

Marblehead Festival of Arts

For Immediate Release

Media Contact

Nancy Fromson

Email: publicity@marbleheadfestival.org

URL: www.marbleheadfestival.org

Press Release Archive: www.marbleheadfestival.org/press

Marblehead Festival of Arts Features Artisans' Marketplace

Marblehead MA (May 23, 2011) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA) announces the very popular Artisans' Marketplace, the 16th annual showcase of artists' wares for sale. A highlight of the Festival, which runs this year from July 1-4, the Artisans' Marketplace will be held outside Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, on Sunday, July 3 from 10 am until 5 pm; and on Monday, July 4 from 10 am until 4 pm. The Marketplace features a variety of arts and crafts works at different price levels. The Marketplace will be home to 37 artisans along with the Marblehead Arts Association, which will be conducting a silent auction of Maine lobster buoys, hand painted and embellished by local artists, to benefit its arts scholarships.

"This year's artisans are bringing their unique works to the Festival from all over the North Shore, the New England region and as far away as Florida," said Kiki Taron Kinney, who is co-chairing the event with Pamela Duncan. "We are delighted to welcome eight new artists who join with favorite vendor participants in the Marketplace each year," Duncan added. "This group will provide a diverse and delightful media mix for Festival goers to enjoy."

New artists include Anne Marie Brown of Lighthouse Point, Florida, with her coastal and island-themed acrylic paintings; Brad Englehardt of Kingston, New Hampshire, introducing his cutting boards made from American hardwoods,

including cherry, black walnut and maple; Lois Johnson of Pembroke, MA, offering wooden birdhouses, birdfeeders and garden boxes; and Jennifer Tibbetts of Mount Hermon, MA, whose digital images include botanical prints.

New Marblehead artists in this year's Marketplace are Bettie Hamilton and Carol Coen, who have created a local sea-themed cookbook entitled *Artists in the Kitchen*; Dana Keenholtz, specializing in oil paintings done in portraiture style; Dayle Persons, who utilizes found objects in mixed media designs; and Robin Taliesin, who creates felted accessories.

Second-year artisans include David Barber and his carved wooden fish, Diane Wheeler with her creative basketry in a country theme and Frank Yeatman's wood furniture in tables, cabinets and boxes.

"We are pleased to have many returning artists and look forward eagerly to the wonderful talents all contribute to our Festival," Taron Kinney said. "Some of the artists' distinctive offerings will include jewelry, quilts, glass, paintings, photography, tapestries, baskets, candles, wearable art, and pottery. All buyers and browsers will be pleased with what they find here." A complete list of artisans can be found at www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

During the four-day run of The Marblehead Festival of Arts, exhibits will be housed at various venues around town. These include Crafts, Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Painting-the-Town, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture. Additional exhibits include Senior Art, Youth Art, Student Art and Logo Art. There are also numerous special events, including Performing Arts, Film Festival, Theatre Festival, Writers' World workshops and many Family-focused activities. Most are free. Please refer to the website for details.

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.

#