

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Family Fun at the Marblehead Festival of Arts

Marblehead MA (June 4, 2012) – The Marblehead Festival of Arts, to be held this year on June 30-July 4, has lots to offer to everyone. Many special events will be especially appealing to children of all ages and their families.

On Saturday, June 30, two popular events will be held at Devereux Beach, the Kite Festival and the Sand Sculpture Competition. The Kite Festival, set for 9 am until 3 pm, will be a workshop for all ages. Participants are welcome to come paint the sky with the gang from Kites Over New England (KONE). They will be building the classic Eddy Kite, a diamond shaped kite with a six foot tail. KONE members will be demonstrating their single line and stunt kites. A \$4.00 donation is requested to cover the cost of materials.

The Sand Sculpture Competition is also scheduled for June 30, from 9:30 am to 1 pm. All are welcome to bring buckets, shovels and creativity to this cherished Festival family event, open to sand sculptors of all ages. Chairperson Sandy McLaughlin encourages everyone to “sign up at the Festival’s registration table on Devereux Beach—it’s free—then dig in and create the design of your dreams.”

Judging and an Awards Ceremony will culminate the Competition. Recognition is given to works in many categories. “The Festival extends its thanks to Coffey Ice

Cream and Terry's Ice Cream, providers of delicious ice cream for Sand Sculpture participants," McLaughlin said.

The Model Boat Building Workshop will take place on Wednesday, July 4 on the lower grounds of Abbot Hall, from 11 am until 2 pm, followed by a Regatta at Redd's Pond at 3 pm. This event grows in popularity each year, with approximately 150 participants involved. A \$25 donation is requested for each model boat kit. No advance registration is required, but supplies are limited.

Family team participation is encouraged; and an adult must accompany all children. Chairperson Dan Tucker said, "After constructing your yacht on the grounds of Abbot Hall, bring it down to Redd's Pond for her first sail. As always, last year's models are welcome at the Regatta."

Other family activities are in the works, including the popular Children's Festival, set for Sunday, July 1 from 12 to 3 pm on Abbot Hall Lower Grounds. It will feature interactive, fun activities for young children and their parents. Topping off the Festival of Arts is the annual Street Festival on Wednesday, July 4 from 12 to 4 pm. It takes place on lower Washington Street, which will be open only to foot traffic. Lots of family activities are planned for both events. Watch for details of these two major happenings!

For more information, visit MarbleheadFestival.org.

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PHOTO CREDIT: Sand Sculpture at Devereux Beach

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 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 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 visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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