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### **Mālama Wao Akua**

**Receiving Day: Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 6pm at Hui No‘eau Visual Arts Center**

**Exhibition in Gallery: September 9<sup>th</sup> – November 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Hui No‘eau Visual Arts Center, 2841 Baldwin Ave. Makawao, HI 96768; Open Daily 9am – 4pm; Free**

**Jurors: Pat Bily, Science Specialist II for The Nature Conservancy & Melissa Chimera, Artist**

*Makawao* - Hui No‘eau Visual Arts Center and East Maui Watershed Partnership present the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Mālama Wao Akua, a fine art exhibition that creatively merges the worlds of art and conservation with works of art that honor Maui Nui’s native plant and animal species. This highly anticipated exhibition is on display in the gallery at Hui No‘eau Visual Arts Center from September 9<sup>th</sup> – November 30<sup>th</sup>. Jurors representing a blend of art and science for Mālama Wao Akua are Pat Bily and Melissa Chimera. Aloha Recycling and Pacific Biodiesel generously sponsor this year’s exhibition. Throughout the exhibition, Hui No‘eau and East Maui Watershed Partnership will engage the community with a collection of accompanying educational opportunities. “Talk Story” Thursdays will take place at the Hui throughout the exhibition featuring different industry leaders from the field of conservation. Visit [huinoeau.com](http://huinoeau.com) or [malamawaoakua.org](http://malamawaoakua.org) for schedule and details.

Hui No‘eau invites Maui artists working in any medium to create work depicting only species native to Maui Nui (Maui, Lana‘i, Moloka‘i, Kaho‘olawe), a landscape showcasing only native Maui Nui species, or people working to protect Maui’s native species and native habitats. Mālama Wao Akua is a juried fine art exhibition with entry categories open to adults as well as elementary, middle & high school students residing in Maui Nui. Entries must be submitted in person (no photos) at Hui No‘eau on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am-6pm to be eligible for exhibition. Artists may submit up to three entries in any medium. Adults: For Hui members, the non-refundable entry fee is \$10 per piece. For non-members, the non-refundable entry fee is \$20 per piece. For youth the non-refundable entry fee is \$5 per piece. Prospectus and Entry Forms are available online at [huinoeau.com/exhibitions/](http://huinoeau.com/exhibitions/). For “Artist Resources,” visit [malamawaoakua.org](http://malamawaoakua.org)

Hui No‘eau is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, community-based, visual arts education organization offering open access to quality visual arts instruction by professional teaching artists and free arts opportunities through exhibitions, lecture series and more. Founded in 1934, the mission of Hui No‘eau Visual Arts Center is to unlock creativity through exceptional visual arts education and enhance this endeavor through the preservation of the historic Kaluanui estate. The Hui will celebrate 100 years of Kaluanui in 2017. The Hui is open to the public daily from 9am-4pm with free admission.

Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> year, the East Maui Watershed Partnership is committed to protecting our islands fresh water source and native rainforest health. The 100,000 acre East Maui watershed produces over 60 billion gallons of water a year and is home to many rare and endangered species. These watersheds represent our source of water, culture, and biodiversity. From the original idea that started in 1991, there are now 10 similar partnerships across the State of Hawai‘i. Learn more at [eastmauiwatershed.org](http://eastmauiwatershed.org) or [hawp.org](http://hawp.org).

For more information about exhibition entry, please contact Hui No‘eau Exhibitions Coordinator Michael Javalde at [michaelj@huinoeau.com](mailto:michaelj@huinoeau.com) or call 808.572.6560 x26. Contact East Maui Watershed Partnership for information about community & school group hikes and presentations or for information about the watershed: [pr@eastmauiwatershed.org](mailto:pr@eastmauiwatershed.org).

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