WAIMEA ARTS COUNCIL

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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 Gallery Front Gallery

"Springtime and Cherry Blossoms"

January 31, 2018 - February 24, 2018

February is springtime in Waimea and the time to celebrate "Hanami," the viewing of the flowers. February 3rd, 2018 is the 25th annual Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival. For each of these 25 years, the Waimea Arts Council has sponsored the cherry blossom art exhibition at the Firehouse Gallery to coincide with the festival. This year the annual show will feature "Springtime and Cherry Blossoms." Original art, prints, cards, and fine crafts will be for sale by artist members and will be on display from January 31st through February 24th. A percentage of all sales will be donated by the artists to the Council to fund various community art educational programs.

The featured artwork for the 2018 Cherry Blossom Festival and the art exhibition is "Celebrating the Bloom", a mixed media wood piece by Waimea artist Anna Sullivan. This unique 28" x 48" wall piece is framed in curly mango.

Cherry Blossom Festival Saturday, Feb. 3 Gallery open 8am - 4pm

Anna says of herself and her art, "Born Anna Moff, and



"Celebrating the Bloom" mixed media by Anna Sullivan

using Anna Sullivan since marrying nearly 20 years ago, I was drawn to all forms of art since I was very young. Graduating with a BFA in 1986 from FSU, I have continued to create a variety of pieces including ceramics, weaving, painting, mosaics drawings. In 2014 I began a mixed media method that combines fabric, wood burning and paint. The use of patterned fabric, cut and assembled on wood panels, has a mosaic feel. Having danced hula for a few years, the spirit that embodies this dance is near and dear to me. "Celebrating the Bloom" is the largest of three works I have

made depicting hula dancers during Waimea's Cherry Blossom Festival."

Sullivan's original piece "Celebrating the Bloom", is available for sale at the Firehouse Gallery, along with other pieces in her unique style of combining fabric and wood. In addition, Sullivan's work will be featured on the 2018 commemorative event poster, available only at the Firehouse Gallery and priced at \$10 each.

Visitors to the gallery on Cherry Blossom Festival Day can try their creative hands at chalk drawing 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 please supervise your children in this area.

Also available at the Historic Corner on February 3rd, will be a wide range of wontons, from savory meats to dessert treats, provided by Any Kine Wontons. Many other activities, crafts and entertainment will be available throughout

Waimea Town on this day.

The Gallery will be open from 8 am to 4 pm on February 3rd. Regular hours are 11am to 3pm Wednesday through Friday and Sunday, with extended hours of 10am to 3pm on Saturdays.

In the Firehouse Gallery Back Gallery

Small Solos

January 24 - March 3, 2018

Beginning on January 24 and running through February, the Back Gallery will feature the artwork of five member artists who work in a variety of mediums: Jim Carlson, Carolyn Lancaster, Julie McCue, Irina Place and Barbara Schaefer.

Jim Carlson was born in Los Angeles, grew up east of San Francisco Bay and migrated to Seattle for an engineering position at the University of Washington Applied Physics Laboratory. He pursued oil painting and photography as a youth and remained active as an amateur astronomer and photographer during his engineering career.

He finds the process of transfer printing digital photos onto various media and adding hand painted elements most expressive. This relatively new process along with special artist's materials developed by Bonnie Lhotka. His choice of images for transfer printing is wide ranging and include: high-speed landscapes, photographs, nightscapes botanical images. The finished pieces for this show are transfer prints onto watercolor paper or plastic each with



"Twilight A'Bay" mixed media by Jim Carlson



"Shell Ginger" Watercolor by Carolyn Lancaster

added hand painted elements. "I hope that these pieces evoke an emotional response in the viewer."

Carolyn Lancaster is an award-winning artist and prior to moving to Hawaii, her work was featured in galleries on the Mendocino Coast of California. She is now residing, painting, and drawing here in North Kohala, on the Big Island of Hawaii. Having explored many media throughout her lifetime, she began focusing her attention to watercolors in

1995 and became fascinated by the serendipity and intensity possible with this medium. Carolyn truly enjoys capturing in watercolor, as well as in acrylic, oil, and charcoal, the beauty and Aloha Spirit she sees in the world.

It is with deep gratitude and joy that she shares her art with you.

Julie McCue retired and moved from Minneapolis to North Kohala in 1994. With more time on her hands, the urge to try painting kicked in, and she settled on watercolor as a medium. Julie concentrates on nature and a majority of her paintings are of flowers. She likes to focus on close ups and the textures you find when you zoom in on a flower or even a tree. She especially likes to use bright color and is experimenting with pouring



"Torch Ginger Poured" Watercolor by Julie McCue

colors. She was greatly honored to have one of her



"Ukulele Lady" Acrylic and Collage by Irina Place

paintings purchased by the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for their Art in Public Places program.

Irina Place started painting when she came to Hawaii as a response to the natural beauty of the island. She paints mainly in watercolor, as it is the most unpredictable and fascinating medium, but also experiments with acrylic, oil and collage. She considers the Firehouse Gallery the most stimulating venue for the Big Island artists. Irina also had one of her paintings purchased by the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts - a result of their visiting the Helen M. Cassidy Memorial Juried Show, an annual event held by the Waimea Arts Council.

Barbara Schaefer - Ever since wandering the family farm in Wisconsin with her father and picking wild berries with

her mother when she was a child, Barbara Schaefer has always enjoyed a "walk in the woods." Her rural childhood and her profession in astronomy gave her a deep appreciation for dark night skies and other beauty of the natural world. Barbara's photography has allowed her to share nature and special



"Colors of Lehua" Photograph by Barbara Schaefer

moments with others. Her small solo photography show titled "Trees" will feature an assortment of trees native to Hawai'i along with a few iconic tree scapes from the mainland. The images capture the majesty, the beauty, and a bit of whimsy of Trees.

Welcome to new members...

Kuniko Watanabe, Waimea - *supporting member*John Balczwski, Waimea - *supporting member*

Artists' Get-Together

The Artists' Get-Together will meet on Sunday, February 11, at 2 pm in the gallery. The discussion will be about glass vs. plexiglass. They will also talk about using a digital portfolio to present your art or photography.

This is a monthly event that takes place on the second Sunday of each month and promotes discussion on a range of issues that affect artists. All artists are welcome, including non-members.

Please RSVP to Pat as space is limited. No charge bring a snack; ice tea will be provided.

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 Shell Station. Exhibits change monthly.

The gallery is open Wed.-Fri. and Sun., 11 am to 3 pm, and Sat., 10 am to 3 pm. There is plenty of free parking behind the gallery.

Community Events coming up...

Kahilu Theatre 885-6868 kahilutheatre.org

- Feb. 2, 7 pm. Cuarteto Latinamericano. One of the world's most renowned classical music ensembles, Cuarteto Latinamericano has been the leading proponent of Latin American music for string guartet. They have premiered more than one hundred works written for them and they continue to introduce new, and neglected composers to the genre.\$68/\$48/\$25
- Feb. 4, 7 pm. Okareka Dance Company "Mana Wahine". An all-female work by Okareka Dance Company that draws strength from traditional Maori culture to illustrate a tapestry of dance, theatre and film.\$68/\$48/\$25
- Feb. 6, 10 am. MOVIE: "Honolulu" A movie star trades places with a Hawaiian plantation owner. (Robert Young, Eleanor Powell, George Burns, & Gracie Allen). \$10
- Feb. 9, 7 pm. "Love, Loss and What I Wore". A play of monologues amd ensemble pieces about women, clothes and memory covering all the important subjects - mothers. prom dresses, mothers, buying bras, mothers, hating purses and why we only wear black. Based on the best selling book by Ilene Beckerman. \$25
- Feb. 10-11, Sat. 7 pm Sun., 4 pm. "Makana" After two soldout shows last season, Makana returns to our Kahilu stage. A dazzling, internationally acclaimed guitarist, singer, composer, and activist, he is widely known for lending his musical talent for social change. A protégé of the Hawaiian

- slack key guitar legends, including Bobby Moderow Jr. and the late master, Uncle Sonny Chillingworth, Makana has dedicated his life to perpetuating as well as evolving the traditional Hawaiian slack key or ki ho'alu. \$68/\$48/\$25.
- Feb. 13, 10 am. MOVIE: "Blue Hawaii". A Hawaiian playboy (Elvis Presley) defies his possesive mother to take a job with a tourist agency. \$10
- Feb. 16, 6 pm. Kahilu Gold: Robert Cazimero. The one and only Robert Cazimero will provide a first ever Kahilu Gold concert. Described as one whose music makes us take flight, we are so exceptionally grateful to present this Hawaiian legend up close and personal. Kahilu Theatre's Gold Series offers event goers an up close and personal experience of live music set against a backdrop of starry skies, indigo ocean views, and exquisite Hawaiian style hospitality. Venue to be provided later. \$175
- Feb. 17, 7 pm. Cyrus Chestnut Trio. Described as the best jazz pianist of his generation, Cyrus Chestnut leads his trio in a performance of both original tunes and Jazz standards. "I like to construct melodies that tell stories, based on what I've seen, what I feel and what I hear," Chestnut explains. "If I can connect to what I am playing, then I'll be able to share it." \$68/\$48/\$25
- Feb. 19, 4 pm. **Hawaii Youth Symphony**. Hawaii Youth Symphony's premier orchestra Youth Symphony will return to Kahilu Theatre on President's Day 2018. The orchestra, composed of 106 students from Oahu and Maui, performed on "From The Top" last year. Maestro Joseph Stepec will lead them. \$10

FIREHOUSE GALLERY 2018 UPCOMING CALENDAR... (subject to change)

Front Gallery:

"Springtime and Cherry Blossoms" January 31 - Feb. 24 "34th Annual Na 'Opio Youth Art Show" (take-in February 24)) February 28 - March 18 Reception for Youth Show March 4, 2 pm

"Dual Retrospective" remembering Denise Ulrich and Patricia Dahleimer March 21 - April 15

(benefit for Humane Society)

Reception for Dual Retrospective March 25, 2-5 pm

"Earth Day and Ocean Conservation" (Take-in april 15) April 18 - May 27

"Hawaiian Culture" (Take-in May 26) May 30 - June 30

"Summer Fun" (Take-in June 30) July 4 - 29

All Island Juried Show (Take-in July 28) August 1 - 26 **Tandem Show**

August 29 - Sept. 28 34th Annual Helen M Cassidy Memorial Juried Show (Take-in Sept. 29) October 3 - 28

Reception for Helen M. Cassidy Show October 6

"Hawaiian Landscapes" November 1 - 25 "Affordable Art" December 1 - 30

Back Gallery:

"Small Solos" - James Carlson, Carolyn Lancaster, Julie McCue, Irina Place, and Barbara Schaefer January 24- March 3

"Anything Goes" (take-in March 3) March 7 - 24

Invitation to WAC artists to show

See calendar for full schedule and take-in dates.

March Back gallery - "Anything Goes" - please no large pieces.

April/May - "Earth Day and Ocean Conservation" - seascapes and marine life Also recycled art - honoring Earth Day April 22

June Front Gallery - "Hawaiian Culture"

July Front Gallery - "Summer Fun"

August Front Gallery - **Juried Show** for all-island. Any subject.

October - Helen M. Cassidy Juried Show - any subject.

Mahalo to our Volunteers

The following members volunteered during the month of January:

Docents: Anna Sullivan, Ilmar Reinvald, Carolyn Lancaster, Marty Allen, Barbara Schaefer, Marie Kinchla, Pat Dinsman, Terry Bensch, Trudy Bensch, Merna Watta, Janice Gail, Julie McCue, Trish Kimball,.

Other: Barbara Schaefer, Pat Dinsman, Carolyn Lancaster, James Carlson, Trish Kimball, Susan Harris.

A big special Mahalo to Pat Dinsman and James Carlson who have been working hard to clean things out of the storage closets and provide a clutter-free gallery.

Also a big thanks to Norma Watt and Trish Kimball who hung the Affordable Art show in December when Pat was sick. They saved the day!

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Saturday, February 10 at 2:30, following the gallery committee meeting. Please contact any member of the board if there is a subject which you would like to present or have discussed.

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Coming up....

In celebration of National Youth Art Month, Waimea Arts Council announces the 34th Annual Nā `Ōpio Art Show and Competition for artists ages 11-17 in the North and South Kohala and Hamākua Districts.

The show will run from February 28th through March 18th at the Firehouse Gallery in Waimea. A reception and presentation of awards will be held Sunday, March 4th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

For more information call or text Wendi Roehrig at (808) 756-0823 or email wendi.roehrig@gmail.com.

Workshop Update

We are working hard to provide more workshops and classes for our members as well as the general public. Organizing them and scheduling them is a job that Pat has been taking on in addition to her curator duties. We NEED someone to step up and take over this work to take some of the burden off of Pat. Please contact Pat if you would be willing to take over as a Workshop Coordinator... we need many volunteers to make this a successful organization, and if everyone would take on a small part, we can make it work together.