

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Features Artisans' Marketplace

Marblehead MA (June 25, 2010) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA) announces the return of the very popular Artisans' Marketplace, a showcase of artists' wares for sale. A highlight of the Festival, the Artisans' Marketplace will be held outside Abbott Hall, 188 Washington Street, on Sunday, July 4 from 10 am until 5 pm; and on Monday, July 5 from 10 am until 4 pm. The Marketplace showcases a variety of arts and crafts works at many different price levels. The Marketplace will be home for 39 artisans along with the Marblehead Arts Association, which will be conducting the Mermaid and Scallop shell silent auction to help fund its arts scholarship.

New artisans include David Barber, Tinkers Island Fish; Amalia Flaisher, Sand and Water Creation; Susan Kenna, Artfelt Creations; Teri Macmillan, Surfside Studio; Hope Manseau, Canterbury Yarns; Diane Wheeler, Creative Basketry; Frank Yeatman Woodworking; and author Richard Wood. After a 10-year hiatus, jeweler Sonja Grondstra is rejoining the show. Favorite returnees include Michael McCarthy, Mattapoissett Bird Works demonstrating carving; Lark Roderiques; Jeff Mentuck of Marblehead Glassworks; Martha Quigley, Landfall Gallery; and Kiki Taron Kinney of QuitsaKiki Designs, demonstrating Soumak Weaving and Chain Maille.

The Marblehead Festival of Arts will run from July 1-5, with art exhibits open Saturday, July 3, 10 am to 5 pm; Sunday July 4, noon to 5 pm; and Monday, July 5, 10 am to 5 pm. Exhibits include Crafts, Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Painting-the-Town, Photography, Printmaking, and Sculpture; and special exhibits include Senior Art, Youth Art, Student Art, Logo Art and a guest exhibit by ArcWorks. Admission is free.

The challenges of parking in downtown Marblehead can be avoided by parking at Marblehead High School, 2 Humphrey Street, and using the free Festival Trolley which will run Saturday, Sunday and Monday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. The trolley will stop at Abbot Hall and other exhibit locations. For more information, visit 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 and involving several hundred volunteers. 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.

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