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**A 55-year Tradition That Never Gets Old
Annual South Shore Art Center Arts Festival: June 18-20, 2010**

Every Father's Day weekend, a sprawling eight-pole tent, hundreds of artists and thousands of visitors transform the oceanside Cohasset Common into one of New England's premier arts festivals. The **South Shore Art Center Arts Festival** has become a tradition for many South Shore and Greater Boston residents—greeting summer with something for everyone: art exhibitions, handmade crafts, music, and summer fare, including lobster rolls and strawberry shortcake provided by local churches.

The centerpiece of the Arts Festival is the Main Exhibition Tent, showcasing hundreds of artists in a Juried Exhibition and a Members' Show. In addition, nearly 100 juried craft artists offer unique products. Art comes to life as ceramicists, wood carvers and painters demonstrate their work. The popular KidsTent showcases a Young Artists' Exhibition and offers children the opportunity for hands-on creativity. Musical entertainment ranges from bluegrass to jazz to the popular "O'Reilly's." This year will also feature David Ogden, a singer-songwriter from Cohasset who will perform his homage to the South Shore "1-4-3, The Lighthouse Song," from his album *No Better Place*.

"Each year, it's more challenging to produce a festival that balances the successes of the past with new and different activities and artists. The art exhibitions – which are the real foundation of the Arts Festival—help us to meet these challenges. We are always impressed with the freshness and quality of the work in both the juried

show and our Members' show," comments Sarah Hannan, South Shore Art Center executive director.

In addition to the art exhibitions, tents are spread out throughout the Cohasset Common with studio artisans selling jewelry, ceramics, fine art, photography, clothing, home and garden products, and more.

Festival hours are Friday, June 18, 2-7 pm; Saturday, June 19, 10 am-7 pm; and Sunday, June 20, noon –5 pm. A free trolley shuttles visitors from parking at South Shore Music Circus. A \$5.00 entrance donation is requested. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.ssac.org, or phone 781-383-2787.

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