

# ***Marblehead Festival of Arts***

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### **Marblehead Festival of Arts Plans are Set for 43rd Annual Art Auction**

**Marblehead MA (March 20, 2013)** – “The Marblehead Festival of Arts has a large number of outstanding items ready for our 43rd annual Art Auction on April 6, ranging from beautiful art pieces in many mediums done by talented area artists, to varied gift certificates for goods and services around the area and Boston.

“All will be presented at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, beginning at 5 pm with the silent auction and the live auction at 7:15 with our wonderful auctioneer Gene Arnould,” stated Lynne DeVoe, Festival President. She added, “The Art Auction is a major fundraiser for the Marblehead Festival of the Arts, to be held this year on July 4-7, with a special preview on July 3.”

“We look forward to a large and enthusiastic crowd at this year’s Auction. We are adding new dimensions to past favorites to assure everyone has a great time and comes away with winning items they can be really excited about.”

Auction attendees will enjoy delicious hors-d’oeuvres catered by Dario Puerto of Dario’s Catering. Music and pleasant conversation will fill the room, creating a most wonderful ambiance. Outstanding door prizes will create excitement for auction guests.

“Art is the Thing” at this year’s Auction, and many local artists are donating the best of their works to the event. The Festival is grateful to all for their support. Forrest Rodts has a passion for maritime art as does oil painter Racket Shreve. Watercolorist Benneville Strohecker enjoys painting flowers, gardens and beaches. Elaine Caliri Daly, a sculptor as well as a painter, works on seascapes and florals in acrylics, oils and watercolor.

Among other painters who are graciously donating their work are longtime supporters Richard Pohl, Thomas McKiernan, Nancy Ferguson and Joan Colt Hooper. Photographers include Robb Kipp, Ulrike Welsch, Herb Goldberg, Dave W. Kinney, Dave T. Kinney and Gail Giarrusso.

We are pleased to welcome jewelry designers Kiki Taron Kinney and Pam Duncan and Nantucket basket maker Patti Baker as well as artisans Susan Kauder, Robert Gerson and Terri McMillan.

Among other intriguing items are a catered-at-home dinner for four generously presented by Dario’s, coupled with a substantial gift card from Shubie’s Marketplace. A wonderful evening is in store for the high bidder.

There will also be a four-hour luncheon cruise aboard a magnificent 40-foot sailboat. Sailing out of Marblehead, the lucky winner will select a day in June, July or August.

A cruise for four aboard a replica schooner out of Gloucester will provide a great day’s entertainment. The Schooner Ardelle is ideal for seeing the historic shores of Gloucester’s outer harbor, the mansions along Eastern Point and more. Aboard her, the high bidder can help the crew warp her in and out the old way (under sail) haul a historic lobster trap or just relax and enjoy the trip.

Other fun items are popular dining and shopping offerings along the Avenue and in Old Town, guaranteed to bring high bids.

Beginning March 23, Auction tickets will be on sale for \$25 at these Marblehead locations: Arnould Gallery and Framery (111 Washington Street), Shubie's Marketplace (16 Atlantic Avenue) and Spirit of '76 Bookstore (107 Pleasant Street)). For the first time, tickets will be available for purchase on the Festival Web site, [marbleheadfestival.org](http://marbleheadfestival.org). Tickets sold at the door on April 6 will be \$30.

To view Auction items, keep an eye on the Marblehead Festival of Arts Facebook page and the Web site. In addition, for more information, visit [www.MarbleheadFestival.org](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).

PHOTO CUTLINE: This wonderful watercolor by Elaine Caliri Daly will be up for bids that evening.

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### **About Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA)**

Founded in 1962, the Marblehead Festival of Arts has a rich history of 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 and other media) outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, Writers' World, 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 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](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).

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