

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 "Earth Day and Ocean Conservation"

April 18 - May 27, 2018

Continuing through May 27, the Waimea Arts Council presents an art exhibition on Earth Day and Ocean Conservation at their Firehouse Gallery in Waimea. This special art and fine craft show gives island artists an opportunity to promote ocean conservation through all mediums of art and fine craft, including photography and sculpture. It features endangered marine animals, such as sea turtles, monk seals, and humpback whales, as well as scenes showing the beauty of the ocean, both above and below the water.

The article at the right was written by one of our newest members. Dr. Rob Shallenberger, who is a photographer with a great interest in conservation.



"Cruising on Ocean Floor"
acrylic by Josh Gerbert



"Turtle and Fish"
acrylic by Merna Joan Watta



"Spotted Toby"
acrylic by
Susun Gallery



"Red-Tailed Tropicbird in Flight"
photo by Rob Shallenberger

"Underwater
World" oil by
Norma Watt



"Mana Kai" oil by Terry Bensch



Conservation of Hawaiian Seabirds

Earth Day is an appropriate time of year to focus attention on the diverse array of seabirds that depend on the islands and atolls of the Hawaiian archipelago for their survival. Nearly 15 million birds, representing two dozen different species, nest on the sandy and rocky islands.

They divide up the nesting habitat by selecting preferred sites in burrows, under vegetation or in shrubs or trees. Many Hawaiian seabirds are monogamous, returning each year with the same mate. Albatross return to dense surface colonies while petrels and shearwaters find secure habitat in sandy burrows. Frigatebirds and some boobies build elaborate nests on beach naupaka. White terns lay their egg on a branch, with no nest material. Most seabirds lay a single egg each year, but they may live for decades. One Laysan albatross that nests on Midway Atoll is known to be at least 66 years old.

Hawaii's seabirds face enormous conservation challenges. Their survival is tied directly to the condition of pelagic and nearshore habitat that provides the food species on which they depend. Seabird populations can fluctuate dramatically, the result of both natural and human-caused events.

such as climate change, oil spills, predation, storms, flooding, disease and starvation. Invasive vegetation can virtually destroy nesting habitat. Rats, mice and other predators can directly impact productivity of seabird colonies. Plastics and other contaminants are pervasive throughout the marine environment. Abandoned nets and other debris take a heavy toll as well.

Na Manu Kai is the name given to the Hawaiian seabird population as a whole, but early Hawaiians gave most species a Hawaiian name of their own. For example, The Hawaiian Petrel ('u'au) was harvested and reserved for the 'alii. Seabird feathers were taken to adorn ceremonial kahili. Experienced mariners in sea-going canoes used seabird sightings as an aid to navigation.

In the Firehouse Gallery Back Gallery

"Small Solos"

April 4 - May 26, 2018

During the month of May, the Back Gallery of the Firehouse Gallery will continue to feature three WAC artists - one veteran member and two new members:

Jay West - multi-media and recycled art

Susun Gallery - acrylics

Joshua Gerbert - acrylics and oils

For more information on these artists, and a sample of their work, see the April newsletter.

Welcome to our newest members!

A number of artists have joined WAC over the past couple of months - please welcome them and try to meet them:

Susun Gallery, Waimea - *acrylics*

Joshua Gerbert, Waimea - *acrylics, oils*

Beckie Marshall, Hilo - *wood/ceramics/mosaic*

Rob Shallenberger, Waimea - *photography*

Kitty Olsen, Kamuela - *acrylics*

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 located 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.

Photo Workshop May 13

Sunday, May 13 at 3:30, photographers are invited to a "Show and Tell" at the Firehouse Gallery. Jim Carlson and Bernt Grundseth will discuss several lesser practiced areas of photography and what equipment and techniques have worked for them. Specifically this will include low light level nightscapes, high speed flash photography and photography through microscopes and telescopes.

As usual for these monthly gatherings, it is open to all - bring a friend and a snack. Tea provided. No fee.

Contact Jim Carlson at jac52050.1@gmail.com or Bernt Grundseth at berangel@me.com for information. Please RSVP to Pat Dinsman, pldinsman@hawaii.rr.com. Space is limited.

WAC participates in Keiki Fest 2018

Again this year, the Waimea Arts Council participated in the annual Waimea Healthy Keiki Festival. It took place at Parker Ranch Shopping Center on April 21, 2018.

More than 80 kids stopped at the table. They were encouraged to create a small piece of artwork with the supplied art materials. There were stamps, stencils, markers and pencils, embossing tools, a collection of colorful art papers and magazine pictures for collages.

Susun Gallery and Irina Place hosted the booth, offering encouragement to the young artists, while including tips and techniques from composition to the use of different media. It was gratifying to see how kids would pause from the hectic pace of the Fest and take time to make art. Proud parents observed their young talents busy in creative discoveries: a magazine picture torn by hand to create an uneven edge and a color background or a piece of transparent tissue paper as a unifying element in the composition. Sometimes if the parents were too involved with their child's artwork they were offered a chance to create their own.

It was gratifying to see parents and kids doing artwork side by side - quiet, engaged, inspired by the task at hand, in a friendly competition with each other. Some kids chose to take their work home, some to display it on the wall for all to see. The message from the Waimea Arts Council to the participants of the Fest was simple: art is easy, it can be done with the basic materials everyone has on hand and it is a lot of fun to create something of your own.

Last year we used examples of Healthy Keiki Fest kids' art to make a presentation at the local school library on how to make art. The presentation gave instructions on how to make art in easy 1-2-3 steps with basic materials.



Art Website Workshop

May 19

On Saturday, May 19th, from 12 to 3 pm, Chris Kutler will be on site to help participants set up free art gallery websites on Wordpress.com. If you have already attended one of her website workshops, she will be available to help you work on it.

The workshop is free and only open to WAC members - it is limited to 4 people.

Participants must bring wi-fi enabled laptops with the photos that they want in their website already loaded on the laptop.

To register for the class, send email to kutlers@gmail.com with WEBSITE WORKSHOP in the subject line.

For examples of the type of website that you will create, see these websites:

<https://janicegailart.wordpress.com>

<https://chriskutlerart.com>

<https://lchapmanislandviews.wordpress.com>

If you are interested in having a **small solo** show in the Back Gallery during the coming year, please contact Pat Dinsman. These exhibits are a way to allow our artists to create a display of their artwork on any subject of their choosing. It's also good practice in hanging an exhibit.

Invitation to WAC artists to show

See calendar for full schedule and take-in dates.

June Front Gallery - "**Hawaiian Culture**" - show your appreciation of the Hawaiian culture through your artistic creativity with all mediums of art and fine crafts, including photography, sculpture and flowers. Encourage outside artists to join WAC and participate in this show. \$25 membership available for one month.

July Front Gallery - "**Summer Fun**" - beach art, 4th of July

August Front Gallery - "**Sports and Fun Activities in Hawaii**" - Horses, golfing, diving, surfing, paddling fishing, pets.

Mahalo to our Volunteers

The following members volunteered during the month of January:

Docents: Trish Kimball, Pat Dinsman, Carolyn Lancaster, Terry Bensch, Jim Carlson, Judith Wilson, Merna Watta, Norma Watt, Marie Kinchla, Jim Carlson, Julie McCue, Kitty Olsen, Chris Kutler, Ilmar Reinvald, Suzanne Haight, Janice Gail, Kitty Olsen

Other: Susan Harris, Susun Gallery, Carolyn Lancaster, Bill Bishop, Trish Kimball, Norma Watt, Bernt Grundseth, Jim Carlson, Irina Place, Rob Shallenberer, Josh Grbert, Jay West, Judy Folk, Pat Dinsman, Julie McCue, Corey Humphrey, Barbara Schaefer

A big mahalo goes to Norma Watt for providing the lovely flowers that are decorating the gallery!

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

Front Gallery:

"Earth Day and Ocean Conservation"	April 18 - May 27
"Hawaiian Culture" (Take-in May 26)	May 30 - June 23
Reception for Hawaiian Culture Show	June 10
"Summer Fun" (Take-in June 30)	June 27 - July 29
"Fire and Ice" - Waimea Fire Dept. Fire Safety demonstrations and lemonade	June 30 - 10 am-noon
"Hawaii Sports and Fun Activities" (Take-in July 28)	August 1 - 26
Tandem Show - Trish Kimball and Susun Gallery	August 29 - Sept. 28
Juried All-Island show (Take-in Sept. 29)	October 3 - 28
Reception	October 6
"Hawaiian Landscapes"	November 1 - 25
"Affordable Art"	December 1 - 30

Back Gallery:

Small Solos: Jay West, Susun Gallery and Joshua Gerbert	April 4 - May 26
Small Solos	May 30 - July 14

Community Events coming up...

Kahilu Theatre 885-6868 kahilutheatre.org

May 5-6, 7 pm Sat., 4 pm Sun - **Future Voices**. We look to the youth to help guide us into a future that is verdant, sustainable, and enlightened, as seen through spoken word and dance. This performance is created in collaboration with Prince Dance Institute students. The outcome is a multimedia dance performance that is both educational and inspiring. \$38/\$28/\$22

May 12, 7 pm. **Robert Cazimero** is considered to be one of the most respected kumu hula of Hawaiian dance and his elegant voice is so distinctive that he is instantly recognized, compelling people to listen. Robert's passion and talent have played a huge role in taking Hawaiian music and dance to stages, from Japan and Moscow to Carnegie Hall and the Hollywood Bowl, with hula being an integral part of his shows. \$68/\$48/\$25.

May 23, 7 pm **My Generation** - Unveiling the epiphany that jolted the earth and its children, who celebrate in vibrant color and song. Written, Produced and performed by Lucky Tongue. \$28

May 26, 5 pm. **Cinderella Ballet** - West Hawaii Dance Theatre & Academy brings together over seventy talented dancers from Hawaii Island and Maui, guest professional dancers, narration, and live musical accompaniment will tell the ageless story of a young girl who discovers her prince with a little help from her fairy godmother. \$38/\$31/\$23

June 2-3, 7 pm Sat, 4 pm Sun. at the Kahilu Theatre. **Waimea Community Chorus: 1940's the Golden Age of Song.** Waimea Community Chorus (WCC) presents the final chapter in their journey through the Great American Songbook, showcasing songs from 1940's; under the direction of Barbara Kopra. The 60 voice chorus will feature solos, small groups and the ensemble will perform numbers representative of the decade, including Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, Taking a Chance on Love, You'd be so Nice to Come Home To, At Last, and a medley from South Pacific. \$20

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be Saturday, May 12 at 1:30. Please contact any member of the board if there is a subject which you would like to present or have discussed.

Book Sale

There is a collection of art books in the bunkhouse that belonged to Marty Allen and were donated by his family. They are for sale at very reasonable prices. Come in and check them out. Proceeds go to Waimea Arts Council.

Membership list 2017-18

Participating: Terry Bensch, William Bishop Sr., James Carlson, Lynn Chapman, Han Choi, Pat Dinsman, Judy Folk, Scott Foster, Janice Gail, Susun Gallery, Joshua Gerbert, Bernt Grundseth, Susan Harris, Corey Humphrey, Marie Kinchla, Patricia "Trish" Kimball, Chris Kutler, Carolyn Lancaster, Becky Marshall, Julie McCue, Kitty Olsen, Irina Place, Ilmar Reinvald, Wendi Roehrig, Barbara Schaefer, Rob Shallenberger, Anna Sullivan, Norma Watt, Merna Joan Watta, J. Jay West, Judith Wilson.

Non-participating: John Balczowski, Joan Bovee, Howard Bradley, Diane Foster, Ann Guth, Suzanne Haight, Arielle Roehrig, Amaury St. Gilles, Kuniko Watanabe.

If you have paid and are not on this list, please contact Pat Dinsman.

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