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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

34th Annual Founders' Juried Art Show

October 3 - 28, 2018

During the month of October, the Waimea Arts Council is presenting their annual juried art show, open to all WAC members, new and long-standing. The show will be on exhibit from October 3 - 28 at the Firehouse Gallery in Waimea. The exhibit includes paintings in all mediums plus drawings, sculptures, woodwork and photographs from artists all over the island.

**Reception &
Membership
Meeting
Sat. Oct. 6
3 - 5 pm**

While this annual show has in the past been dedicated to one our founders, Helen M. Cassidy, it was decided to change the name this year to honor all of the special people who worked hard to put together an arts organization dedicated to encouraging local artists back in 1976. (See article in this issue).

Cash awards will be presented to the winners at a reception to be held on Saturday, October 6 from 3 - 5 pm at the gallery. The public is invited to attend and pupus will be served.

This year's invited juror is Esther Szegedy. Her pastel on paper art is shown and sold in numerous galleries around the state and has been used to illustrate several children's books. Living outside of Hilo, her often whimsical pieces are definitely grounded in tropical locales. Whether underwater or in the rainforest - they are not your expected Hawaiian imagery. Esther judged the show and will be at the opening to give individual artists a chance to delve into her thoughts more deeply. This year 19 pieces were selected to be in the exhibit.

This year's winners are:

1st Place: Norma Watt, "Chow Time", Oil

2nd Place: Jill K. Briggs, "Raw", Photo

3rd Place: Carolyn Lancaster, "Cat meets Batman", Watercolor

HM: John Roth, "Stormy Sea Diptych", Acrylic

HM: Barbara Schaefer, "The Glow Within and Without"
Photo



"Chow Time"



"Raw"



"Stormy Seas Diptych"



"Cat meets Batman"



"The Glow Within and Without"

Just WHO were the "Founders" of the Waimea Arts Council?

The recent uproar about changing our annual members-only October showcase name to the Founder's show made me wonder just who were those people who banded together to create a cultural group for Waimea and Kohala.

Some of this research was done when WAC had their 40th anniversary show. It was discovered that there were eight original members who collectively lobbied the State Foundation for Culture and the Arts to award them seed

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money (all of \$600) via a letter dated October 22, 1974. I also found out that only one of that group is yet alive – Sandy Ednie, a Waimea realtor still selling homes and acreage (Sandy: please note this “FREE” plug!)

Digging a bit further it was learned that the group that began WAC also started the process of acquiring non-profit status and held the first Art Festival to create awareness of the arts while adding to the meager coffers of this fledgling organization. That first festival and several more were held at Kahilu Hall – a building now incorporated into Parker School.

Twenty-two local artists participated in that first festival, which became an annual event on the Big Island’s cultural calendar. The original non-profit application took four long years to be approved by the IRS so in 1978 WAC became a 501(c)3 non-profit. The original group of eight organizers then began looking for a permanent home for WAC. About then the state announced a new civic center would be built and located directly across from church row. It was finished in 1980 when the police, fire station, courthouse and assorted state offices were relocated to where they still are. That left “Waimea’s Historic Corner” empty and needing tenants.

That same year (1980) those five buildings were apportioned by the state to various groups including the Waimea Arts Council. WAC scored by getting a very good renewable lease for both the old firehouse and the adjacent bunk house. The Fire Chiefs home, directly behind the Firehouse, was leased separately to another non-profit. When the state, in 1984, relinquished ownership to Hawaii County they continued leasing both buildings to WAC for a nominal monthly fee on the proviso WAC would maintain the lawn and any nominal upkeep on both their designated buildings. They soon began utilizing the firehouse as a gallery for local artists while a work space and office occupied the “bunk house”.

In the 1990’s a group of local citizens petitioned for the corner and its five buildings to be recognized as a historic site. That petition was denied. The county did name the area as the Waimea Historic Corner but it was never designated a park. We do our part to care for the lawn and to make our buildings a visible reminder of Waimea’s rural origins while promoting all sort of cultural activities on an annual basis.

So we’ve a considerable number of people – THIRTY in all if you count not only the eight members of WAC’s first organizing Board but also include the twenty-two (22) artists showing at that first festival. Ten of these artists are still with us and still producing art (it was only 1978 !!) so realize many people were founders and we owe ALL of them a considerable debt. Renaming our annual October exhibition is a proper honor for this group. Remember ART helps keep people active and living longer (or so I hope).

By Amaury Saint-Gilles, VP of WAC



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In the Back Gallery -

Beginning on October 3 and running through November, the Back Gallery will feature "Affordable Art" - all artwork will be priced at \$250 or less. All mediums and subjects will be represented. This exhibit will move to the Front Gallery in December .

Invitation to WAC artists to show

See calendar for full schedule and take-in dates.

October/November Back Gallery and December Front Gallery - "Affordable Art" continues

November Front Gallery - "Hawaiian Landscapes"

December, January and February Back Gallery - "Small Solos" If you would like to have a small Solo please contact Pat Dinsman.

Mahalo to our Volunteers

The following members volunteered last month:

Docents: Pat Dinsman, Trish Kimball, Chris Kutler, Janice Gail, Carolyn Lancaster, Bernt Grundseth, Merna Watta, Suzanne Haight, Lana Incillo, Norma Watt, Marie Kinchla, Terry Bensch, Julie McCue, Barbara Schaefer.

Other: Julie McCue, Pat Dinsman, Trish Kimball, Irina Place, Carolyn Lancaster, Barbara Schaefer, Susan Harris, Lana Incillo Gamble-Iona, Judy Folk.

New Inventory System

The Gallery Committee is pleased to announce that the new **Art Inventory System** that many people have been asking for is now in place. Barbara Schaefer and Susan Harris inventoried all art in the Firehouse Gallery and the Bunkhouse on September 24-25 and created an Inventory Notebook to be kept in the gallery. This notebook includes sheets for every artist with art in the gallery (arranged alphabetically by last name), and lists every piece of art that is on display (including individual cards and prints).

The purpose of the new system is to enable us to better know what art is in the gallery, especially useful when visitors are looking for art from a particular artist. Also we hope this will better enable us to keep the art renewed and fresh on a timely basis. All artists are asked to check the Inventory Notebook at the gallery to review the art they are displaying and check the initial inventory for needed additions or corrections.

A huge mahalo to Barbara and Susan for their efforts and time spent on this project! The initial inventory was a huge project in itself, not to mention setting up the system and forms!

IT IS CRITICAL THAT ALL ARTISTS PARTICIPATE in the system or it cannot work. EVERY ARTIST AND DOCENT MUST BE COMMITTED to keeping the inventory current and correct. There are blank sheets that can be filled out if you are new to the gallery or need additional sheets.

This applies to **every piece**, even prints and cards.

Using the inventory:

- Make an entry in the notebook on your page when you bring something new into the gallery.
- Sign out something when you remove it from the gallery or bunkhouse.
- The docent notes the date, docent name, and receipt # on the inventory page when an item is sold.
- Note on the inventory pages when items move from

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one location to another within the gallery. This will enable artists and docents to find works by a particular artist.

- Periodically the computer inventory will be updated by trained volunteers and new paper inventory pages printed as needed.

On cards, if there is no printed title on the back of the card, it would be useful to docents if the artist would put a sticker on the back with either a title or a code and put that information in the notebook so that the docent could put that information on the receipt, and use it to identify the individual card in the notebook.

If you have any questions about the system, contact Barbara Schaefer (BASchaeferphoto@gmail.com) or Susan Harris (susharris43@gmail.com).

Gallery of Artists/Website Artists page

Just a reminder that if you are a participating artist and do not have your profile in our Gallery of Artists display in the Firehouse Gallery, this is the beginning of a new year and a good time to join in. There is no charge for this - Susan Harris will set it up for you from the information and photos you supply.

You may also wish to be added to our website on the "Artists" page - the profile done for the Gallery of Artists is the one used on the website. The cost for this service is only a one-time setup fee of \$25 (no further charge as long as you remain a member), and you must submit the necessary profile information to those who put it together. This is a great way to get your name recognized by anyone who comes to our website, and have samples of your work online.

For information on how to get a Gallery of Artists profile (this must be done before you can be added to the website), go to the Membership tab on the website where you will find a link to the application. If any questions, contact Susan Harris at susharris43@gmail.com.

For information on how to get added to the website, contact Julie McCue at jmccue@hawaii.rr.com.

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

Front Gallery:

"34th Annual Founders Juried Art Show " *(Take-in Sept. 28-29)*

October 3 - 28

Reception and Awards

October 6, 3 - 5 pm

"Hawaiian Landscapes" *(Take-in Oct. 27)*

Oct. 31 - November 25

"Affordable Art"

Nov. 28 - December 30

Back Gallery:

"Affordable Art" *(Take-in Sept. 29)*

October 3 - Nov. 25

"Small Solos"

Nov. 28 - end of Feb.

Call for Artists - Small Solos

If you are interested in having a **small solo** show in the Back Gallery from early Dec. to mid Jan. or mid Jan. through Feb., please contact Pat Dinsman.

Small solos provide an opportunity for our artists to create a display of their artwork on any subject of their choosing. They will also gain experience in hanging an exhibit.

Time to Renew!

To all current members...It is time to renew your membership for the fiscal year 2018-19, which begins on October 1.

Dues remain the same:

\$25 for a "Friend of WAC" membership if you wish to support us but don't have artwork to sell or exhibit.

\$50 for a "Participating Artist" membership which allows you to display and sell your artwork in the Firehouse Gallery and participate in all shows. This membership requires that you contribute as a volunteer at least 4 hours per month.

A special note to those artists who have chosen to be on the Artists section of our website - you must be a paid member of WAC in order to continue to be included on that page. If you lapse and then rejoin later, you will have to pay the \$25 setup fee again to be added back in.

Community Events coming up...

Kahilu Theatre 885-6868 kahilutheatre.org

Oct. 2 - 10 am Audrey Hepburn Classic Film Series - **"The Unforgiven"** \$10

Oct. 7 - 4 pm Kamuela Philharmonic Orchestra **"A Hawaii Homecoming"**. Celebrating acclaimed cellist Anthony Amone . \$50/\$40/\$40

Oct. 9 - 10 am Audrey Hepburn Classic Film Series - **"The Children's Hour"** \$10

Oct. 19 - 7 pm West Hawaii Mediation Center - **"An Evening with Randall Roth, JD, LLM"** \$100/\$40

Oct. 20 - 7 pm. **"Harold Lopez-Hussa Trio"** Cuban music. \$68/\$48/\$28

Oct. 21 - 4 pm. **Mark Salman** - Steinway Series. Pianist \$68/\$48/\$28

Oct. 27 - 7 pm. **Henry Kapono & Jerry Santos.** \$68/\$48/\$28.

Oct. 28 - 4 pm. **Churchill.** Ron Keaton one-man show. \$68/\$48/\$28

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 - 7 pm. **Pink Martini** Portland based group of musicians. \$68/\$48/\$28

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.

Election Results

On Friday, Sept. 28th at 3PM all ballots received were turned over to Jack Webster and Kit Roehrig to be accurately counted. Barbara Schaefer assisted by recording their findings.

In all 27 valid ballots were received while five (5) lacking the required return address on the outer envelope were declared invalid and destroyed.

It should be noted that 53 sets were originally posted to members of WAC in late August, 2018 with self-addressed return envelopes included. Only the above mentioned total of 32 were returned by 3pm on Sept. 28th.

Six persons were elected to be the new Board of Directors for the year running from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.

In alphabetical order they are:

1. Shirley De Rego
2. Pat Dinsman
3. Irina Place
4. Wendi Roehrig
5. Amaury St.-Gilles
6. J. Jay West

This means that we will welcome one new member to the board this year - Shirley De Rego. Shirley has lived on the Big Island all of her life and is a loan officer at Home Street Loans in Waimea. She has extensive experience with non-profits through a local foundation. We are pleased to have a fresh face on the board this year and hope that there are others who will step forward and serve in the coming years.

Board Members will be introduced at the Membership Meeting to be held in conjunction with the Reception on Saturday, October 6.

WAIMEA ARTS COUNCIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS 2017 - 2018

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