



KR's Metal Art Forms

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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K.R.'s metal art to be featured in *Sailing the Southcoast and Beyond* exhibition

New Bedford, MA – An artist reception will be held at Crowell's Fine Art and Fine Framing on the evening of July 30, 2012 to highlight the artwork of three local artists: Kirt Rebello, Ann T. Converse and John K. Robson and kick-off the two month exhibition: "Sailing the Southcoast and Beyond."

The Southcoast of MA boasts a rich maritime history. Since this region was settled it's inhabitants have depended on the sea for everything from food to fuel to pure fun. As the economy of the region developed, twice making New Bedford the richest city in the world, so too did the creative community grow. Our international port brought us diversity and the influence of many cultures. New Bedford became an international city welcoming people from far away lands and offering them opportunity both on land and at sea.

Those early cultural influences persist in the cityscape and faces you find here today. Sailing the Southcoast is an exhibition that brings together two vital aspects of our communities rich heritage, art and the sea, from the unique perspectives of three talented local artists. Crowell's is proud to be exhibiting the work of award winning contemporary photographers Anne T. Converse and John K. Robson. The photographs are punctuated with the joy-filled sculptures of Kirt Rebello. The Southcoast we know today is a port of origin as well as a destination sought by many commercial and recreational sailors. The Southcoast offers breathtaking views, challenging waters and a safe haven. Sailing: The Southcoast and Beyond offers us a glimpse of the waters that lap our shores and those that carry us across the seas to distant ports.

About Kirt and K.R.'s Metal Art Forms: KR's Metal Art Forms is the artistic outlet for the metal creations of Kirt Rebello. Kirt has been practicing metal fabrication as a hobby for more than 20 years until he "succumbed to the pull" of metal fabrication and metal art that had consistently occupied his mind since childhood, and started K.R.'s Metal Art Forms in April of 2012 as a full-time endeavor. Prior to embarking on this endeavor, Kirt served for 12 years in the United States Marine Corps, until returning to the Southcoast in the late 90's, where he then worked in management and procurement for several local companies. In 2004 Kirt began a career in philanthropy on the national stage when he helped launch the nationwide nonprofit Homes For Our Troops (HFOT - www.homesforourtroops.org) as one of its founding members. He eventually became HFOT's Vice President and Chief Projects Officer until 2008 when he started KMR Consulting Services (www.kmrconsultingservices.com) where he provided organizational, donor and networking development services, along with media relations management, for several local and national nonprofits. He holds a bachelor degree in Business Administration from UMASS – Dartmouth. For more information visit: (<http://www.metalartforms.com/about/kirts-bio/>).

Please consider covering the reception:

- **Who:** Artists Kirt Rebello, Ann T. Converse and John K. Robson, and Crowell's Ownership
- **What:** Media availability for artist reception of "Sailing the Southcoast and Beyond"
- **When:** July 30, 2012 from 6:00-8:00 PM
- **Where:** Crowell's Fine Art and Fine Framing, 382 Acushnet Ave., New Bedford, MA 02740
- **Web:** <http://crowellsfineart.com> and <http://metalartforms.com>