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Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center Presents Art with Aloha with Denby Freeland-Cole

Makawao –Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center will present a **FREE Talk Story & Demonstration with Denby Freeland-Cole**. Visit the Hui on **Wednesday, May 3, 2017 any time between 10:00am and 12:00pm** to talk story with this talented artist. In this casual and fun demonstration, you'll have an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the process of making beautiful kapa and plant dyes.

Born and raised on Oahu and currently residing on Maui, Denby's recent works are a collection of watercolors, mixed media paintings and kapa, which capture the light, shadow, and rhythm of Hawai'i's plants. Her watercolors are beautifully rendered, while the mixed media pieces are playful, capturing the colors and essence of the flowers and leaves. Her kapa reflects her respect for Hawaiian culture and environment through an ancient Hawaiian medium. Denby's career path has involved the arts and environment in Hawai'i including positions at Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center, Hawai'i Nature Center and the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust.

Denby's artworks reveal her awareness of the sensitive environment that she lives in. Her family history dates back many generations in Hawai'i and with a lifetime of exposure to the renowned Hawaiian landscapes of her mother, Betty Hay Freeland, Denby has developed a unique style all her own to share her vision of Hawai'i. Denby graduated from Punahou School on Oahu, earned a Bachelor's degree at the University of Washington, and her Masters degree in Education at Heritage College, Washington. While she has lived on the mainland and traveled extensively, including a backpacking trip around the world, Hawai'i is her heartfelt home.

Interested in learning more? The Hui is also offering a one day workshop with Denby Freeland-Cole called Kapa to Dye For. The workshop will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 9:00am – 3:00pm. In this workshop, students will enjoy discovering the ancient Hawaiian craft of kapa, a barkcloth made from the wauke tree. The wide varieties of natural colors available are one of the unique characteristics of Hawaiian kapa. This session will focus primarily on the natural dyes created from native and Polynesian introduced plants. Participants will learn how to process different types of plant material for the dyes. Students will also learn about the many steps necessary to produce a piece of kapa. No experience with producing dyes or prior knowledge of kapa or Hawaiian plants is necessary, but a willingness to get dirty and to experiment is recommended! **Cost is \$45 (\$56 for non Hui Members) + \$15.00 supply fee. Students can register online at huinoeau.com or by calling 808-572-6560. 10% early registration discount with code summer17.**

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