

# ***Marblehead Festival of Arts***

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## **Marblehead Festival of Arts Announces Art Auction Fundraiser Saturday, May 1st is the Date for this Annual Marblehead Tradition**

**Marblehead, MA (April 9, 2010)** — The Marblehead Festival of Arts will hold its annual Art Auction and Wine Tasting, Saturday, May 1, in historic Abbot Hall (188 Washington Street) in Marblehead. Bidding for the Silent Auction will begin the evening at 5:00 pm. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, catered by Dario Puerto; sample desserts provided by Edible Arrangements, Starlight Creatives, and Harbor Sweets; while listening to “a master of classical guitar,” Brian Rolland. Three talented artists will demonstrate their artistry: Martha Quigley, painter, nautical themes; Patricia De Carlo Baker, Nantucket Basket weaving; Pam Haley, jewelry designer.

Once again, the charming and knowledgeable Gene Arnould of Arnould Gallery & Framery will be our auctioneer, beginning the Live Auction at 7:30 PM. Items to be auctioned will 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.

Beginning April 15th, invitations will be available for an advance donation of \$15, at Arnould Gallery & Framery (111 Washington St.), Manhattan Sandwich Shop (1 Bessom St.), and Irresistibles (50 Atlantic Ave.). Admittance to the Art Auction, at the door, will be for a donation of \$20

Those interested in volunteering can call the Festival at 781 639-ARTS or visit the Festival Web site, [www.MarbleheadFestival.org](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).

**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](http://www.MarbleheadFestival.org).

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