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# WAG Windward Artists Guild

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## WINDWARD ARTS FESTIVAL

Windward Artists Guild is pleased to announce a huge opportunity to put your art in front of the public. The First Annual Windward Arts Festival will be held on July 4, 2011, between the hours of 12 noon and 4 p.m. at Kailua Elementary School. Booth spaces will be in the cafeteria and on the lanai. WAG is sponsoring this opportunity for all emerging and established artists of all media. Art should be appropriate for families to view and purchase. Many members of the public drive to the Windward side that day for the parade and stay for the fireworks in the evening. If WAG has your email address, you will be receiving more information and an application by email in the next week. Otherwise, inquiries and booth space rates may be obtained through Sherree McKellar. You can volunteer to help or reserve your space by emailing [mckellars001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mckellars001@hawaii.rr.com).



### Dear Freedom Seekers:

The camera boxes an image for the memory. Good painting is much more than that, yet we often try to paint like a camera. Fabulous painting is always just a little outside that kind of box. Look at any of Tomi Kobara's paintings and know she has mastered painting subtle, but lovely, chimera into every one of her canvases. Let her tell you how she does it. Tomi's quotes are from the February 2011, issue of *American Artist*, well worth your buying the magazine, perusing her

pictures, and absorbing a bit of her 'dance'.


"I purposefully heighten colors and make certain things larger because I want the viewer to get the sense of the moment that I felt, I want it to be unique-a little different, a little exaggerated. A person is not going to stop and look at a painting without my saying, You know, this is something different that you should look at."

"I don't ever predict anything, I put a stroke down and see what happens. I want to just go in and be surprised by what's happening with this magical medium that takes on so many qualities. It just draws you in, and you become part of the canvas and move within it. I don't know how to explain it, but you and the painting just become one. When I was first taught to paint, my teacher, Richard Price, told me, 'the brush is an extension of your arm, and don't ever forget it.' You don't paint with a brush; you paint with you body. You do these wonderful strokes, and then you go back and dance and do another one. It's just magic – I'm totally fascinated by oil paints and what they can do."

"There has to be a thick and thin, dark and light, warm and cool, and vertical and horizontal. It keeps the viewer engaged and keeps the painting alive. If you make a square inch with your finger, that square inch has to be interesting in itself. You try not to be cerebral about it, because once you become cerebral and try to do something you think you should be doing the battle has been lost. I will never do a still life from my head, because I approach the fruit as I would a model. It's individual, with its own shape, color, and shadows. All of it should be respected and gazed upon as beautiful."

There you have it, huge artistic wisdom from our little friend who loves to dance. So see if you can dance with her ideas through your next painting without thinking you are using a brush. I bet you will like your results. Then find Tomi and thank her.

Aloha,

  
Don Johnson

## OPPORTUNITIES

### COMPOSITING IN PHOTOSHOP

Wish you could use Photoshop more effectively to compose your paintings? Join Miles Christiansen of PrintLogic for this fun and easy workshop that will leave you more confident in your ability to print out black and white versions of your photos and use layers in your photos to work out your compositions. All levels. No supplies. Just bring your sense of adventure. Cost is \$25, lunch included. The workshop will be from 9:30 to 12:30, on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 145 Kaimoani Way, Kailua. Space is limited. Send check made out to Windward Artists Guild to Sherree McKellar, Education Chair, 145 Kaimoani Way, Kailua, HI 96734. If you have questions, email mckellars001@hawaii.rr.com.

### I LOVE KAILUA TOWN PARTY-ART IN THE PARK

The Lani-Kailua Outdoor Circle will host the 19th Annual Fundraiser on Sunday, April 17 from 11 am to 4 pm. As a part of this celebration two-dimensional artists may participate in Art-in-the-Park. Rules, Regulations, and Application forms may be obtained from Sherree McKellar by calling her at 375-9643 or by email. WAG members will receive them by email if we have your email address. Space is limited so you must sign up quickly if you plan to participate.

### CALL TO ARTISTS-SCHAEFER PORTRAIT CHALLENGE 2012

Maui Arts and Cultural Center-First entry for Oahu is September 10, 2011. To download the exhibit prospectus visit: [www.mauiarts.org](http://www.mauiarts.org). For information, call (808) 243-4288 or email [schaefergallery@mauiarts.org](mailto:schaefergallery@mauiarts.org). This event happens every two years. In the last exhibit, two of our members were accepted in this event that is displayed on Maui and Oahu.

### INTRODUCTION TO SUMI-E AND JAPANESE CALLIGRAPHY

This four-session beginning class is taught by WAG member Hisae Shouse at Windward Community College on Wednesday mornings, from 9 to 12 noon, beginning February 9. Fee is \$75 plus \$16 lab fee. Call 235-7433 to register or obtain more information.

### TWO DAY WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

This workshop, presented by Patrice Federspiel, will be February 26, 27 at 145 Kaimoani Way, in Kailua. Cost is

\$175. Email Patrice at [patrice@artofaloha.com](mailto:patrice@artofaloha.com) or call her at 392-9104 for more information and to register. You can view her work at [artofaloha.com](http://artofaloha.com).

### ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

**Windward Wanderers** meet Wednesday mornings. Contact Joan Fleming, 254-2757 or Spencer Chang 262-2144.

**Foster Gardens** plein aire painters meet Thursday mornings, 9 am-1 pm. Contact Meg Stone, 262-8071.

**Ho'omaluhia Paintout** on Wednesday morning to paint the gardens.

**Figure Drawing Studio** at Windward Community College, Friday morning, \$5/session, Contact Snowden Hodges 236-9148.

**Play in Clay at Windward Community College** meets Monday and Wednesday, 6-8 pm for six weeks, open lab Monday to Thursday 9:30am-8 pm, Friday, Saturday 12-4 pm. New session begins February 28, 2011. Call 235-7433 for more information or to register.

#### Windward Artists Guild Board of Directors

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## AROUND TOWN

Windward Artists Guild artists continue to exhibit their works in various venues. Congratulations to all of you who continue to share your work with the public.

**Gallery on the Pali:** Edwin Cheung and his students present Oshibana art (pressed flowers) until February 3. First Unitarian Church, 2500 Pali Highway. Free. Mon-Fri 9-8, Sat. Sun 1-4.

**Cedar Street Galleries Second Floor:** Soul of Hawaii includes work by Francisco Clemente and others until February 20. 817 Cedar Street.

**Windward Wanderers:** Members present their annual exhibition at Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens Gallery, during February. Reception is Saturday, February 12 from 4-6. This exhibition, organized by WAG member Joan Fleming, includes many Windward Artists Guild members.

**Women and Watercolor:** This exhibition at Louis Pohl Gallery runs February 15 to March 11. Opening reception is February 18, 5-9 pm and First Friday reception is March 4. This exhibit includes member Arlene Woo.

**Island Impressions:** This exhibition at Louis Pohl Gallery ran December 30 to January 28. Congratulations to Warren Stenberg for this beautiful exhibition of island paintings.

**Gallery on the Pali:** Lauren Okano presents Hula Girls, February 27 to March 24. Reception is March 4, from 5-7. First Unitarian Church, 2500 Pali Highway. Free. Mon-Fri 9-8, Sat. Sun 1-4.

**Garage Sale at Longs Kailua Parking Structure:** February 12, 8 am-2 pm. This benefit is for the Boys and Girls Club of Hawaii Windward Clubhouse, Arts Programs. WAG member Shirley Hasenyager is one of the organizers. Your donations of serviceable items will be gladly accepted. Call Shirley at 262-5069 for information about where to drop off your items.

**Paliku Arts Festival:** On Saturday, April 2, 2011, an art adventure for children, teens, and adults, the festival will offer hands-on activities and exhibits, including drawing, painting, ceramics, print-making, sculpture, theatre, music and dance. A family show will be presented in Paliku Theatre with cirque-style clowning, stilts, masks, shadow puppets, and video projections. For more information, contact Ben Moffat at [Moffat@hawaii.edu](mailto:Moffat@hawaii.edu).

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### WINDWARD ARTISTS GUILD ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, April 9, 2011  
1:00 to 3:00 pm  
Ho'omaluhia Botanical Gardens Lecture Room

### KAILUA TOWN PARTY-ART IN THE PARK

Sunday, April 17, 2011  
11 am to 4 pm

### WINDWARD ARTISTS GUILD OPEN EXHIBITION

Pauahi Tower Gallery-April 30--May 28, 2011  
Entries due April 30, 2011  
Reception: Friday, May 6, 2011  
Returns After Closing May 28, 2011

### WINDWARD ARTISTS GUILD EXHIBITION

#### HONOLULU COUNTRY CLUB

June 5-July 10, 2011  
Entries due June 5, 2011  
Returns July 10, 2011

### WINDWARD ARTS FESTIVAL

#### SPONSORED BY WAG

July 4, 2011,  
12:00 noon to 4:00 pm  
Kailua Elementary School  
All media accepted for sales

### WINDWARD ARTISTS GUILD

#### MEMBER EXHIBITION

Ho'omaluhia Gallery-October 2011

**Windward Artists Guild**  
**P. O. Box 288**  
**Kaneohe, HI 96744**

**REMEMBER TO LOOK AT YOUR ADDRESS LABEL**

If the date is in red, please renew your membership today. Use the membership form above, attach a check, and mail it to the new post office address in Kaneohe.

If you have renewed recently and the date is still in red, please call Ruth at 235-5545.

**First Class**

The Windward Artists Guild is a non-profit, volunteer, member guild, organized in 1960 by Windward artists. Through education, collaboration, encouragement, and exhibitions, the Windward Artists Guild supports, encourages, and promotes the production and appreciation of the visual arts, with emphasis on the Windward side. The Windward Artists Guild publishes a newsletter nine times each year.

We welcome your membership in the Windward Artists Guild. We invite you to join the guild and participate in furthering the arts. For complete information view our website at [www.hawaiiwag.org](http://www.hawaiiwag.org) or call 235-5545, or write Windward Artists Guild, P.O. Box 288, Kaneohe HI 96744.

**Windward Artists Guild Membership Form**

**P.O. Box 288 Kaneohe, HI 96744**

Make checks payable to Windward Artists Guild. Thank you. Date \_\_\_\_\_  New  Renewal  
 \$30 Regular Member  \$15 Student Member (with full-time student ID)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Web Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Volunteer Interests:** Please check the areas where you are willing to help your organization.

- Serve on the board as an officer:**  Secretary  Treasurer  Awards Chair  E-mail Chair
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  - chair for telephone tree  chair for membership  chair for publicity
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  - newsletter production  telephone tree  membership  publicity
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  - word processing  desktop publishing  creating data base  creating web sites
- I am willing to teach workshops in** \_\_\_\_\_