

**Marblehead Festival of Arts**  
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**Marblehead Festival Hosts Holiday Artisans' Marketplace**

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**Marblehead, MA (November 24, 2009)** – The Marblehead Festival of Arts invites all to come mingle with the artists at its 7th annual Artisans' Holiday Marketplace to be held at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, in Marblehead. Over the years, the Marketplace has become a favorite destination for Christmas Walk shoppers. Hours of operation will be Saturday, December 5, from 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, December 6, from 10 am to 4 pm.

A full range of holiday gift items will be displayed and artisans will be on hand to talk about their crafts. Artisans new to the Holiday Marketplace include Bryan Ruocco (Parawear), who makes paracord survival bracelets, dog collars, leashes, and wrapped wine stem glasses; Robin Taliesen (Raven Creative), with amazing felted wool bags—all handmade, original designs; and Lauren Genovesi (Lumiere Lauren), with handmade soy candles. Back by popular demand, Ursina Amsler will be offering her fabulous calendars; Kristen Fudge (Doodlebug) will promote her motto, "reduce, reuse, and recycle," with her eclectic mix of sweaters, shirts, pants aprons and more; and Kiki Taron Kinney (QuitsaKiki Designs) will introduce two new designs, the "Cartouche" pendant series and the Chappy Stone series. Completing the holiday lineup are Deb Frazier (Deb Frazier Silk Designs), Deb Scanlon Grace Farm Organics), Franny McKeever (Zipporah Beads), George and Barbara Burr (The Crafting Place), Helen Najarian (Helen Najarian, Potter), Janet Barnet (Landmark Quilts), Jeff Mentuck (Marblehead Glassworks), Linda Tanfani (Treasure Beach), Martha Quigley (Landfall Gallery), Maureen McKinnon Tucker (Permanent Botanicals), Nancy Ferguson (Artist), Pam Duncan (Duncan Designs), Patricia Baker (Nantucket Lightship Baskets, Peter Newton (Green Mountain Glass), and Sue Bragdon (Le T Clothing). Non-profit organizations include Community of Friends and Hospice.

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The Artisans' Holiday Marketplace will also be one of the selected sites to vote in the Logo Contest balloting. The Marblehead Festival of Arts is represented by a new logo each year, the result of a competition among graphic artists, students, and art enthusiasts. This year, over 100 designs were submitted. A panel of judges narrowed the entries to four finalists. Festival fans are invited to vote for

their favorite design. The winning logo will be revealed at the Festival's Logo Premiere Party in January.

For more information, visit [MarbleheadFestival.org](http://MarbleheadFestival.org).

**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 the 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, 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. It operates year round and relies solely 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 or visit [www.MarbleheadFestival.org](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).