

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Planning in Full Swing for Marblehead Festival of Arts 43rd Annual Art Auction

Marblehead MA (March 7, 2013) – “It’s the 42nd anniversary of the Art Auction to benefit the Marblehead Festival of Arts, and we are celebrating!” announced Lynne DeVoe, Festival President. “On Saturday, April 6, we will have a great party with outstanding auction items, featuring the best of the Auction’s traditions and many new and wonderful contributions.” The party gets underway at 5 pm at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, with a silent auction, fantastic food presented by Dario Puerto of Dario’s Catering, plus wine and good company. The distinguished auctioneer for the evening, Gene Arnould will begin the live auction at 7:15.

“The Art Auction is a major fundraiser for the Marblehead Festival of Arts, held over the July 4th holiday,” said Kiki Taron Kinney, Auction co-chair. “We will be adding some new dimensions to past auction favorites to ensure that everyone has a great time. We look forward to a large, enthusiastic crowd that evening.”

In addition to the many beautiful art pieces, donated by a variety of artists from all over Essex County, many unusual and fun items will be up for bids. One is an art “masterpiece” created last year at the Children’s Festival. Under the guidance of artist Susan Fader, children created a fanciful sea world of fish, which would make an outstanding wall hanging in any play room or a one-of-a-kind piece for a restaurant setting.

Other items include baskets of goodies from local restaurateurs and retailers from both Atlantic Avenue and Old Town. "Shopping and dining around town will appeal to all our Auction guests," added Taron Kinney.

On the evening of Thursday, March 28, there will be an Art Auction Preview "Charity Night" at The Landing Restaurant, highlighted by a *Herb-Nordia Retrospective Exhibition*. For more than 30 years, Herb Goldberg and Nordia Kay, two of Marblehead's much-loved artists, have created a special collector's art piece for the Festival's Annual Art Auction. All are invited.

Art Auction tickets will be available at locations around town in mid-March for \$25 and \$30 that evening.

For complete information, contact artauction@MarbleheadFestival.org or visit the Festival Web site www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

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PHOTO OUTLINE: Above, a young artist creates magic at the Children's Festival. Below, the finished masterpiece is ready to hang.

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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