

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Come to the Marblehead Festival of Arts Volunteer Information Party on Sunday, April 29

Marblehead MA (April 3, 2011) – Every year, the July 4th holiday is synonymous with The Marblehead Festival of Arts showcase of visual and fine arts exhibits, performances, films and a wide variety of family events and entertainment. This North Shore celebration is the culmination of year-round planning and a series of events sponsored by the Festival, an all-volunteer organization comprised of many, many individuals serving on a large number of committees.

“We are grateful to our long-standing volunteers and are actively looking for more people to become involved in our very exciting venture,” said Karen McMahon, Volunteer Chairperson. “Come to this year’s Volunteer Information Party on Sunday, April 29, from 3 to 5 pm, to learn how you can be part of the Festival of Arts. There are many and varied opportunities to be an active participant in a wonderful community experience,” she said. The Corinthian Yacht Club, 1 Nahant Street on Marblehead Neck, will host the event. Light refreshments will be served, and a cash bar will be available.

There is a broad range of volunteer opportunities that can be tailored to fit the individual’s time schedule. Year-round needs include computer skills, writing ability, financial acumen, fundraising expertise, event planning talent and physical strength.

During the Festival, volunteers staff art exhibits and information booths, run events such as the Model Boat Building Workshop and the Sand Sculpture Competition and operate the Festival's Logo Store.

"We are looking for people who want to learn about the Festival, find new ways to get involved and bring energy and new ideas to become part of its success and growth," McMahon added. "Being a Festival volunteer is a meaningful way to support the arts that enrich our lives, give back to our community, make new friends and have a lot of fun. We hope you'll come ... and bring a friend!"

Along with event co-chairs Barbara Rafferty and McMahon, Festival Board members and Committee chairpersons will be present at the Volunteer Information Party to discuss Festival activities and answer questions. For additional information about the Festival, a calendar of events and volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.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 holiday, the Marblehead Festival of Arts hosts a wide range of art exhibits, 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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