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Marina International Festival of the Winds Cancelled for 2013

The Board of Directors for The Marina Foundation, sponsors of the Marina International Festival of the Winds, has announced that the Festival is being put on hiatus for 2013.

"After thirteen successful yet increasingly difficult years, we have decided to focus our efforts on our Senior Van project" stated Foundation President Steve Emerson. "Our traditional sponsors are not in a position to help us with both projects due to the overall economy. We need to prioritize our efforts this year".

The Marina Foundation is working towards a \$20,000 matching grant from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, host of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, to fund an ADA equipped van for the City of Marina's senior program. "The Board realizes the importance to our Senior Community to have this van. We have decided to focus all of our efforts in accomplishing our fundraising goals for the Van for the benefit of the Marina Senior community", Emerson continued. To date, the Foundation has raised just over half of the monies needed for the matching grant. The deadline to match the grant for the Senior Van is June 1, 2013.

The Board will review the status of the 2014 Festival later in the year.

For the past thirteen years, the Marina International Festival of the Winds has been held over Mother's Day Weekend, either as a one- or two-day celebration of the wind. The Festival has had free admission and has focused on wind-related activities and fun for the whole family.

The Festival has featured kite flying, wind-related art and science projects, giant kite demonstrations, a kite-making workshop, food, vendor and informational booths, live music and entertainment, and a giant inflatable air park. These activities and live music have been available to all at the Festival's main venue at Glorya Jean Tate Park. A skate board competition has also been held on Saturdays at Marina Skate Park.

The annual event over Mother's Day weekend was also created to provide local businesses and non-profit organizations a showcase opportunity in a casual family atmosphere as well as creating a fun and educational experience for adults and kids alike.

For further information, please call (831) 717-4117 or visit the website: www.marinafestival.com. The Festival has been a community-wide free family event under the umbrella of The Marina Foundation - a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Public Charity. Please see: www.themarinafoundation.org.