

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Announces Art Auction Fundraiser Saturday, April 4 is the Date for this Annual Marblehead Tradition

Marblehead, MA (March 23, 2009) The Marblehead Festival of Arts announced its annual Art Auction and Wine Tasting, scheduled for Saturday, April 4th at Abbot Hall (188 Washington Street) in Marblehead. The auction begins with a silent auction at 5:00 pm, followed by a live auction at 7:30 PM. The Auction is a fundraiser for the summer Festival of Arts, to be held July 1-5.

Auction items include unique original art, jewelry, gift baskets, gourmet food and wine, floral arrangements, professional services, concert and theatre tickets, and gift certificates to specialty shops, inns, and restaurants. Brian Rolland will provide live entertainment during the silent auction, and three very talented artists will provide on-site demonstrations: Robin Samiljan will demonstrate sumi-e brush painting, Patricia De Carlo Baker will do Nantucket Basket weaving, and Kiki Taron Kinney will be making chain maille jewelry. Their completed works will then be offered in the live auction. Hors d'oeuvres will be provided by Louise Moore of Every Little Breeze catering, and deserts will be supplied by Starlight Creatives and Christine Creager.

The Marblehead Festival of Arts is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization, and admittance to the Art Auction is by a suggested donation of \$20 at the door. Invitations also are available in advance, for a \$15 donation, at Arnould Gallery & Framery (111 Washington St.), Manhattan Sandwich Shop (1 Bessom St.), and Irresistibles (50 Atlantic Ave.).

Those interested in volunteering can call the Festival at 781 639-ARTS or visit the Festival Web site, www.MarbleheadFestival.org.

Photo Caption:

2009_MFoA_plate_artists.jpg: Local artists created unique plate designs for the annual Art Auction. From left, sitting: Tammy Picone Nohelty, April Frost, Robin Taliesen, Susan Fader; standing: Tammy Smith, Elaine Daly, Holly Aloha Jaynes, Robin Samiljan, Kiki Taron Kinney, and T. Magpie (aka Meg Kuker).

Photo Credit for Attached Picture: Herb Goldberg, Marblehead

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 weekend, 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 forty committees. 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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