

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Exciting New Artists to join Local Favorites at Artisans' Marketplace

Mark your Calendars for Saturday and Sunday, July 1st and 2nd

Marblehead, MA (June 15th, 2006) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts announced today that the eleventh annual **Artisans' Marketplace** will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 1st and 2nd, on historic Abbot Hall grounds (188 Pleasant Street, Marblehead). In its fifth year as a two-day event, the Marketplace has become one of the most popular events at the Festival.

This year the Artisans' Marketplace will feature the arts and crafts of artists from all over New England. The artists display, sell and sometimes demonstrate their originally designed hand-made items which can include various types of jewelry, painted furniture, paintings, photography, candy, tapestries, apparel, bird decoys, nautical items, painted glass and more. Some of the local artists participating this year will be Fine Art by Robin Samiljan, Mixed Media collages by Ursina Amsler, Blown Glass by Jeff Mentuck, Handbags by Betty Ritt, Lampwork Bead Jewelry by Kiki Taron Kinney, Folk Art painting by Anna Igo, nautical giftware by Jesica Brackett, Journals by Paperdance and jewelry and accessories by Tracy Cassidy. Many of your local favorites will be there, as well as new artists from both near and far. For a complete listing of artisans on the Artisans' Marketplace Web page, please visit: www.marbleheadfestival.org/events/artisans

“Much excitement has been generated by the new artists participating this year,” reports Artisans' Marketplace co-chair Kiki Taron Kinney. “New to the Marketplace this year will be a silk painter who makes clothing from her silk paintings, woven bead jewelry, as well as two potters, a photographer and a journal maker.”

Brought back by popular demand, the Marblehead Arts Association will sell hand-painted buoys in their booth at the Marketplace. The buoys are one-of-a-kind and created by local artists. All

proceeds from the buoy sales will go directly to the Arts Association and used for their scholarship fund.

Come and join us, mingle with the artists, learn about their creative process and even purchase some unique treasures for your home or wearable art for your wardrobe. The Artisans' Marketplace is scheduled for Saturday, July 1st from 10m am to 5 pm and Sunday, July 2nd from 10 am to 4 pm.

Photo Caption:

Hand painted buoys to be featured at this year's MFoA Artisans' Marketplace, scheduled for Saturday, July 1st and Sunday, July 2nd at Abbot Hall, Marblehead.

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About Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA)

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, Artisans' Marketplace and many other cultural activities designed to provide a fun and enriching experience for the entire family.

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 MFoA, a calendar of events, volunteer opportunities and sponsorship, please call: **781-639-ARTS (639-2787)** or visit: www.marbleheadfestival.org

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