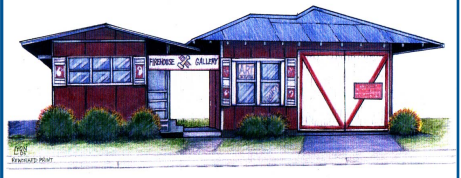


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WAC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the arts, the encouragement of artists, and providing a forum for art-related community events.

In the Firehouse Main Gallery

"Cherry Blossoms"

January 28 - February 28, 2014



The Waimea Arts Council is sponsoring the "22nd Annual Cherry Blossom Art Exhibition" at its Firehouse Gallery. This annual show features original art, as well as prints and cards, by the island artist members of the Waimea Arts Council. The exhibition will be on display during the entire month of February, and is held in conjunction with the 22nd Annual Waimea



Cherry Blossom Festival, which is held on Feb. 7. The gallery will be open from 8 am - 4 pm on Festival Day, and there will be artists painting on easels on the lawn outside of the gallery (or in the Senior Center if it is raining.

**Cherry Blossom
Festival Sat. Feb. 7.
Gallery open
8 am - 4 pm.**

talented Hawaii artists due to her innovative use of found materials and continuous experimentation utilizing both ancient and modern technologies.

Working out of her Kamuela studio she creates decorative and functional art including fused glass sculptures and bowls while continuing to explore various

type of photography. She was the first artist-in-residence at the Keaau Recycling & Reuse Center when it opened in 2003. She is on the board of Recycle Hawaii and The



Waimea Arts Council, as well as a member of the Hamakua Artisans' Guild. Jay holds a Fine Art degree from the University of Kansas and has lived in Kamuela for almost 30 years, freelancing as a graphic artist and designer when not making art. West's art can be seen at the Firehouse Gallery in Waimea or contact the artist by email: artglass@aloha.net or cell/text: 808-885-7812.

The art chosen to represent the 2015 Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival is "Spring Blossoms", a glass sculpture by award winning Waimea artist J. Jay West. The image is featured on the Program booklet and on the official collector's poster.

This 14 x 11" impressionistic style transparent sculpture expresses the life, depth and passion Jay feels towards our community. "As I walk under the cherry trees when blossoming I succumb to the shifting transparency of the various colors of the blossoms," Jay recalls. "This was my inspiration." The original piece is available for sale in the gallery.

West blends her passion for recycling with the creation of one of a kind art. For "Spring Blossoms" she upcycled four layers of used picture framer's glass. Her work stands out amongst the many

2015 Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival

Official Collector's Poster

LIMITED EDITION
only \$10

Collector's posters go on sale Jan. 29 for \$10 each at the Firehouse Gallery.

The poster displays this year's featured art, a glass sculpture by Waimea eco-artist J. Jay West.

Poster's are only available at

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www.WaimeaArtsCouncil.org
FB: Firehouse Gallery and Waimea Arts Council

Festival Day Activities at the Gallery

Sidewalk Chalk Art: All ages are invited to get creative with chalk on the concrete and surrounding sidewalks at Waimea Historic Corner Park during the festival. Bring your own chalk or use the Waimea Art Council's. Artists and wannabe artists can express themselves visually during the festival. Parents must supervise their own children in this area.

Artists on the lawn: Member artists of WAC are invited to set up their easels on the lawn around the gallery or at Church Row on this day. If you paint at Church Row, stop into the gallery ahead of time and get postcards to distribute while you are there, telling about WAC and our current show.

In the Back Gallery

Small Solo Shows

January/February

Beginning January 17 and running through February, the Back Gallery will feature small solo shows by Irina Place, Pat Dinsman, and Linda Simrose.



Images from solo shows - (Clockwise, l to r)

"Rainbow Shower", watercolor by Irina Place,

"Gentle Koi" acrylic by Linda Simrose , "

"Moonlit Cranes" oil on canvas by Pat Dinsman



ANNOUNCING THE 31ST ANNUAL NA 'OPIO JUNIOR JURIED ART SHOW

MARCH IS YOUTH ART MONTH – and the Waimea Arts Council has invited students in **Grade Levels 6 through 12 only**, in schools or home-schooled, throughout the North and South Kohala and Hamakua districts, to submit works of art to be juried and displayed at the Firehouse Gallery, March 4 through 21, 2015. Interested students, teachers, or parents may contact Janice Gail, Youth Art Show Chair, at janicegailart@aol.com, or (808)936-1449 for information and Rules of Entry. Rules can also be found at www.waimeaartscouncil.org. Entries must be submitted on or before Feb. 28 at 3 pm.

The winners will be announced in the media on Monday, March 2nd. The public is invited to attend a Reception and awards ceremony for the young Artists and their families on SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2015, 3 – 5 PM at the Gallery.

Donations are welcome to help fund awards for the youth show.

"Our Pets" next month in Back Gallery

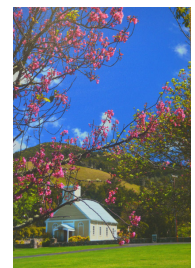
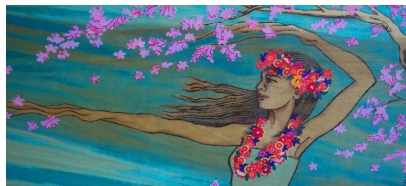
During March, the Back Gallery will feature "Our Pets". Members are invited to bring in artwork depicting their cats, dogs, fish, horses, or any other manner of pet - photos, paintings, sculpture - use your imagination!

A taste of the artwork on exhibit at the Cherry Blossom Show: L to R,

"Cherry Blossom Hula", mixed media by Anna Sullivan,

"Pink and Green I", oil by Marie Kinchla

"Imiola Church with Cherry Blossoms", photograph by Barbara Schaefer



Firehouse Gallery 2015 Calendar

Calendar is tentative and is subject to change.

MG - Main gallery, BG - Back gallery

- Jan. 18-Feb. 28 **BG** - Small solos Irina Place, Pat Dinsman, Linda Simrose plus "Flowers"
- Jan. 28-Feb. 28 **MG** - "Cherry Blossoms" (member show)
- Feb. 7 22nd Annual Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival. Gallery open 8 - 4.
- Mar. 4-21 **MG** - 31st Annual Na 'Opio Junior Juried Art Show
- Mar. 4-Apr. 11 **BG** - "Our Pets" member show. Cats, dogs, birds, horses and whatever.
- Mar. 8 Reception for Na 'Opio Show
- Mar. 22-29 **MG** - Sunglasses Project
- Apr. 1-10 **MG** - Recycle Hawaii Kid's Show (1 wk)
- Apr.15-May 30 **BG** - Small Solos Collie Will, Carolyn Lancaster, Marty Allen, Jay West, Dennis Cigainero
- April 15-May 30 **MG** - Earth Day project "Our Aina" - Hawaiian Landscape, seascape, plants, animals and art from recycling
- Apr. 18 Reception
- Jun. 3-Jul 18 **MG** - "Summer Fun" member show incl. Rodeo & 4th of July
- June/July **BG** - Small solos Terry Bensch, Anna Sullivan, Mary Fallon, Bernt Grundseth
- Jun. 6 Reception
- Jul 22-Aug. 29 **MG** - Master's Show
- BG** - "Anything Goes" member show
- Sep. 2-26 **MG** - Solo show - Barbara Schaefer
- BG** - "Paniolo and Parade" member show
- October **MG** - 31st Annual Helen Cassidy Memorial Juried Show
- BG** - to be decided
- November **MG** - "Hawaii's Most Stunning Colors" member show
- BG** - to be decided
- December **MG** - "Holiday Affordable Art"
- BG** - to be decided

For questions or comments on the schedule, contact Pat Dinsman at pldinsman@hawaii.rr.com

About our Murals

The Cherry Blossom mural that is currently on the side of the Firehouse Gallery was originally painted by Jean Cot'e (1926-2009) and David Gomes of Waimea as a backdrop for the stage and band under the tent on Church Row during one of the first Cherry Blossom Festivals in 1996.

As a community service, David Gomes and friends rotate the mural with other murals, including a Hawaiian mural by St. Joseph's Art Class, a Waimea landscape scene painted by Vinny Thom, and also occasionally with a Christmas mural - painted by David Gomes and other members of the Waimea Community Chorus.



A big thank you to David and his friends for their work in taking care of and rotating these pieces of art!

If other individuals or groups are interested in displaying an 8' x 16' mural relating to Hawaiian, Paniolo or Waimea life on the outside of the Firehouse Gallery, please contact Amaury St. Gilles (amaury96780@hawaiiantel.net).



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What is The SUNGLASS Project?

Most residents or visitors to Hawaii regard a pair or two of sunglasses as a basic accessory for everyday use. But Waimea's **BETTY WEBSTER** has gone a bit beyond a pair or two in her "hobby" of collecting unusual sunglasses. And as a result of her quest she's known to most people in North Kohala. The woman wearing colourful muumuus and those amazing sunglasses is how many know her if not by name.

To help Auntie Betty achieve international fame WAC is hosting an opportunity for **EVERYONE** to be a visual part of getting a record on film of each of her collected 1200+ pairs. From March 22nd (Sunday) thru the following Sunday (March 29) WAC's Firehouse Gallery will show her collection, thus giving a chance for anyone coming in to model a pair for posterity. Why? Well the Guinness Book of Records is waiting for this visual accounting of her collection so they can add her to their next published listing.

Please mark these 8 days (**MARCH 22 ~ 29**) on your calendars and bring your family, while encouraging all your friends to come-by too. Lets make this a special Kohala thank you to a woman who spreads smiles throughout the year to one and all. Wouldn't it be wonderful for the whole Kohala community to help take photos of all 1200 pair, thus spreading smiles round the world?

Blind Auction for Ian Haight Painting Bidding ends Feb. 7

"Mauna Kea Cherry Blossoms", an acrylic painting by Ian Haight, has been donated to the Waimea Arts Council for auction, and is on display at the gallery. All proceeds go to WAC.



Ian is a former member of WAC, now living on Maui. In the past, he has had shows at the Firehouse Gallery and Puu Opelu in Waimea. He mostly paints ocean and surf scenes and has won several awards in past Helen Cassidy shows.

This will be a blind auction - bids to be put in a jar in the gallery so no one can see them, and the highest bid wins. Minimum bid is \$100. Bidding will close at 4 pm on Feb. 7. If there is a tie, the top bidders will be contacted and allowed to make another higher bid. Come in soon to see this beautiful painting and make an offer. **Mahalo,**

Community Events coming up...

Kahilu Theatre 885-6868 kahilutheatre.org

Feb. 7 **"Family Fun Day"** The Kahilu Theatre celebrates the blooming of the cherry blossoms in Waimea with free entertainment and hands-on activities, for a fun and interactive "open house".

Events planned are: chanayu, or Japanese tea ceremony, origami, feather lei-making and ikebana (Japanese flower arranging), and even hanafuda – card playing. Live music on the lyre, flute, guitar and keyboards will accompany dance and song. There will be dance and acting classes - Hula, ballet, hip hop, acting games, contemporary dance and breakdance lessons will be free and "drop-in", and offered for all ages. The Kahilu also will provide Hula Hoops, Pavement Chalks and seating outdoors. Jodini Hawaii will amaze with his magic show and balloons at 1 pm. No charge.

Feb. 12 **Harlem Quartet** 7 pm. This string quartet is composed of first-place laureates of the Sphinx Competition for Black and Latino string players. The widely acclaimed group advances diversity in classical music, while bringing excitement to repertoire ranging from Ravel and Haydn to Wynton Marsalis and Chick Corea. Youth Show earlier in day. \$66/\$46/\$36/\$20

Feb. 14 **"A Tribute to Patsy Cline"** 5 pm. A romantic concert for Valentine's evening, - from the renowned country singer Joni Morris, and a full backing band from the Big Island led by Gary Washburn. \$44/\$34/\$24/\$14

Feb 15 **"Kid Pan Alley"** 4 pm. Featuring children from Hawai'i Preparatory Academy and Kohala Elementary Schools. Eight children from each school will sing a song. \$5/12 and under free.

Feb. 22 **"Peace on Your Wings"** 2 pm. Created by the students

at Ohana Arts, it is the inspirational story of Sadako, a 12 year old who is diagnosed with leukemia and is inspired by the legend that if you fold 1000 paper cranes, you will live a long life. \$20/\$15/\$10.

Feb. 24 **R. Carlos Nakai and Peter Kater** 7:30 pm. With 21 Grammy Award nominations combined, Native American flutist, R. Carlos Nakai, and Pianist/Composer, Peter Kater's 25 year collaboration has produced some of the most memorable and ground breaking recordings in the New Age and World Music genres. Their music is intimate, intelligent, soulful, soaring and heart centered. \$47/\$37/\$27.

Feb. 26 **"Abraham.In.Motion - Pavement"** 7 pm. Kyle Abraham continues to create movement that is fresh and controversial. Born into hip hop culture in the late 70's and grounded in Abraham's artistic upbringing in classical cello, piano, and the visual arts, his "neo hip-hop" style is redolent with urban, macho energy. \$66/\$46/\$36/\$20

Feb. 28 **Honokaa Jazz Band** 7 pm. Our own world-class jazz band – Grammy awardees on our door step! The Honoka'a Jazz Band is the most accredited jazz band on the Big Island, led by acclaimed composer, musician, and educator Gary Washburn. The Band is a group of advanced music students who uphold a long tradition of excellence at Honoka'a High and Intermediate School. \$30/\$25/\$20/\$15

Mahalo to our Volunteers

The following members volunteered during the month of January. Mahalo! Most hours - Jay West

Docents: Anna Sullivan, Dennis Cigainero, Norma Watt, Teresa Crowell, Julie McCue, Kasem Nithipatikom, Terry Bensch, Linda Simrose, Pat Dinsman, Corey Humphrey, Carolyn Lancaster, Merna Joan Watta, Susie Cysewski, Marie Kinchla, Barbara Schaefer, Bernt Grundseth, Suzanne Haight.

Other: Barbara Schaefer, Jay West, Julie McCue, Linda Simrose, Carolyn Lancaster, Judy Folk, Pat Dinsman.

The Firehouse Gallery is the most visible project of the Waimea Arts Council, an all-volunteer non-profit organization that sponsors programs, exhibits and education related to the arts.

It is strategically located in the heart of downtown Kamuela in South Kohala's historic old fire station, at the crossroads of Mamalahoa Highway and Lindsey Rd. (Hwy. 19 and 190), across from the Waimea Chevron. Exhibits change monthly. The gallery is open Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 11 am to 3 pm, and Sat., 9 am to 3 pm. There is plenty of free parking behind the gallery.

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