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Monthly Newsletter of the Association of Hawaii Artists

The President's Corner

It is an honor to serve as President of the Association of Hawaii Artists. This is the 80th anniversary year of the oldest and the most diverse art organization in Hawaii. After eight decades, we are still a very active and vibrant art force in Hawaii.

Your 2006 Board of Directors has some exciting programs and events planned for this year designed to appeal to our diverse membership of 2D and 3D artists. We have workshops and educational opportunities, as well as venues to display and promote your artwork. Our membership is varied and we encourage work in all media. Some members are professional artists; some practice art as an avocation and serious interest; some are beginning artists and students. Whether you are an emerging artist or an established one, we invite you to make the most of your membership in the Association of Hawaii Artists. Enter our exhibits, join our workshops and volunteer to help. A few minutes of your time helping at a workshop or show can provide you with a network of fellow artists and new friends.

Please call me at (808) 239-6066. I am always interested in new ideas and ways to keep the artistic spark alive and exciting.

Wishing Everyone a Successful and Creative 2006.

Priscilla E. Hall
President
Association of Hawaii Artists

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS:

Two of **Phil Uhl's** works (video) are being exhibited as part of the William Koch Collection in the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Karen Alexander won three awards in the Pacific International Pastel Society (PIPS) competition juried by Kitty Wallis in the still life division. "Eyes on Cook" was awarded Third Place and "Broken Doll" was awarded First Place as well as the "Best In Show".

EVENTS:

Novel by Rodney "**Pygoya**" Chang:

"Pygoya" - a novel of rebel art & the supernatural" --a stunning tale of art, breaking the rules, and a creative spirit that can't be contained, no matter who dares to try! In 1625, tribal rebel Leila defies the priests of her community by chiseling artwork in a secret cave. When she's found out, she's put to fiery death by lava, but her spirit lives on, encased in a volcanic stone that transforms everyone who touches it. Carried by a

Spanish conquistador, taken to Salem around the time of the witch trials, the rock is finally brought to the rocky coast of Maine. When Leila encounters a modern-day toddler named Anthony, she decides to become his art teacher, acting as his muse and influencing him. She follows him into his adulthood and transforms him into Pygoya, a digital painter of mysterious black rocks, and she begins to feel that somehow, he is her destiny. But what really is their incredible shared journey, and can it free them both? Panoramic, mythical and absolutely magic, this is an unforgettable examination of how certain people at certain times are destined to move the world with their art. [Available on amazon.com]

ART-10 from the HEART"...a multi-media show at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden gallery, Feb. 2 - 28; features ten AHA Artists members: Karen Alexander, Bobbie Benavente, Lynne Boyer, Charlyn Hall, Priscilla Hall, Suzanne Marinelli, Jay Marr, Suzanne McCrary, Warren Stenberg & Claudia Wallace. Artist's Reception, Sunday, February 12, from 4 - 6 P. M. For information: 239-6066

“UP” March 22 to April 9. **Mary Mitsuda**, will be exhibiting at Linekona in a show featuring a variety of styles and media by SEVEN.

“ANCESTRAL VOICES”

Through January 28. **J. Forest Ocean Bennett and Pearl Pualani Ling**

Opens at “rRed Elephant” 1144 Bethel Street. rRed Elephant, a coffee house/gallery, opened last month. For information: 545-2468

Collage Workshop with Susan Rogers-Aregger

Friday February 3, 9:30 am — 2:30 pm Paper dyeing. Monday February 6 to Wednesday February 8 , 9:30 am — 2:30 pm – Creating collage projects with the dyed papers. Ho’omaluhia Botanical Gardens at the visitor center for more information contact: Susan Rogers-Aregger. Phone: 395-4702 and Email sraoahu@hawaii.rr.com

Helen Iaea’s Introduction to Soft Pastel will start at Linekona Art Center Spring 2006. Call 532-8741 for more information.

WORKSHOPS:

Julie Houck Plein Air Workshop on Maui

February 28, March 1 & 2. This is a plein air workshop for artists of any level who want to improve their understanding of how to better capture the essence of atmosphere in their plein air paintings. Unlike many workshops that teach a “style” of painting, Julie’s workshops teach the principles of light and color. Enrollment is limited to 10 students. For more information contact Julie Houck :(808) 873-0597. Email: julshawaii@earthlink.net, or www.juliehouck.com

*I am just a mathematician and cosmologist, not an artist,
but I have always enjoyed being around artists.
On a studio set, behind a soundstage door,
or with a brush at the canvas we may be.
At a conductors command, at our own and more,
new directions discovered set us free.
At the potters wheel, before the kiln’s fire,
at the carved block or stretched silk screen,
with each medium we shape earnest desire
to propel us onward from where we’ve been.
From where we’ve been to places unknown
the artist’s journey has not final end.
The creation paths we trod are solely our own,
greater truth ours alone to apprehend.
So, on Thursday we gathered with open hearts,
to celebrate ourselves, to honor our many arts!
aloha,
saint wayne [for the Contemporary Show]*

GOT NEWS?

AHA wants to know about you. If you have art news to report, please let us know. This paper version is an abbreviated version of the electronic Paint Rag. We are going to a bimonthly format so the next newsletter will hopefully be in March. Your editor is going into a busy work season and her administrative assistant left. If you would like to help with the newsletter, please contact Robin at 597.8068 or scanlon@eyeoftheislands.com

Welcome to new Members:

Susan Stuart, Michelle Turolo, Ivan Wentland, Mark Devenot, Patsy Oda, Ligia Naghel, Phi Derby, Ela Zapf, Thomas Garcia, Clinton Pang, Chieko Higuchi, Debby Pacheco, Stephen Paschal, Paul Staub, Danny Bohlman, Charlotte Maxwell, Noriko Wakayama, Anita Benson, Amy Christine Brown, Frances Hill, Tom Tollefsen, Dante Hsu, Giovanni Reola, Carolyn Clark, J. Robert Reed, Jackie Taniguchi.

Mahalo also for those who renewed their membership. We appreciate your support!