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Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center offers "Teach the Teachers" Professional Development: Connecting STEAM Concepts with STEM-based Activities with Visiting Artist Yvonne Manipon

Makawao - Calling all Maui County teachers! Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center is hosting three Professional Development Workshops for teachers with Visiting Artist Yvonne Manipon on June 24th, 25th, and 26th. The Hui's "Teach the Teachers" Program unites Hui Teaching Artists and Visiting Artists with Maui's educators, giving them the tools to create strong arts programs in their own classrooms. Enrollment is limited and pre-registration is required. Workshops are only \$10 each. Preference is given to teachers who work in a classroom setting. With hands-on activities and sample lesson plans provided in class, these workshops are ideal for teachers of elementary and preschool students. Register online at huinoeau.com or by calling 808-572-6560.

- **Five Patterns in Nature: Science and Math Connections**

Day & Duration: Friday, June 24 / 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Participants will discover visible regularities of form found in nature while creating connections with mathematics to help explain abstract patterns. Natural patterns include spirals, meanders, packing, branching and explosion. Students will create drawings/paintings that explore beautiful abstract patterns found in nature.

- **Sea Turtles: Science and Engineering Connections**

Day & Duration: Saturday, June 25 / 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Participants will learn interesting facts about various sea turtle species and how they have survived through the ages. We will create sea turtles out of clay by studying their anatomy and special characteristics.

- **Mandala Sculpture: Engineering and Technology Connections**

Day & Duration: Sunday, June 26 / 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

This workshop will help students understand the impact that trash has on our lives. Participants will create an interactive, site-specific sculpture that links "ephemeral" Navajo sand paintings and Tibetan sand mandalas. The class will discuss and examine how these works of art are created and destroyed to symbolize the transitory nature of material life and how trash affects our own lives and the environment.

Yvonne Manipon completed her MA in Arts Administration at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and earned her BA degree at the University of Oregon, where she majored in Fine and Applied Arts and Art History. Currently, Yvonne lives and works in Honolulu, Hawai'i as a teaching artist for the Honolulu Museum Art School and as a Museum Guide for the Art Bento program at Hawai'i State Art Museum.

Hui No'eau is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, non-degree granting, community-based, member-driven arts education organization offering open access to quality visual arts instruction by professional teaching artists. These workshops are made possible through the generosity of community donors who "Raised the Paddle" in support of Visiting Artists and the Hui's "Teach the Teachers" Program at the Hui's annual fundraising gala, Art Affair 2016, held in February. Please contact Program Director Anne-Marie Forsythe at annemarie@huinoeau.com or call 808-572-6560 ext. 34 for more information.

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