

Call for Artists

The Waimea Arts Council invites Hawaii Island artists to join and enter the

42nd ANNUAL FOUNDERS JURIED ART SHOW

Firehouse Gallery • October 3 - Nov. 15, 2026

– PROSPECTUS –

Important Dates

Art submission: Friday and Saturday, Sept. 25, 26 from 11 am -3 pm

Exhibition opens: Saturday, Oct. 3, 2026

Opening reception and Awards announcement: Firehouse Gallery, Sat., Oct. 3, 2026, 3-5 pm

Exhibition closes: Sun., Nov. 15. Artists need to pick up unsold work on this day from 11 am-3 pm.

Submitting Artwork

Entries: \$20 non-refundable entry fee per piece. Maximum of three entries per artist. Fees are paid when entering pieces. Fees cover the cost of the exhibition, including marketing, awards, and reception.

Eligibility Criteria

Open to Hawai'i Island-based artists who are current members of the Waimea Arts Council. Individuals who join the Waimea Arts Council may enter this show. A membership form is attached to this prospectus.

- Open to any media 2- and 3-D art. No video.
- All entered pieces must be available for sale.
- No reproductions, AI-generated art, or teacher-assisted art will be accepted.
- The maximum size for any entry, including the frame, is 36 x 36 inches (or approximately 1296 square inches).
- Artwork must have been created within the past two years.
- Artwork must not have been in past Waimea Arts Council-sponsored juried shows or have won previous awards in any contest.
- If accepted for the Firehouse Gallery exhibition, all work must be gallery-quality, installation-ready to hang, or easily installed with wire attached (no sawtooth hangers or shrink wrap).

If you have questions about installing your work, don't hesitate to contact
WaimeaArtsCouncil@gmail.com.

Prizes:

Cash awards presented at the reception on Saturday, October 3, 3-5 pm.

Sales and terms

Works must be for sale.

For work sold, the artist will be compensated according to Firehouse Gallery policy. Payment will be made after the end of the fiscal quarter in which the sale was made. Artists receive a higher percentage of sales based on their volunteer contributions each month:

- 50% donation (artist receives 50%) - Fewer than 12 volunteer hours worked in the fiscal quarter of the sale.
- 30% donation (artist receives 70%) - At least 12 volunteer hours worked in the fiscal quarter of the sale.
- 25% donation (artist receives 75%) - At least 24 volunteer hours worked in the fiscal quarter of the sale.
- 20% donation (artist receives 80%) - At least 36 volunteer hours worked during the fiscal quarter of the sale and at least 12 of those hours must have been worked as a docent in the Firehouse Gallery.

The Waimea Arts Council will handle all work with the utmost care; however, artists will be responsible for the liability of their art and will hold the Waimea Arts Council harmless.

Artists are responsible for arranging the necessary shipping of sold work by contacting the buyer directly to cover any associated shipping fees.

Judging Information:

Entries will be judged using five criteria: originality, visual balance, clarity, personal expression, and execution of the medium.

Judge

Richard Bodien is a painter, poet, and musician based in Hāwī, Hawai‘i. His work has been exhibited in Seattle, his own Hāwī Gallery, and at the Kahilu Theater. His abstract paintings are represented by Tiffany’s Art Agency. A lifelong student of art history, Bodien has both an artist’s eye and a broad perspective of American, European and Asian art.

From 2011 through 2020, he founded and operated Hāwī Gallery, a museum-like destination featuring carefully curated selections of fine art, books, ‘ukulele, Hawaiian music, vintage aloha wear, and authentic Hawaiian artifacts.

As a gallerist, he valued artistic quality, craftsmanship, provenance, presentation, and cultural meaning. As a juror, he values work that demonstrates clarity of intention, originality, technical command, visual intelligence, and an individual point of view. As a writer, Richard Bodien most recently published KOHALA, Volume 1: Owhyhee and KOHALA Volume 2: America. He also writes essays on Hawai‘i’s land, culture, history, and public life at www.hawaiifirst.blog

About the Firehouse Gallery:

The Firehouse Gallery serves as a venue for Big Island artists to provide educational and creative opportunities for sharing work. It is a program of the Waimea Arts Council, located at the cornerstone of this local arts community: the former Waimea fire station at the junction of Highways 19 and 190 in Kamuela (Waimea), on the Big Island of Hawaii. The Firehouse Gallery is open Thursday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

About Waimea Arts Council:

Established in 1976, the Waimea Arts Council, a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, sponsors programs, exhibitions, and arts education, offering support to individual artists and other community groups. Membership is open to all who support the arts. Committed to promoting the arts, nurturing artists, and providing a platform for art-related community events, the Arts Council is primarily funded through donations from its members and the public.

Waimea Arts Council and the Firehouse Gallery

67-1201 Mamalahoa Hwy. • Kamuela, Hawaii

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1818, Kamuela, HI 96743

Website: www.waimeaartscouncil.org • Email: WaimeaArtsCouncil@gmail.com

Facebook: Firehouse Gallery and Waimea Arts Council • Instagram: FirehouseArtGallery



WAIMEA ARTS COUNCIL

67-1201 Mamalahoa Highway
P.O. Box 1818 • Kamuela, HI 96743 • Ph: 808-887-1052
WaimeaArtsCouncil.org • waimeaaartscouncil@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP FORM AND WAIVER

Membership is open to all adults aged 18 or older who are interested in supporting the arts. Annual memberships run from October 1 to September 30. If you join mid-year, you will need to rejoin in October; dues are not prorated. All members support the arts with their dues and receive periodic updates about the Firehouse Gallery and WAC activities.

Annual Dues for Membership in the Waimea Arts Council:

- ☐ **Friend of the Waimea Arts Council**..... **\$35**
- ☐ **Supporter of the Waimea Arts Council**..... **\$50**
Special recognition.
- ☐ **Participating Artist of the Waimea Arts Council** **\$70**
Allows participation in all gallery art shows and ongoing displays in the side and back Firehouse galleries on a space-available basis, with priority given to members who volunteer. The donation schedule (a portion of sales) is on the back. Each artist must complete the back of this form.
- ☐ **Donor of the Waimea Arts Council**..... **\$100**
All benefits of a Participating Artist and special recognition.
- ☐ **Exhibition Sponsor of the Waimea Arts Council**..... **\$500**
This membership allows you or your business to be promoted in all marketing publicity for an exhibition of your choosing at the Firehouse Gallery.

Name (print): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____

Email: _____

Waimea Arts Council is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, all-volunteer organization. To stay a viable and sustainable organization, we need volunteers in various areas. **To help the organization by volunteering, please rate your interest (1, 2, 3 in order of interest), and another volunteer will contact you. Mahalo!**

- _____ **Fundraising** (events, grants, marketable product development)
- _____ **Marketing & Publicity** (announcements, website, social media, newsletter)
- _____ **House & Grounds** (maintenance, yard care, security)
- _____ **Gallery** (hanging shows)
- _____ **Membership** (recordkeeping)
- _____ **Programs** (program development, workshops)
- _____ **Hospitality** (reception organization and food management)
- _____ **Executive** (Board of Directors, committee chairs, financials, planning)
- _____ **Financials** (bookkeeping)

(All members who display art at the Firehouse Gallery MUST sign the waiver on the reverse side of this page.)

General Guidelines and Waiver for Members Exhibiting in the Firehouse Gallery Programs

GUIDELINES

In submitting work for display at the Waimea Arts Council's (WAC) Firehouse Gallery, the artist agrees to the following conditions:

- The Gallery Committee has the right to choose work for display based on the appropriateness of content, presentation, and space available. No nudes may be exhibited in the gallery.
- Art must be delivered to the gallery at the time/date specified and picked up by the artist no later than one week after the exhibit's close. Work left at the gallery after that time will become the property of WAC and will be disposed of at the discretion of the WAC Board unless special arrangements are made with the Gallery Chair.
- I understand that WAC is not responsible for paying General Excise Tax on artwork sold for the artist at the Firehouse Gallery. I am responsible for holding a Hawaii State GET license, tracking my sales, and submitting the GET tax as required by state law.

For work sold, the artist will be compensated according to Firehouse Gallery policy. Payment will be made after the end of the fiscal quarter in which the sale was made. Artists receive a higher percentage of sales based on their volunteer contributions each month:

- 50% donation (artist receives 50%) - Fewer than 12 volunteer hours worked in the fiscal quarter of the sale.
- 30% donation (artist receives 70%) - At least 12 volunteer hours worked in the fiscal quarter of the sale.
- 25% donation (artist receives 75%) - At least 24 volunteer hours worked in the fiscal quarter of the sale.
- 20% donation (artist receives 80%) - At least 36 volunteer hours worked during the fiscal quarter of the sale and at least 12 of those hours must have been worked as a docent in the Firehouse Gallery.

WAIVER

All artwork delivered to the Firehouse Gallery will be handled with the utmost care. However, the Waimea Arts Council will not be held responsible for damage, theft, or loss of work exhibited. Each artist is responsible for obtaining their own insurance if they choose to cover artwork or any other item left at the gallery. This includes events held outside the gallery and under the auspices of the Waimea Arts Council. The artist is responsible for any taxes due on amounts received from sales.

I understand the terms of exhibiting and agree to be responsible for any liability related to my personal property.

I understand WAC does not insure items for loss. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Waimea Arts Council, its employees and volunteers, and the County of Hawaii from any claims relating to damage or loss of my property in or about the Waimea Arts Center and from any court costs and attorney fees relating to it.

Submission of artwork implies acceptance of all the conditions listed above.

I have received a copy of the current Policies and Procedures.

I have read this form and indicate I understand and agree to the above guidelines and statements.

Signed _____ Date _____

DBA or Legal Name for Artists Check Payments: _____

Hawaii GET License No.: _____ (required for selling)

Return this signed form with dues to: Waimea Arts Council, P.O. Box 1818, Kamuela, HI 96743



WAIMEA ARTS COUNCIL

67-1201 Mamalahoa Highway
P.O. Box 1818 • Kamuela, HI 96743 • Ph: 808-887-1052
WaimeaArtsCouncil.org • waimeaartscouncil@gmail.com

Artist Entry Form

42ND ANNUAL FOUNDERS JURIED ART SHOW – FIREHOUSE GALLERY October 3 – November 15, 2026

Artist _____
Mailing Address _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ email _____

\$20 per piece = PAID \$_____, Receipt # _____

List title, medium, and price.

Note: Artists' sale price should factor in a donation/commission to the Waimea Arts Council (501(c)3 nonprofit organization). For those who volunteer during the show, a sliding donation/commission (20-50%) will go to the WAC. If at the "Participating Artist of Waimea Arts Council" membership level, the commission percentage will be calculated by the number of volunteer hours. The donation/commission to WAC is 50% for those who do not volunteer.

This information will be used for wall cards, price list, and publicity.

- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY -

_____	Title _____	Price \$ _____
	Medium _____	Date completed _____
_____	Title _____	Price \$ _____
	Medium _____	Date completed _____
_____	Title _____	Price \$ _____
	Medium _____	Date completed _____

I understand the terms of the show and agree to be responsible for the liability of my art. I also agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Waimea Arts Council, its employees and volunteers, and the County of Hawaii from any claims relating to damage or loss of my property in or about the Waimea Arts Center and from any court costs and attorney fees relating thereto. All the entries listed above are my original work, and I give permission to reproduce my work for publicity purposes. I agree not to withdraw my work before the show closes.

Artist signature _____ Date _____

CUT HERE – for artist to retain

Artist: _____

_____	Title _____	Price _____
_____	Title _____	Price _____
_____	Title _____	Price _____

Artists will be notified if their artwork has not been selected for the exhibition.

Public Reception and Awards: Saturday, October 3, 1 - 3 pm.

Pickup Date for Non-Selected Pieces: October 3 - 4, 2026, 1 - 3 pm.

Donation Policy for Unclaimed Pieces: If artists or their representatives do not pick up their exhibited artwork (except those sold) within 30 days after November 30, 2026, these pieces will be considered a donation to the organization. Please mark these dates and times in your calendar if you are an artist participating in the exhibition.

Waimea Arts Council phone: 808-887-1052 · Firehouse Gallery Hours: Thursday through Sunday, 11 am - 3 pm

For marketing purposes, please email photos of all of your entries as soon as possible to
WaimeaArtsCouncil@gmail.com Name your photo files as: LastName.Title.Medium.Size.Price.jpg