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WHAT: Hui No'eau's Wahi Pana Auwahi Exhibition
WHEN: Receiving Day: Tuesday June 19, 9am - 4pm
In Gallery: June 30 – August 3, open daily 9am – 4pm • free admission
Opening Reception: Saturday June 30, 10am - 2pm • free admission
WHERE: Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center, 2841 Baldwin Ave., Makawao

Makawao - Hui No'eau and the Auwahi Forest Restoration Project are thrilled to collaborate with Mazatl, the Hui's 2018 Artist in Residence, and bring the forest to the people through Wahi Pana Auwahi. Auwahi dry forest on southwest Haleakalā is one of the last representatives of a nearly lost and biologically unique Hawaiian forest type. For numerous Hawaiian species, many with great cultural importance, Auwahi appears to be their last stand.

All juried artists are asked to work in a 10x10(x10") format. Artists are required to attend at least one hike/restoration trip to the Auwahi Forest and/or an Info Session with Dr. Art Medieros in order for work to be considered for this exhibition. The work that each artist submits will fit into a time period or "realm," and the gallery will be hung chronologically to visually showcase the history of Auwahi. Realms are as follows:

1. The pre-contact forest
2. The forest as a "toolbox for early Hawaiians"
3. The introduction of invasive species detrimental to the native forest
4. Current conservation efforts to restore the native forest & a vision for the future

The Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts will be visiting Wahi Pana Auwahi to consider pieces for purchase for their Art in Public Places program.

Interested artists can visit huinoeau.com for more information and to view the prospectus and application form. PLEASE READ THE PROSPECTUS IN FULL.

Wahi Pana Auwahi is presented with support from the Hawai'i Tourism Authority. For more information please contact Exhibitions and Membership Coordinator Katie Peterson at katiep@huinoeau.com or by calling 808-572-6560 x 33. huinoeau.com

Hui No'eau is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, non-degree granting, 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. huinoeau.com

Auwahi Forest Restoration Project originated in 1997 as a grass roots, community-based effort in working in collaboration with Ulupalakua Ranch to save tracts of highly endangered dry forest at Auwahi as biological and cultural sanctuaries. Since inception, the Auwahi project has restored forest primarily with the efforts of supervised volunteers from the community. auwahi.org

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