

Art Happenings with Kailua Village Artists

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KAILUA VILLAGE ARTISTS FEATURED ARTIST IN MARCH IS WATERCOLOR, PORCELAIN AND SILK PAINTER BETTY GERSTNER

Betty Gerstner has been a porcelain artist since the late 1970's. She has been teaching this art form since 2004. In 2000, shortly after moving to Hawaii, Betty began studying watercolor with some of the better known watercolor masters on the Big Island.

In 2016, Betty renewed her interest in silk painting. She now divides her time between the mediums of porcelain, watercolor and silk painting. The beautiful scenery, tropical atmosphere and wonderful people are an inspiration to Betty's artistic talents. Her diverse subjects range from tropical birds, fish and honu (turtle) to the colorful flowers and points of interest of Hawaii. She also paints pet portraits by commission.

Betty with Wave Sculpture



In recent months Betty has made use of canvas for her watercolor paintings. She applies a watercolor ground, coating the canvas, and then paints with regular watercolors. After the watercolor painting is complete, she sprays several applications of a clear protective coating to protect the watercolor surface.

Betty's most recent creations; a porcelain wave sculpture and a watercolor on canvas painting, titled "Tree of Life, Ocean," will be on display for sale in the gallery in March.

To meet the artist, Gerstner will be working at the gallery on March 5, March 8, (the day of Kailua Village Artists' reception), March 18 and March 29, 2019.

A Little About Porcelain Painting

Porcelain painting, also known as overglaze painting or china painting, is the process of applying a special "fluxed" paint to vitrified glazed or unglazed porcelain and then firing it to a temperature of 1320 to 1540 degrees Fahrenheit.

In the last several years, Betty began creating her own porcelain pieces to paint in addition to purchasing glazed pieces. She either hand-builds a piece or casts the piece from a plaster mold. In most instances, after a piece is cast, Betty may change the original design of the piece by carving, applying hand-formed objects or changing the form in some other manner. Some pieces are created by dipping a natural fiber material (flannel, cotton, silk, etc.) in slip (liquid clay) and forming a shape. When the object is fired, the natural fiber fires out leaving the shape in the clay. These techniques allow the creation of truly unique pieces.

More of Betty's Art

Round Hibiscus Vase
Yellow Hibiscus Side



Round Hibiscus Vase
Pink Hibiscus Side



Tree of Life, Ocean
Watercolor on Canvas



Lehua Pillow Vase with Lei



KAILUA VILLAGE ARTISTS TEN MEMBER ARTISTS

Jennifer Azzarone
Image Transfer



Thomas Carey
Photography, Wood Turner



Kathleen Carr
Photography



Stefanie Culbertson
Watercolors, Digital Design



Betty Gerstner
Hand Painted Porcelain,
Watercolors, Silk Painting



Pat Hedden
Palette Knife Artist (Oil)



Bill Jaeger
Stained Glass



Kathleen Jaeger
Mosaics, Acrylics, Pen & Ink



Christal Nylin
Oils



Linda Savell
Ceramics, Jewelry



KAILUA VILLAGE ARTISTS GUEST ARTISTS

(Artists' work shown below, from top left horizontally across)



Frank Andrews - Welded Copper
Scott Pincus – Silver Jewelry
Bill Twibell – Gyotaku (fish prints)
Brad Lewis – Photography
Rachel Baker – Fused Glass

Kailua Village Artists All Member Artists Reception on March 8, 2019, 5 – 7 pm

The Kailua Village Artists cordially invite the public to their “All Member Artists Reception,” held on Friday, March 8, 2019, from 5 to 7 pm, at the Kailua Village Artists Gallery. Meet and mingle with the member artists of Kailua Village Artists and enjoy pupus and refreshments.

The Kailua Village Artists 10 member artists and their media are: Jennifer Azzarone – image transfer; Tom Carey – photography and wood turner, Kathy Carr – photography; Stefanie Culbertson - watercolors and digital design; Betty Gerstner - porcelain, watercolors and silk painting; Pat Hedden – palette knife oils; Bill Jaeger - stained glass; Kathleen Jaeger - acrylics, mosaics and pen & ink; Christal Nylin – oils; Linda Savell – ceramics and diachronic glass jewelry.



The Kailua Village Artists Gallery features an eclectic display of reasonably priced original artworks, including paintings in acrylic, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography and watercolor. Fine art prints of the originals are available. The gallery hosts a distinguished display of 3-D art in ceramics, glassware, jewelry, mosaics, porcelain, stained glass and wood work.

The Kailua Village Artists Gallery is a Cooperative organization. The gallery is managed by its members. We are located at 75-5729 Alii Drive, Suite C-110 in the Kona Marketplace, up the blue walkway just North of Kakina Lane. The gallery is open every day from 9:30am – 5:30 pm. For more information please call (808) 329-6653.

Kailua Village Artists Gallery has a booth at the **KOKUA KAILUA VILLAGE STROLL ON ALII DRIVE**. Third Sunday of each month, from 1 – 6 pm



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