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Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center Presents Art with Aloha with Ha'amauliola Makua Aiona & Kala'i Aiona

Makawao –Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center will present a **FREE Talk Story & Demonstration with Visiting Artists Ha'amauliola Makua Aiona & Kala'i Aiona** from Hilo, Hawai'i. Visit the Hui on **Saturday, April 1, 2017 any time between 10:00am and 1:00pm** to talk story with these talented artists. The Hui encourages guests to ask questions, learn a few Hawaiian words, and share in their wealth of knowledge about Hawaiian arts & crafts.

Ha'amauliola "Ha'a" Makua Aiona has fifteen years of teaching experience at Waiakea High School and Ke Kula 'O Nawahīokalani'ōpu'u (Nawahī). At Nawahī, Ha'amauliola has established a Holistic Hawaiian Language and Cultural Arts Program called Mahu'ilani that focuses on sharing the traditional arts. She has over 20 years of experience in the art of 'ohe kapala and has been a hula student for over 25 years and an instructor for kumu hula Johnny Lum Ho in Halau O Ka Ua Kani Lehua for 15 years. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Hawaiian Studies, a Masters of Education, and is a certified teacher through the Kahuawaiola Indigenous Teacher Education Preparation Program.

Kala'i Aiona is a native to Hawai'i Island and participated in the pioneering Hawaiian Language Medium Education Program in Hilo. A part of the first class at Pūnana Leo o Hilo, Ke Kula Kaiapuni 'O Keaukaha, and a graduate of Ke Kula 'O Nawahīokalani'ōpu'u, his true passion derives from his love of the 'aina and meakanu Hawai'i or native Hawaiian plants. Kala'i holds a Bachelor of Science in agri-business and has experience as a Hawaiian ethno botany teacher. He enjoys sharing his knowledge of plants, their uses, and the various Hawaiian crafts that can be created from them.

Interested in learning more? The Hui is also offering a two day 'Ohe Kapala: Carving & Stamping Workshop on Sunday & Monday, April 2nd and 3rd from 9:00am - 12:00pm with Ha'a and Kala'i. In this workshop, students will discover the delicate intricacy and fine craftsmanship of the 'ohe kapala—a traditional bamboo stamp and ancient tool used to decorate kapa or clothing. Every design has mana'o or meanings that are interpretations of our natural environment or genealogy. Students will learn about the processes of hakulau (designing), ho'omakaukau (preparing), kalai (carving) & kapala (stamping). Ha'amauliola and Kala'i will also talk about cordage made from the hau plant and its use in stamping. **Students can register for 'Ohe Kapala online at huinoeau.com or by calling 808-572-6560.**

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