

# HAWAII NEI

2009

an art contest  
celebrating native species

Logo courtesy of Caren Loebel-Fried



**IMAGINE** a forest dripping with ferns, where metallic bird-calls echo through a dark and dense canopy, while below tiny snails make their way among shiny green leaves. Imagine a silvery sunflower whose fat purple flowers bloom only once in a dozen years while a snow-capped volcano keeps watch.

## THIS IS HAWAII NEI. CELEBRATE.

Amateur and professional artists of all ages are encouraged to submit works of art honoring the native species of our beloved island, our Hawai'i Nei. Proudly presented by the Natural Area Reserves System, the Volcano Art Center, and the Three Mountain Alliance watershed partnership.

Exhibition June 13 - August 2  
Entries due May 29 & 31 at Volcano Art Center's Nialani campus  
Opening June 13, winners announced and prizes awarded  
Art hikes, workshops, classes & presentations available  
[www.volcanoartcenter.org](http://www.volcanoartcenter.org)

**Hawai'i Nei 2009** is an opportunity for the artists of our island to portray our unique native species in creative and evocative ways. Residents of the Island of Hawai'i are invited to experience our native ecosystems firsthand and to celebrate the exceptional diversity of our island.

### Eligibility

The main subject(s) of your piece(s) must be a species native to the Island of Hawai'i. All species found ridge to reef on the island are acceptable. Subjects from beyond the reef, including the deep ocean, will not be accepted. Artwork featuring non-native species, including Polynesian introductions, will not be accepted. Cultural or human components in a piece are acceptable as long as they complement the major theme of native species.

### How to Submit

Fill out an entry form (available online or at Volcano Art Center) and drop it off with your artwork at the Niaulani campus of the Volcano Art Center in Volcano Village on Friday, May 29 or Sunday, May 31 between 10 am and 3 pm.

### Media

Artwork in any medium or combination of media is welcome. All works must be original, (no prints or giclées please) and must not have been previously shown in any other exhibition, gallery, or website. All art must be ready for hanging or installation, including attaching wire for framed pieces. Matted work without frames will not be accepted. Due to space limitation, pieces may not exceed 2' x 3' in size.

### Entry Fees

Artists may enter more than one piece. A non-refundable fee of \$10 for each entry will be collected at time of receiving. The fee for keiki (18 and under) is \$5 for each piece submitted.

### Selection

Jurying will occur the week of June 1. Prior to jurying, NARS and TMA staff will determine if pieces qualify as subject matter native to the Island of Hawai'i. No exceptions will be made. Pieces not selected for exhibition will be available for pick-up at Niaulani on Friday, June 5 and Sunday, June 7 between 10 am and 1 pm. Keiki artwork will be juried in three categories: Elementary, Middle, and High School.

### Sales

All selected adult entries are required to be for sale, keiki entries are not. If artwork sells during the exhibition, the commission is 45% to the artist, 45% to Volcano Art Center, and 10% will go to support joint native species protection and management activities carried out by the NARS and TMA.

### Art Hikes

Art hikes will be offered to give artists an opportunity to experience firsthand native ecosystems. See website for hike dates and details, or contact Colleen Cole, NARS Outreach Coordinator, for more information (tcolleencole@gmail.com or 333-7741).

### More Information

See website for more details, tips for teachers, entry form, and scheduled activities associated with the art contest: [www.volcanoartcenter.org](http://www.volcanoartcenter.org) or contact the gallery at 967-7511.

*Hawai'i Nei 2009 is a collaboration among the Natural Area Reserves System (NARS), a program within the State Department of Land & Natural Resources, Division of Forestry & Wildlife, working to protect the best of Hawai'i's remaining native ecosystems; the Volcano Art Center (VAC), where people, art, & nature meet; and the Three Mountain Alliance watershed partnership (TMA), working across private, state, and federal lands to sustainably manage over 1 million acres for natural & cultural resources.*