

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Hosts Tea Room

Marblehead MA (June 5, 2013) – Nestled in with all the activity at the Marblehead Festival of Arts, to be held this year from July 3-July 7, is the Tea Room. Housed in the Wine Cellar of the historic King Hooper Mansion, 8 Hooper Street., the cool and elegant atmosphere of the Tea Room will offer Festival-goers the opportunity to relax and enjoy refreshments. Hours are Thursday, July 4 to Sunday July 7 from 1-4:30pm

The menu will include homemade baked goods, assorted cheeses and fresh fruits, hot tea, iced tea, lemonade and bottled water. “What a lovely place to take a break for conversation and a delicious snack” said chairperson Maggie Raftus. Hosting the Tea Room with Raftus will be Lynne Devoe, Karen McMahon, Betty Spelios, Barbara Traci, Kathy Wilder and Lil Roberts assisted by Marblehead High School National Art Honors Society students.

Lynne Devoe, President of MFoA says “This year we will be featuring select pieces of art work from long time Marblehead artist, Nordia Kay. Ms Kay, recently diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease, found she needed to develop and expand her skills to continue working. With inspiration and courage she demonstrates her new skills through her current “Painting with Parkinson’s” collection but all aspects of her work will be on display. Thirty years ago Nordia paired with Herb Goldberg to initiate the annual Herb-Nordia photo/painting piece, sold at auction annually, raising thousands of dollars for the MFoA.

The King Hooper Mansion is the home of the Marblehead Arts Association (MAA). Festival visitors are welcome to view the MAA summer exhibit. Also housed at the King Hooper Mansion is the Festival of Arts Painting-the-Town exhibit. After capturing the town's scenic beauty on canvas and paper at various locations around town on July 4, artists' plein air work will be displayed at the Mansion beginning July 5 at 2:00pm. At that time, all are invited to a Reception to meet the artists, view the exhibit and cast ballots to determine the People's Choice Award winner.

For more information, visit www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

PHOTO CUT LINE: Some of the delicious food for the Festival Tea Room

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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 (including painting, sculpture, photography and drawing), outdoor music concerts overlooking Marblehead Harbor, the Film Festival, Writers' World, 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 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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