

# ***Marblehead Festival of Arts***

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### **Marblehead Festival of Arts Features Artisans' Marketplace**

**Marblehead MA (June 5, 2013)** – The Marblehead Festival of Arts (MFoA) announces the very popular Artisans' Marketplace, the 18<sup>th</sup> annual showcase of artists' wares for sale. A highlight of the Festival, which runs this year from July 3-July 7, the Artisans' Marketplace will be held outside Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, on Saturday, July 6 from 10am to 5pm; and on Sunday, July 7 from 10am until 5pm. The Marketplace will be home to 36 artisans from all over Essex County along with the Marblehead Arts Association, which will feature their unique collection of cleverly decorated trays by local artists. Silent auction of the trays will support the MAA scholarship fund.

With 9 new artists joining 27 veterans the Marketplace promises to be exciting, fresh and fun. The price range is wide...Something for everyone to take home. "These artisans are bringing their unique works to the Festival from all over the North Shore and the New England region," said Kiki Taron Kinney, who is co-chairing the event with Pamela Duncan. "This exciting group will provide a diverse and delightful media mix for Festival goers to enjoy."

Some of the artists' distinctive offerings will include many styles of intricate jewelry; hand-blown, painted and stained glass; paintings in many mediums; photography with many themes; a wide variety of ceramic and pottery pieces; well-honed wood furniture; woven baskets; beautiful candles; wide-ranging gift items; and functional and unusual wearable art and accessories.

Among our Marblehead artists are newcomers Dawn LiVigne, (Eos Designs) who creates unique and beautiful woven wire and wire crochet jewelry incorporating gemstones, pearls and unique objects into her work; Ellen Garvey, who makes unique hand blown and sculpted glass in a variety of shapes and colors ranging from the classic to the experimental and Laura-Walsh Rogalski of Swampscott, brings Marblehead Bags which are wallets and bags from hi tech laminate sail cloth in vibrant colors. A complete list of artisans can be found at [www.MarbleheadFestival.org](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).

A special treat for Artisans' browsers and shoppers, for the second year, will be Dario's Satellite Cafe. Serving cold sandwiches, snacks and drinks, Dario will bring a new and delicious dimension to those around Abbot Hall on Saturday and Sunday.

During the four-day run of The Marblehead Festival of Arts, exhibits will be housed at various venues around town. These include Crafts, Drawing, Mixed Media, Painting, Painting-the-Town, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture. Additional exhibits include Senior Art, Youth Art, Student Art and Logo Art. There are also numerous special events, including Performing Arts, Film Festival and many Family-focused activities. Most are free. Please refer to the website for details.

PHOTO OUTLINE: Hand Thrown Porcelaine Vase with Crystalline Glaze made by Teri MacMillan, Surfside Pottery

PHOTO CREDIT: Dave Kinney

PHOTO OUTLINE: Dean DiMarzos Paintings Artisans Market 2012. He will be coming back to the Marketplace for 2013.

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**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, among others), 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 visit [www.MarbleheadFestival.org](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).

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