 8pm) and on Friday, April 7th (9am - 1pm). All are invited!

Following a great tradition, Art Auctioneer Gene Arnould will work his magic and add not only his professional expertise, but also some fun local color to the event. Marblehead artist, Elaine Daly, the only triple prizewinner in the Festival's long history, is among the group of talented artists who make generous donations to the Auction each year.

Another continuing Art Auction tradition will be the auctioning of the Nordia Kay/Herb Goldberg special collector's piece, which combines a watercolor and a black and white photograph to depict a Marblehead scene. This artwork is produced specifically for the Arts Festival Art Auction and many flock to the auction just to bid on this outstanding piece. Other items to be auctioned are paintings, ceramic plates, pottery, jewelry and other crafts by local artists.

Delicious food, wine, live music, and lots of bidding makes this Auction the biggest, most successful and fun fundraisers for the Marblehead Festival of Arts. We look forward to seeing you on April 6th or 7th for the Preview and on April 9th for both the silent and live auctions. Plan ahead and join us at both events!!

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Photo Captions:

AuctionScene1.jpg: Marblehead Festival of Arts Auction attendees get caught up in Silent Auction bidding.

AuctionScene2.jpg: The town of Marblehead turns out for the MFA Art Auction, to lend their support and raise necessary funds for the Marblehead Festival of Arts.

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Founded in 1962, the Marblehead Festival of Arts has a rich history in producing a premier summer arts festival that has become a unique forum for artistic expression. Traditionally held each year over July 4th weekend, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art exhibits (painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, etc.), outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, Writer's World, the Street Festival, Children's Festival, Artisan's Marketplace and many other cultural activities designed to provide a fun and enriching experience for the entire family.

The Marblehead Festival of Arts Inc is a not-for-profit organization comprised of area residents who volunteer their time and services in a variety of capacities. With the mission to promote and foster artistic events and activities in the town of Marblehead, this organization was launched in 1962 by producing an annual Arts Festival. Today, in addition to its summer arts program, the Marblehead Festival of Arts sponsors events throughout the year, promotes area artists, supports up and coming art students via an annual scholarship and contributes to the overall cultural climate of Marblehead.

The Marblehead Festival of Arts is run by an all-volunteer organization comprised of more than forty committees and involving several hundred volunteers. It operates year round and relies primarily on donations to fund its operations. Individuals, families, and businesses may become Festival Sponsors by making a tax-deductible contribution. For additional information on MFA, a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities and sponsorship, please call: **781-639-ARTS (639-2787)** or visit: www.marbleheadfestival.org

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