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Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center presents *Art with Aloha* with Mele Kahalepuna Chun

Makawao - Mele Kahalepuna Chun started learning feather work at the early age of five from her Tutu, "Aunty" Mary Louise Kaleonahenahe Wentworth Peck Kekuewa - a renowned feather lei master. Mele taught classes and workshops along side her tutu and mom, Paulette Nohealani Kahalepuna, and gave talks, lectures, and ran workshops for them when they were not available. Today, Mele carries on her family legacy with great pride by educating the community in traditional Hawaiian feather work including lei and kahili making.

Hui No'eau invites the community to join Mele Kahalepuna Chun for a **FREE** talk story and demonstration on **Thursday, November 10th from 9:00am – 11:00am at Hui No'eau**. All are welcome to ask questions and watch Aunty Mele work on some of her own feather work creations. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the beautiful art of both traditional and contemporary Hawaiian feather work. The Hui's Art with Aloha Program is also honored to present three workshops with Aunty Mele in the days to follow. Workshop pre-registration is required. To register, visit huinoeau.com or call 808-572-6560:

Kahili Pa'alima Workshop

Friday, 1 day

November 11 / 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Kahili are royal feather standards and traditional symbols of the Hawaiian ali'i (royalty). In this short workshop, master feather artist Aunty Mele will teach students to work with feathers to create a very small hand-held kahili—a kahili pa'alima. This class is a fun introduction to the art form of Hawaiian feather work and you'll finish class with a handmade kahili to treasure for years to come! Tuition & Supply Fee: \$70

Lei Hulu Workshop

Saturday, 1 day

November 12 / 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

In this workshop, you'll have the opportunity to learn from master feather artist and Visiting Artist Mele Kahalepuna Chun! Aunty Mele will share the history of feather lei making in Hawai'i and will help students get started in creating their very own lei hulu (feather lei). No experience is necessary—just your aloha and willingness to learn! Tuition & Supply Fee: \$110

Kahili Pa'alima Workshop: Family Style!

(Ages 7+ with a parent/guardian)

Sunday, 1 day

November 13 / 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join master feather artist Aunty Mele for this unique family workshop! Children accompanied by a participating adult guardian will work together to create a very small hand-held feather kahili—a kahili pa'alima. This class is a fun introduction to the art form of Hawaiian feather work and a wonderful, creative activity for families to do together! Tuition & Supply Fee: \$55 per participant.

For more information about the Hui's Art with Aloha Program or any of these educational opportunities, contact Hui Program Manager Lana Coryell at: 808-572-6560 x. 22 or lanac@huinoeau.com. For media inquiries, contact Hui Marketing Manager Erin Wooldridge at: 808-572-6560 x. 25 or erinw@huinoeau.com. Hui No'eau is located at 2841 Baldwin Ave., Makawao.

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