

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Hosts Tea Room

Marblehead MA (June 1, 2011) – Nestled in with all the activity at the Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA), to be held this year from July 1-4, is the Tea Room, housed in the Wine Cellar of the historic King Hooper Mansion, 8 Hooper Street. The cool and elegant atmosphere of the Tea Room will offer Festival-goers the opportunity to relax and enjoy refreshments. Hours are Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, Sunday from noon until 5 pm and Monday from 10 am until 4 pm.

Hosted by Polly Taylor and Vivien Cherry, the menu will include homemade baked goods and fresh fruits, hot tea, iced tea, lemonade and bottled water. The Tea Room will also be the venue for the MFoA guest exhibit by ArcWorks, a guild sponsored by Northeast Arc for artists with physical or intellectual challenges.

The King Hooper Mansion is the home of the Marblehead Arts Association (MAA). Festival visitors are welcome to view the MAA July exhibit "Seeing the Light," the results of artists' efforts to capture the intriguing, reflective nature of light.

Also featured at the King Hooper Mansion is the Festival of Arts Painting-the-Town exhibit. After capturing the town's scenic beauty on canvas and paper at various locations around town on Friday, artists' plein aire work will be displayed at the Mansion beginning Saturday afternoon. At that time, all are invited to a

Reception to meet the artists, view the exhibit and cast ballots to determine the People's Choice Award winner.

For more information, visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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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 the July 4th weekend, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art exhibits (including painting, sculpture, photography and drawing), outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, the Film Festival, Writers' World, the Street Festival, the 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 40 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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