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ART FOR THE SEAS: A BENEFIT FOR THE NATIONAL MARINE LIFE CENTER

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On September 26, 2010 the National Marine Life Center of Buzzards Bay will sponsor a silent auction featuring coastal art from some of the most well know artists on Cape Cod. The money from this auction will go toward completing the current phase of the Center's new marine wildlife hospital and opening for the fall stranding season. Once open, the Center's hospital will be able to care for stranded sea turtles and seals rescued along our shores. Future construction phases will add rehabilitation pools for dolphins, porpoises, and pilot whales. Presently without this local facility, many animals have to be transported to distant centers, left on the beach, or euthanized.

"Art for the Seas" is a silent auction and elegant reception with champagne and hors d'oeuvres hosted by the Briarwood Estate and Conference Center at 586 Shore Road, Monument Beach, MA. The event will be held Sunday September 26 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Arnold Desmarais, a much sought after artist on Cape Cod, has created our signature painting for the auction. "Toni the Turtle" is a magnificent under water view of one of our most treasured sea creatures. You may view his work and other participating artists in at the National Marine Life Center's web site: www.nmlc.org.

Other participating artists include: Jack Ahlin, Selma Alden, Ken Carson, Louann Corrado, Kathy Edmonston, Audrey Forge, Herb Holden, Caitlin Hurd, Kristina Joyce, Kathryn Kleekamp, Gunjan Laborde, Robert Mesrop, Sandy O'Connor, Barry Olofsson, Robert K. Roark, Candice Ronesi, Odin Smith, Elizabeth Tylesbury, Kate Walls, and Karen North Wells.

Admission for this first annual event is a \$35 per person donation. Tickets may be purchased at the National Marine Life Center, 120 Main Street Buzzards Bay, on-line at nmlc@nmlc.org, or at the door.

The National Marine Life Center is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) marine animal hospital, science, and education center dedicated to rehabilitating for release stranded sea turtles, seals, dolphins, porpoises, and small whales, and to advancing scientific knowledge and education in marine wildlife health and conservation. NMLC has nearly completed the second phase of their new marine animal hospital that, when complete, will allow them to rehabilitate endangered sea turtles and seals. Future construction phases will add pools for dolphins and pilot whales, as well as education classrooms and a new public visitors' center.

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