

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Hosts Artisans' Holiday Marketplace and Logo Store

Don't Forget to Vote for the 2013 Festival Logo!

Marblehead, MA (November 13, 2012) – As part of the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Christmas Walk Weekend, the Marblehead Festival of Arts will host several events. On Friday evening, November 30, join Festival volunteers for hot chocolate during the Tree Lighting ceremony. All are welcome to gather under the tent to enjoy the refreshments and to view the Festival's slide show.

On Saturday and Sunday, the Festival of Arts invites all to come shop and mingle with the artists at its 10th annual Artisans' Holiday Marketplace at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street. Hours of operation will be Saturday, December 1, from 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, December 2, from 10 am to 4 pm.

"Over the years, the Marketplace has become a favorite destination for Christmas Walk shoppers. It features a variety of arts and crafts works, at many different price levels, that are treasures for personal use and wonderful gifts," said Kiki Taron Kinney and Pam Duncan, Holiday Artisans' Marketplace co-chairs. "We are proud to support a showcase of more than 20 local and regional artists who bring their many, varied talents to the event."

Along with the artisans, the Festival is pleased to welcome local Girl Scouts, Hospice of the North Shore and Marblehead's Community of Friends providing holiday wares.

The Festival's Logo Store is set for Abbot Hall during the Artisans' Holiday Marketplace. A number of items from the 2012 summer Logo Store will be available, as well as an inventory of fun, "vintage" pieces from previous Festival years. There will also be Hestia ornaments, which make great holiday gifts.

The Marketplace is also one of the selected sites to vote for the Marblehead Festival of Arts 2013 Logo. The Festival is represented by a new logo each year, the result of a competition among graphic artists, students and art enthusiasts. This year, 42 designs were submitted. A panel of judges narrowed the entries to four finalists. Festival fans are invited to vote for their favorite design. The winning logo will be revealed at the Festival's Logo Premiere Party in January.

For more information, including the complete list of artisans, 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 holiday, 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 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 visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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