

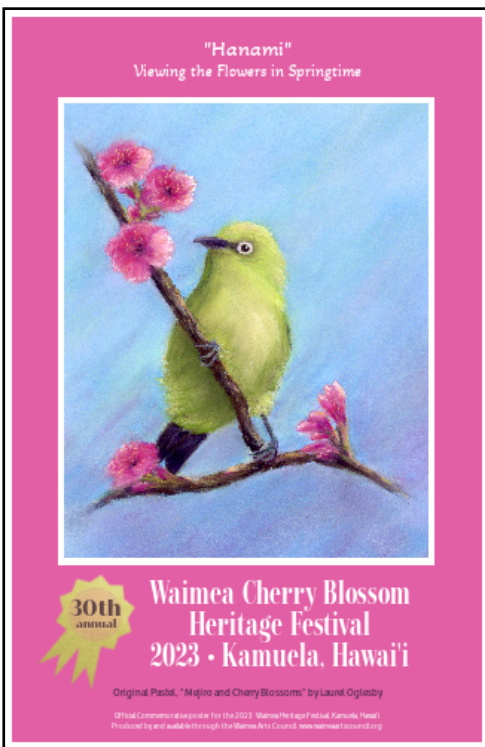
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WAC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the arts, the encouragement of artists, and providing a forum for art-related community events.

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<http://www.waimeaartscouncil.org/>
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Cherry Blossom Festival and a Celebration of Chinese New Year Show Opens February 3

Firehouse Gallery celebrates Kamuela's 30th annual Heritage Cherry Blossom Festival as well as Chinese New Year with it's first show of 2023. Every year, the Waimea Arts Council chooses a cherry blossom themed artwork from one of its member artists for the image of the official Cherry Blossom Festival Poster. For 2023, the featured original artwork is "Mejiro with Cherry Blossoms" by Laurel Oglesby. The original pastel painting will be on display and for sale, along with prints and commorative posters. Laurel will be signing show posters at the Firehouse Gallery on Saturday, February 4th from 9am to 3pm.



From left to right:
 "Dark Pink Cherry Blossom" by Barb Schaefer
 "Cherry Blossom Skies" by Debby Dernberger
 "The Rabbit" by Laurel Oglesby



“Cherry Blossoms”
by Brenda Merriwether



Firehouse Gallery

Call for Entries!

Waimea Arts Council

FIREHOUSE GALLERY

Calling all Artists
from
grades 6-12
in the North and South Kohala & Hāmākua Districts
39th Annual Nā `Ōpio Youth Art Show
A virtual experience throughout the month
of March

Sponsored by Waimea Arts Council in Kamuela, Hawai'i
in celebration of National Youth Art Month

Submission deadline Friday 24, 2023 at midnight.
Virtual Show will be published online in March 2023.

Contact information: wendi.roehrig@gmail.com

CALL FOR YOUNG ARTISTS IN NORTH HAWAI'I FOR 39th ANNUAL NĀ `ŌPIO YOUTH ART SHOW

The Waimea Arts Council announces a call for young artists in North Hawai'i for its 39th Annual Nā `Ōpio Youth Art Show. This show coincides with National Youth Art Month which falls in March. Young artists in grades

6 through 12 from schools and homeschools in the North and South and Hāmākua districts are invited to submit their original works of art for this year's show.

This popular event has provided an opportunity for young artists' works to be shown to the public for many years, sometimes leading to their own one-person shows. Some students have gone on to professional art careers having had their start with the Nā `Ōpio. The show will be in a virtual format run throughout the month of March.

Youth Art Month was founded in 1961 by the Crayon, Water Color & Craft Institute, Inc., the predecessor of the Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. in cooperation with the National Art Education Association, Inc. The purpose was to “emphasize the value of participating in art for all children”.

The deadline to email submissions is Friday, February 24, 2023 at midnight. For information, rules, and the submission form [click here](#).

For further information contact Event Chair Wendi Roehrig at wendi.roehrig@gmail.com.



“Green Church “
by Barb Shaefer

“If I could say it in words there would be no reason to paint.”
 – Edward Hopper



Firehouse Gallery

Gallery Show Calendar 2023

Thank you Docents!

As a community arts organization, we'd be nowhere if it weren't for the folks who actually keep the doors open. Mahalo nui loa to the December and January docents:

- Amaury St. Guiles
- Angie Andreoff
- Anne Sandler
- Barb Schaefer
- Barry Oglesby
- Brenda Meriwether
- Chris Kutler
- Daniel Konigsberg
- Dawn Sagar
- Debby Dernberger
- Doug Perrine
- Ilmar Reinvald
- Judy Polk
- Julie McCue
- Karen Thrasher
- Kathy Sprinkle
- Kim Horn
- Laurel Oglesby
- Lorie Taylor
- Lorraine Warner
- Norma Watt
- Parker Mason
- Terry Bensch
- Zeus Quijano Jr.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

February 3 -February 26: Cherry Blossom Festival and a Celebration of Chinese New Year

March 3- April 30; Scenes from the Big Island

Month of March; Virtual Na`Opio (student art) Show

May 5 - June 25; Celebrating National Trails Day (June3) and the Glory of Trees

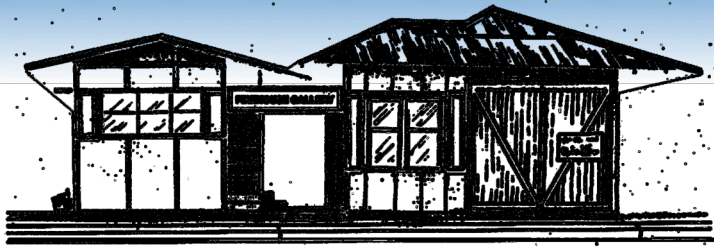
June 30 - July 30; Open to Proposals

August 4 - September 24;
 Paniolo/Upcountry Hawaii and the 2023 Aloha Festival Theme

September 29 - November 26; 39th Annual Founders Juried Art

December 1- January 28, 2024; Holiday themed show showcasing local Hawaiian art you can afford

Above Images, left to right:
 “Texture of the Blossom” by Angie Andreoff
 “Mejiro on Cherry Blossom Branch” by Norma Watt
 “Cherry Blossoms and Church” by Brenda Meriwether



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**More About the Work:
 Laurel Oglesby Reflects on
 “Mejiro and Cherry Blossoms”**

When asked about the inspiration behind her painting, Laurel said, “My current body of work features the birds seen on the Big Island, so when considering a subject for the Cherry Blossom Festival my mind went to the Mejiro, or warbling white eye, which is often seen flitting around the brightly colored blossoms of the cherry tree. Although I normally paint in watercolor, I chose soft pastel as my medium for its exceptional color vibrancy. The Mejiro is in it’s fluffier form, often seen after a quick dip in a birdbath or when the wind is blowing.” Laurel is a 10 year resident of Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, and is an active member in the Waimea Arts Council and National Watercolor Society. She co-owns Oglesby Art with her photographer husband, and together they sell their artwork through their online store and various Big Island galleries, stores, and art fairs. For more information about Laurel and her “Birds of the Big Island” series, visit www.OglesbyArt.com.



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Top to bottom:
 “Cherry Romance” by Lorie Taylor
 “Cherry Blossom Bee” by Barb Schaefer
 “Sakura Sisters” by Dawn Sagar

“I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn’t say any other way—things I had no words for.” – Georgia O’Keeffe



A note from the editor: If you have content you’d like to see in upcoming editions, please contact me at: dawnsagarwaimea@gmail.com