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Wildlife inspires art at Malama Wao Akua

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Artists used nature as their muse during the annual Malama Wao Akua juried art exhibition. Organized by the East Maui Watershed Partnership and Viewpoints Gallery, artists were challenged to create works with the theme Maui Nui native plants and wildlife.

The exhibition will show Friday to Nov. 10, with a blessing and awards ceremony from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Viewpoints Gallery in Makawao.

Friends of D.T. Fleming Arboretum at Pu'u Mahoe helped inspire the artists through free tours and overnight camping in preparation for this year's art show. Two weekends in September were dedicated to artist tours followed by an afternoon of sketching, painting and photography and an overnight camping trip. Fern Duvall, DLNR wildlife biologist for Maui Nui, guided artists through the D.T. Fleming Arboretum - Maui's largest collection of Maui native species. A total of 45 artists participated in the two weekend event.

The D.T. Fleming Arboretum at Pu'u Mahoe is a statewide seed bank and a unique dry-land plant recovery reserve protecting and perpetuating rare dry-land species for the restoration of native habitat and dry-land watershed. The artists were introduced to more than 50 Maui native plant species in flower during the event.

For details, visit www.viewpointsgallerymaui.com

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DLNR wildlife biologist Fern Duvall leads artist groups through D.T. Fleming Arboretum in preparation for the annual Malama Wao Akua exhibition, opening this weekend at Viewpoints Gallery.