

Artists in the Schools Reaches over 12,000 students in 2012

For over 40 years the Artists in the Schools (AITS) Program has brought local artists into Hawai'i's public schools to spark student engagement in the arts and foster the development of children's creative skills. Over 12,000 students from 78 schools are participating in the current 2011-2012 school year.

The program provides schools with grants of up to \$6,000 for artist residencies, during which students take part in a series of lessons in the fine arts taught by an artist from HSFCA's Artistic Teaching Partner Roster.

According to Vivien Lee, HSFCA's arts education coordinator, "There are so few arts specialists at the elementary level. This program is a great way to get some truly strong arts instruction at that age."

Lee also expressed her gratitude to the Hawai'i Community Foundation, which for the last four years has matched HSFCA funding for AITS, doubling the amount available to schools. In the 2007-2008 school year, responsibility for the program moved from the Department of Education to the State Foundation.

AITS covers a variety of art forms including visual arts, drama, music, and dance. The hope is that through engaging students in the arts, the

program will help develop the "21st century skills" of creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration. Teacher evaluations have been very positive, describing their residency experiences as "powerful," "enriching," and "unforgettable."



Baldwin High student Katharine Goings displaying the watercolor paintings she created in an AITS residency with teaching artist Connie Adams

While the program's emphasis has shifted from performances and lecture-demonstrations to more hands-on classroom instruction, the spirit of the program has remained largely the same. By bringing professional artists into the classroom, AITS not only allows students a unique learning opportunity, but also expands the capacity of classroom teachers to teach art.

One teacher at Waiupe Valley Elementary, whose students participated in a residency with the Honolulu Theatre for Youth, characterized it as "a valuable experience for students who are not generally successful in academic areas. Honolulu Theatre for Youth helped students develop their imagination, a skill not necessarily being nurtured in today's society of video games, high definition TV, and reality shows."

Ultimately Artists in the Schools works to keep students invested in their own learning, providing a simultaneously fun and enriching educational experience.

FEBRUARY FREE EVENTS AT HISAM

The public is invited to these free events for February 2012 to be held at the Hawai'i State Art Museum in the No.1 Capitol District Building at 250 South Hotel Street in downtown Honolulu. See feature stories and photos of these events in this eNewsletter.

First Friday Games Night & Open Galleries Friday, February 3, 2012 6-8:45 p.m.

Come for our first-ever games night and rediscover some board game favorites as you and your friends relax in the upstairs lanai.

Second Saturday Rhythm, Rhymes and Rainbows Saturday, February 11, 2012 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Create a colorful masterpiece with artists from the Hawai'i Watercolor Society. Upstairs in the galleries, musician and storyteller James McCarthy blends rhythm and rhymes.

Teaching Artist Workshop Writing an AITS Grant Saturday, February 18, 2012 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

For Department of Education teachers and current artists on the Artistic Teaching Partners roster who plan on applying for the 2012-2013 school year. See inside for neighbor island workshops.

Art Lunch: Rock, Paper, Strings with Barbara Okamoto Tuesday, February 28, 2012 12-1 p.m.

Barbara Okamoto candidly shares the challenges of being an artist with "a day job" and discusses her *Ties Don't Bind* series of rock prints.

Professional Development Workshops for Teaching Artists: 21st Century Skills for a Creative Classroom



Marcia Pasqua modeling a 3rd Grade AITS lesson to teaching artists at Hawai'i State Art Museum

One of HSFCA's [five strategic priorities](#) is "to increase opportunities for arts education," with a particular emphasis on pre-K through 12th graders. Our work with the Artists in the Schools (AITS) residency program through public and charter schools relies on the immensely talented Artistic Teaching Partners. Teaching artists are asked to carry both their creative inspiration and rigorous educational standards into the classrooms. So in addition to a thorough, multi-stage process to screen, interview, and observe artists who have applied to join the roster of approved teaching artists, the State Foundation and the Hawaii Arts Alliance regularly offer [professional development workshops](#) to these artists and organizations throughout the year.

Last fall, workshops held on the islands of Hawai'i, Maui, and O'ahu focused on how teaching artists can

lead their own professional development sessions for classroom teachers, as required during each AITS residency. Very few public schools have the funding to keep an arts specialist as regular staff. The AITS partnerships provide opportunities for the schools teachers to acquire arts education tools to share with their homerooms. Teaching artists must find ways to incorporate art strategies into a "teach the teachers" class that they will lead as part of their school residency.

This month, workshops on "Writing an AITS Residency Grant" are offered in Hilo, Honolulu, and Kahului to aid teaching artists and their Department of Education partners in crafting successful residency proposals. New additions to the Teaching Partner roster will find these workshops especially helpful as a follow-up to last September's session on the "Fundamentals of an Artists in the Schools Residency,"

which covered the current program expectations. Interested teachers and teaching artists should contact [Marcia Pasqua](#) at the [Hawai'i Arts Alliance](#) (marcia@hawaiiartsalliance.org) to reserve a spot.

Saturday, February 4, 2012
University of Hawai'i at Hilo
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Saturday February 18, 2012
Honolulu, Hawai'i State Art Museum
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturday, February 25, 2012
Maui Arts and Cultural Center
9:30 am - 12:30 pm



Teaching artists participating in ARTS FIRST Professional Development Workshop at Maui Arts and Cultural Center

First Friday – Open Galleries

Friday, February 3, 2012, 6 p.m. – 8:45 p.m., Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free

Join us for First Friday this February 3rd at the Hawai'i State Art Museum. Come for our first-ever games night and rediscover some board game favorites as you and your friends relax in the second floor courtyard.

The following First Friday on March 2nd will feature

solo instrumentalist Shoji Ledward playing jazz guitar in our Sculpture Lobby. Let the melodies lure you up the stairs and keep your ears company as you saunter through our galleries.

The Hawai'i State Art Museum—a center for the community. Galleries will be open from 6:00 PM until 8:45 PM.

Second Saturday – Rhythm, Rhymes and Rainbows

Saturday, February 11, 2012, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Hawai'i State Art Museum, Free

Explore color and sound at HiSAM's February Second Saturday. Artists from the [Hawai'i Watercolor Society](#) will show you how to use color to create your own abstract masterpiece. Choose your colors from one side of the color wheel, warm or cool, or go bold with high-contrast complementary colors. Add in wax-resist techniques for an extra wow factor!

Teaching Artist [James McCarthy](#) will be upstairs in our galleries ready to blend the rhythm and rhymes. Be part of a "song-writing team" and collaborate on composing an original song. Bring your own recording device and take your

song home with you!

Gallery Hours for the museum are 10 am to 4 pm. The hands-on art activities are free and open to the public from 11 am to 3 pm while supplies last.

Downtown streets aren't crowded on the weekend, so walk, bike, take The Bus or drive to HiSAM on *Second Saturday* (\$3 flat-rate parking across the street at Ali'i Place; enter at 1099 Alakea St. Free parking available at City & County underground lot at Beretania and Alapai).

Come see—it's your art!



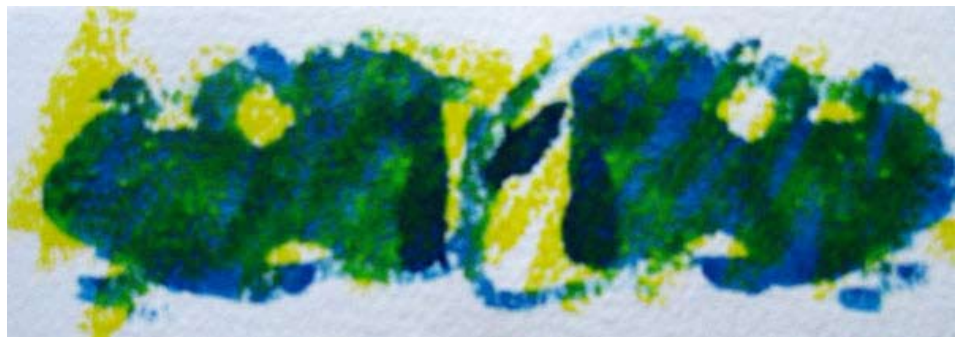
The Deep by Hawaii Watercolor Society artist Ann Irons



Chinatown by Hawaii Watercolor Society artist Dion Aguillar



James McCarthy



Watercolor Resist with Cool Colors

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Art Lunch Lecture:

Rock, Paper, Strings with Barbara Okamoto

Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 12 Noon – 1 p.m., Free

Barbara Okamoto visits the Hawai'i State Art Museum to talk story about her journey from fiber artist and survey researcher to printmaker and tourism marketer. At February's Art Lunch, Barbara candidly shares the challenges and opportunities of being an artist with a "day job." She will also discuss her *Ties Don't Bind* series of rock prints, including the reintroduction of fiber sensibilities into her printmaking images, one of which is currently on display in HiSAM's galleries.

Of late, Barbara has been working primarily in lithography and mono-print/collagraphy and she'll show some of her newest "hot off the press" images as well. As one docent recently asked, "How exactly does she print those rocks and string?" Barbara received her Masters of Fine Arts from the University of Hawai'i

at Manoa and has shown in numerous Hawai'i exhibitions as well as

several national and international shows.



Rock Dreams

HiSAM Facilities Rental Program

Hold Your Special Event or Party at the Hawai'i State Art Museum

The Hawai'i State Art Museum is available for rentals for special events and parties. The rental options include: Option 1 - Front Lawn, Option 2 - Second Floor Courtyard, or Option 3 - Front Lawn and Second Floor Courtyard.

The rental brochure is available for download here [HiSAM Rental Program Brochure](#). Anyone interested in renting the facilities may request a HiSAM Rental Information Packet which contains a Rental Handbook, Rental Request Form, and HiSAM brochure.

For more information or to request the packet, contact the HiSAM Visitor Services Manager via email at hisamrentals@gmail.com or call 586-9959.



Showcase Hawaii Visit Showcase Hawaii, the museum gift store. The store features Hawai'i-made art, gifts, and goodies. It's the perfect place to find a unique gift for that special someone. Open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On First Friday, Showcase Hawaii opens again from 6 to 9 p.m. and is on the ground floor of the Hawaii State Art Museum.

What Our Visitors Say– Art Bento Students

“Thank you for teaching us dancing and swinging and reaching. Most of all I love the art!”
“I liked to roll and freeze and make shapes with my body just like the sculpture.”

“I was excited to see the real art. It was even better than the pictures!”

Second graders from Wai’alae Elementary Public Charter School participated in the [Art Bento @ HiSAM](#) with “their” Teaching Artist Mimi Wisnosky. “Miss Mimi” led the students in responding to art through conversation and creative movement as part of the multi-disciplinary museum outreach program. After viewing reproductions of artworks in their classroom, the students were very excited to see “the real thing” during their visit to the museum. In a booklet of drawing and letters, the kids from Wai’alae Elementary thanked Miss Mimi and promised to bring their whole families with them on their next visit.



Teaching Artist Mimi Wisnosky and Wai’alae Elementary students

What Our Visitors Say–Newlyweds Laci & Tim

“Thank you again for everything! We are so happy with how it all turned out. It was our dream wedding!”

It’s an unforgettable setting for a once-in-a-lifetime occasion. HSFCA staff was delighted to welcome Tim and Laci Goshi at their recent January wedding and reception on the grounds of the Hawai’i State Art Museum. The front lawn was set up with the historic No. 1 Capitol District Building as the backdrop to their ceremony. Afterwards, the celebration continued on the second floor courtyard for the reception, and Tim’s band “rocked the house”. Congratulations to the happy couple, truly a great time was had by all!



Tim and Laci Goshi at their January wedding reception at the Hawai’i State Art Museum

HiSAM Volunteer Opportunities

Help our visitors enjoy our museum! We need enthusiastic, outgoing people to assist museum visitors and help them learn about our current exhibitions. We encourage you to volunteer if you have an interest or background in the arts and care about our Hawai’i community.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Gallery Attendant – Assist visitors in the galleries.

Information Desk Attendant – Greet visitors.

Docent – Conduct tours of art exhibitions.

Education Assistant – Help with education programs.

Special Events Assistant – Assist staff with events.

To apply, download the [volunteer application form](#), call 586-9959 or email hisamvolunteers@gmail.com.