

Manchester Arts Festival

Fourth Annual * Saturday, July 23rd 2011

Rain date, Sunday July 24th

fine art * sculpture * paintings * pottery * photography * jewelry * apparel * textiles

For Immediate Release:

The Manchester Arts Festival: Painters and Potters and Jewelers, Oh My!

In the early hours of Saturday, July 23rd, more than a hundred Artists will be arriving in the little town of Manchester-by-the-Sea, original Artwork in tow. They will come from as far away as Vermont and Maine or be neighbors from all over Cape Ann, and they will be setting up their displays and tents on the streets and in the parks of Manchester. Paintings, pottery, sculpture, jewelry, clothing and more will be offered up by the Artists who made the work. This is an opportunity to meet the Artisans and learn about their craft.

This year's Manchester Arts Festival will be the fourth annual event The Manchester Arts Festival was founded by Chuck Hayback, owner of Nor'east Frameworks, and is presented by the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce. Bob Hastings, the Chamber director declares "The Manchester Arts Festival is one of my favorite Chamber events. It is so well run, and everyone, from participant to volunteer to visitor, enjoys it thoroughly. It's always a pleasure to attend and help coordinate. Plus, the setting couldn't be more picture perfect"

Hayback notes, "We have some incredibly talented people coming this year, with more painters than ever, and a selection of jewelry that is really remarkable. There are, as always, some awesome returning Artists and some new ones I am really excited about. An amazing Gyotaku (Japanese fish print) Artist, a woman from the Vineyard who makes gorgeous silk scarves and clothes, a maker of glassware and all the amazing potters. I think we have the makings of the best Arts Festival yet!"

The Festival will take place on Saturday, July 23rd (with a rain date of Sunday, July 24th) between 9 am and 6 pm. It will be located throughout Manchester, including in Reed Park, at Harbor's Point plaza, on the sidewalks through the village and on Town Hall Common. A full day music program will be performed on the steps of town hall, and several free children's activities will be offered through 4pm. Parking will be available at the high school, with an open trolley running back and forth all day, and alternately, the MBTA's Commuter Line stop is situated in the heart of the event.

For more information on the Manchester Arts Festival, please call the Chamber at (978) 283-1601 or visit www.capeannvacations.com or look for the festival's page on Facebook