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Woman Makes the Malo, Makes the Man: A Solo Kapa Exhibit by Dalani Tanahy at Hui No'eau Visual Art Center

Makawao - Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center is honored to present *Woman Makes the Malo, Makes the Man: A solo kapa exhibit by Dalani Tanahy*. A practitioner for over 20 years, Tanahy regularly demonstrates kapa arts at the Merrie Monarch Festival and the Hawai'i Festival at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C. Her work has been shown at the Bishop Museum, the Maui Arts and Culture Center and the British Museum in London. She has made kapa for the Dalai Lama, the Commander of the Pacific Islands Submarine Fleet and many others. In this exhibition, on display through October 23rd in the Hui's History Room, Tanahy presents a stunning showcase of her recent work including intricate floor to ceiling length kapa and images from the personal collection of musician and Kumu Hula Keali'i Reichel.

In Hawai'i, the Polynesian introduced paper mulberry (*Brousonettia papyrifera*) or wauke was the preferred plant for making clothing and other cloth-like items for everyday use. The art of making kapa was learned within family and tribal groups. In the division of work, the making of kapa was the work of the women, however the men of the family were responsible for growing and caring for the wauke trees. Craftsmen carvers would have been the makers of the beaters, anvils and design stamps that the women used to make their kapa. *Woman Makes the Malo, Makes the Man* is a play on the old adage that "clothes make the man."

Tanahy is a grower of the wauke trees and dye plants, a craftswoman who creates the tools she needs to pound and print kapa and dyes, and a researcher, reader and doer who has learned to understand the nuances of kapa. Dalani is also a valued Hui Visiting Artist and kumu, helping others to learn and ensure revival and survival of kapa making.

Hui No'eau invites the community to watch this ancient artwork come to life in a special kapa making demonstration and walk through of *Woman Makes the Malo, Makes the Man* with Dalani Tanahy on Thursday, October 13, 2016 from 5:30 – 6:30pm. This event is free and open to the public. The exhibition is on display at Hui No'eau Visual Arts Center through October 23rd. The Hui is open daily from 9am - 4pm with free admission. Hui No'eau is located at 2841 Baldwin Ave. in Makawao.

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