

2026 Hawaii Artist Collaboration

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(Holualoa, Hawaii, October 16, 2026) One of Hawaii Island's most anticipated annual events – the Hawaii Artist Collaboration – is set for the week starting November 1. True to its original philosophy, the theme for 2026 is “Playing it Forward HAC 2026”

The 2026 invitation-only artist collaborative marks the 13th year that more than 35 artists from throughout Hawaii, the U.S. mainland, New Zealand and Canada will come to Hawaii Island's Holualoa Town to create unique pieces of art in just five days during the week of November 1st. Typically, more than 90 original works of art created by master artists specializing in various mediums who team together during the week to share their skill and experience with each other.

One goal is encouraging each artist to venture outside their normal area of expertise. The artwork produced will be offered for sale at the **silent and live auction hosted at the Hawaii Island Community Health Center pavilion from 400 PM to 7:30 PM on Saturday, November 7**. Proceeds help fund supplies for local art teachers, provide scholarships and help with funds for future events.

“Once again this year, jewelers, blacksmiths, woodworkers, painters, sculptors and more are all coming together to create works that no one person could imagine alone,” says Tai Lake, event co-founder. “We invite everyone interested in supporting our island *keiki* discover their creative potential to join us at the auction. Together we can make a difference.”

The true benefit of the collaborative process, according to Lake, is the friendships and cross pollination that the artists share and then take back to their communities. He says, “The Hawaii Artist Collaboration connects artists from all around the world who are masters of their craft and who are into sharing their experiences to help others get inspired and on their way.”

Ticket information is on-line at <https://hac.betterworld.org/events/hac-2026>, entry donation \$45.00 at the door; \$40.00 in advance. For more information, please contact info@hawaiiartistcollaboration.org or visit Hawaii Artist Collaboration website, <https://hawaiiartistcollaboration.org/>

Editor's Note: An artist participation list follows below; photos are available on request. Interviews are available upon request.

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2026 PARTICIAPTING ARTISTS

Kathleen Abood, paint multimedia, Kailua-Kona
Nash Adams-Pruitt, Glass, Volcano
Adare, fine arts, Keaau
Adam Clark, jewelry, multimedia, Hilo
Scott Fitzel, sculpture, Kahaluu
Amy Flanders, jewelry, Muphysboro, Illinois
Mats Fogelvik, wood, Ocean View
Ethan Foney, blacksmith, Waimea
Lisa Geersten, blacksmith, Seattle, Washington
Lyonel Grant, Maori sculpture, Auckland, New Zealand
Amarette Gregor, mixed media, Oregon
Alex Gupton, fine art, Kailua-Kona
Aaron Hammer, wood turning, Papaikou
Greg Garriss Heloca, physicist, Holualoa
Tommy Kamaki Hickox, fiber lasher and woodworker, Kona
Michael Hosaluk, wood, Canada
Winona Hwang, metalsmithing, Oregon
Evan Jenkins, glass blowing, Honolulu
Eriko Kobayashi, glass, Washington
Jonah Lake, wood, Holualoa
Kristen Lake, light, Holualoa
Noa Lake, wood work and turning, Holualoa
Tai Lake, wood furniture, Holualoa
Cris Lindborg, painter, sculpture, Holualoa
Chris Martin, Mixed - Wood/ metal, Colorado
John Medwedeff, blacksmith, Murphysboro, Illinois
Stephanie Metz, Sculpture, California
John Mydock, mixed media, wood, Paho
April Ottey, Jewelry, Washington
Abby Rabinowitz, painting, Paho
Ian Rogers, metal fabricator, Kona
Paul Schurch, wood furniture, wood, Santa Barbara, California

John Strohnbehn, wood sculpture, Billingham, Washington

Lorie Taylor, painter, Hawai'i Island

Peter Underwood, found objects, Kealahou

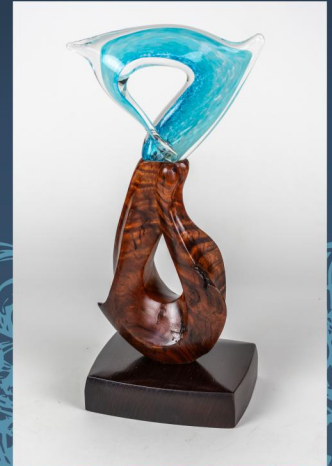
Judy Zugish, fiber arts, Washington

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