



Art has long been recognized for its power to connect individuals of different backgrounds and experiences by sharing our stories, building empathy, compassion, and respect for one another.

A feature of Art Is Healing that sets it apart from other exhibitions is that the artwork purchased from the show is simultaneously donated to HICHC to become part of our permanent art collection, displayed throughout our health centers for patients, staff, and visitors to enjoy. By bringing the arts into the healing process, we hope that those who come through our doors experience a greater connection to one another and to our community.

Kanjin Kaname

divine mind, divine eyes

AIH 2025 Juror Statement **Setsuko Watanabe and Mina Elison**

We invite artists from all backgrounds using diverse media to submit their work for the upcoming exhibition, *Art Is Healing*, a celebration of the transformative power of art and the journey of returning to one's center and essence.

In a world that can pull us in many directions, it's easy to lose sight of who we are and what grounds us. *Art Is Healing* seeks to explore the process of reconnecting with one's true self—finding stillness amidst chaos, rediscovering inner strength, and embracing the authenticity that lies at the core of our being. We are inspired by the concept of *Kanjin Kaname*, which speaks of the “divine mind, divine eyes”—a principle that suggests that through a divine perspective and insight, we can uncover the essence of our being. In this exhibition, we invite you to reflect on how this insight illuminates our journey of self-discovery, restoration, and renewal.

Whether through painting, printmaking, photography, or mixed media, we ask you to delve into a profound space where healing begins, where you reclaim balance, peace and joy; your interpretation of what it means to return to one's center can help guide others on their own healing journey.



Hawai'i Island
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Setsuko Watanabe
Art Is Healing 2025 Co-Juror

Setsuko Watanabe, a self-taught artist originally from Kanagawa, Japan, has explored a variety of art forms, from photography and fiber arts to clay, mixed-media painting, and printmaking. Watanabe has exhibited widely and received awards for her work, with pieces in public and corporate collections, including the Hawai'i State Foundation on Culture and the Arts.

After moving to Hawai'i in 1970 and marrying Hiroki Morinoue, she founded Studio 7 Fine Arts Gallery, the longest-standing contemporary art gallery in Hawai'i. She played a key role in the creation of the Donkey Mill Art Center and served as its volunteer program director for over a decade, developing educational programs that continue to shape the center's youth initiatives.

Watanabe was also a pivotal organizer of the 2017 International Mokuhanga Conference, bringing Japanese woodblock printmaking to Hawai'i. Throughout her career, she has been a passionate advocate for art education and cultural community building.



Mina Elison
Art Is Healing 2025 Co-Juror

Mina Elison is a Kanaka 'Ōiwi curator who was born and raised in Kailua on the island of O'ahu. With generational ties to South Kona on Hawai'i, Mina currently serves as Curator at the Donkey Mill Art Center in Kona, Hawai'i, where she curates exhibitions and programming featuring local and international artists working in diverse media from kapa to film.

She sees the gallery as a classroom, laboratory, and gathering space which inspires exploration, reflection, and healing; art can be a catalyst for meaningful and challenging dialogue. Embracing the kuleana of her position as curator, Elison aims to develop collaborative exhibitions which amplify stories and perspectives of those whose voices have been suppressed, misrepresented, or have not yet been heard.

Previously holding the position of Museum Curator at the Kona Historical Society, Elison earned Bachelor of Arts degrees in Anthropology, and French from the University of San Diego, and a Master of Arts in Museum Studies from New York University.



ENTRIES ARE DUE MARCH 25 IN HILO; ON MARCH 27 IN KONA

EAST SIDE DROP OFF

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Hawai'i Island Community Health Center's Hilo Administrative Office, 450 Kilauea Avenue, Suite 105, Hilo

WEST SIDE DROP OFF

Thursday, March 27, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Hawai'i Island Community Health Center's Kealakehe Pavilion, 74-5214 Keanalehu Drive, Kailua-Kona

Exhibition Guidelines

- All submitted artwork must include an entry form describing each piece of artwork, and a signed agreement.
- Artists are limited to two (2) submissions. An entry fee of \$15 (per submission) must be paid at the time of submission.
- Only two-dimensional and wall-hung relief objects will be accepted. All submitted artwork must be ready to hang.
- Work not selected for the exhibition must be picked up at HICHC's Hilo Admin office on Tuesday, April 8, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. OR at the Health Center in Kealakehe on Thursday, April 10, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you are unable to do so, please contact HICHC in advance to make other arrangements.
- Selected work will remain on display for six months at HICHC; unpurchased work will be released for pickup in August.
- The purchase price of the artwork will be set by the Artist with the understanding that HICHC will pay the Artist 50% of the purchase price.
- HICHC must receive a signed W9 form from the Artist prior to issuing payment for art sales.
- The Artist agrees that HICHC may use images of the Artist's work to advertise and market HICHC and/or the Artist.
- Between the date of receipt and tender of artwork, HICHC will incur no liability for damage or loss of work other than that caused by HICHC negligence. The liability of HICHC shall be limited to the amount the Artist would have received if the work had been sold.

Purchased Artwork

Buyers who purchase artwork from the Art Is Healing exhibition will donate the purchased artwork to the permanent collection of Hawai'i Island Community Health Center.

Opening Reception

HICHC will host a reception on Saturday, 5/24/25, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at 74-5214 Keanalehu Drive, Kailua-Kona.

Jurors' Choice Awards

In addition to choosing entries for inclusion in the exhibition, jurors will present several Jurors' Choice Awards.

For more information, please call Lauren at (808) 228-3911, or email LeWhittemore@HICCommunityHealthCenter.org www.HICCommunityHealthCenter.org



ENTRY FORM/ARTIST AGREEMENT

Artist/Business Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

This Agreement is between HICHC and _____ ("the Artist"), whereby the Artist has submitted his or her artwork to be juried into the Art Is Healing 2025 Exhibition and agrees to the following conditions:

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- All selected artwork will be available for sale.

Acknowledged and agreed to by:

Artist Signature _____ Date _____

HICHC Signature _____ Date _____

ENTRY #1

Title _____

Materials _____

Dimensions _____ Purchase Price \$ _____

ENTRY #2

Title _____

Materials _____

Dimensions _____ Purchase Price \$ _____

If you'd like to share an Artist's Statement with jurors and potential buyers, please submit it at <https://forms.office.com/r/8AKAKpMXzK>

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Bring this entry form with your submission(s) to the drop-off, or enter online at www.HICommunityHealthCenter.org