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Help Sustain Conservation through Art

Makawao, HI, September 7th, 2010-East Maui Watershed Partnership (EMWP) and Viewpoints Gallery are holding their sixth annual Malama Wao Akua (MWA) 2010 Juried Art Exhibition. Maui and the surrounding islands are blessed to have unique species from mountain to ocean that are found nowhere else in the world (endemic). To celebrate the beauty of these unique species, art and conservation unite to educate the community. Selected pieces will be on view from September 23rd to October 26th at Viewpoints Gallery in Makawao.

Local artists of all ages from Maui County are invited to submit artwork showcasing Maui Nui's native flora and fauna from 10am-4pm on Thursday, September 21st at Viewpoints Gallery. Jurors' Choice awards will be given out for adults and keiki along with an award for Rarest Find, People's Choice, and Art of Conservation (showing conservation at work). The jurors this year will be Neida Bangerter, Gallery Director of Schaefer International Gallery, Maui Arts & Cultural Center and Lisa Schattenburg-Raymond, Education and Cultural Program Manager of Maui Nui Botanical Gardens. Cost is \$10 per entry for adults and \$5 for kids. Multiple entries are allowed. Visit www.eastmauiwatershed.org for prospectus and more info.

Opening reception is being held on Saturday, September 25th and begins with a Jurors' walk through at 4pm and a blessing at 5pm. And as a special presentation EMI's Operation's Manager Mark Vaught will be awarding EMWP with a generous donation to show their longstanding support and dedication to preserving Maui's watersheds.

In the world today you often hear how the future of our environment and biodiversity is questionable and it leaves you with a feeling of what *one* person can do to help. The art show is a perfect way to purchase beautiful art and at the same time support the work that is being done to protect Hawaii's environment, the Wao Akua- the sacred source.

The East Maui Watershed Partnership is committed to protecting this watershed for the people of Maui. Our watersheds are our source of water, culture and biodiversity.

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Attachments: 1: Image: Natural Elegance of the Native Land, by Joëlle C. (Awarded People's Choice Award in MWA 09') 2: Gallery Shot from Opening Reception 3: Prospectus

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