

Marblehead Festival of Arts

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Marblehead Festival of Arts Features Artisans' Marketplace

Open Air Art Sale Displays New and Returning Artists

Marblehead, MA (June 5, 2009) The Marblehead Festival of Arts announced the return of the ever popular Artisans' Marketplace, a showcase of artists' wares for sale. Part of the summer Arts Festival, Artisans' Marketplace will be held outside Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street, on July 4, from 10 am to 5 pm; and on Sunday, July 5, from 10 am to 4 pm. The Marketplace showcases a variety of arts and crafts works at many different price levels. The Marketplace will be home for 39 artisans along with the Marblehead Arts Association, which will be conducting a silent auction for a collaborative sculpture to help fund their arts scholarship

New artisans include Martha Everson showing her photographs; Lauren Genovesi of Lumiere Lauren, selling soy candles; Peter Newton of Green Mountain Glass, showing his original stained glass designs; Bryan Ruocco of Parawear, displaying products made from military paracord; Deborah Scanlon of Grace Farm Organics, exhibiting her natural bath and body products; and Andrea Schein of Shinyshards, displaying her mosaics. Favorite returnees include Pattie Baker, showing her Nantucket Baskets and demonstrating her weaving techniques; Brooke Pickering, displaying her new hand-painted stoneware; and Kiki Taron Kinney, showcasing her new woven jewelry.

The Marblehead Festival of Arts will run from July 1 through July 5, with art exhibits open Friday and Saturday from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday from noon until 5:00 pm. Exhibits include Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Printmaking, Photography, Mixed Media, Crafts, Senior Art, Youth Art, Student Art, and Logo Art; and a special guest exhibit by ArcWorks. Admission is free.

The challenges of parking in Old Marblehead can be avoided by parking at Marblehead High School, 2 Humphrey Street, and using the free Festival Trolley

which will run on Friday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday from 9:30 am to 11:00 pm, and Sunday from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm. The trolley will stop at Abbot Hall and other exhibit locations.

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

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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