First DMA Open House Attracts Potential Students, Stirs Interest

The Digital Media Arts Program welcomed the public to learn more about the courses on Saturday, October 23 from 9:00 am—2:00 pm at the HawCC Dining Hall.

Several learning stations manned by students and instructors were set up around the dining hall. Open house guests could learn about software programs such as Photoshop, Illustrator, Flash, Dreamweaver, and Maya. People went from station to station and the DMA hosts explained the software programs and how they worked. Some of the participants even tried their hands on working on the software.

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Special points of interest:

- DMA Coordinator’s Meidor Hu designed the postcard announcing the Volcano Village artist tour.
- Graphic artist Caren Loebel-Fried will be speaking at the Mookini Library’s fundraiser, “A Night in the Stacks,” on Friday, November 19 from 5:30-9:00pm.
- Look forward to Violet Mura-kami’s upcoming art show at IDspace sometime in January.

DMA Staff Racks Up Miles for Student Recruitment

In an effort to take the DMA show on the road, DMA Coordinator Meidor Hu and Educational Specialist Milliani Hughes traveled at least 1000 miles visiting different high schools on the island.

The first show visited was Kohala High School in early September. The last school to be visited will be a second trip to Hilo High School.

A total of 19 schools, public, private, and charter schools, got to see Regina Arurang’s DMA commercial as well as hear some information of enrolling at Hawaii Community College and getting involved in the Digital Media Arts programs.

It was amazing to see the kinds of things the students were already doing in the digital arts in their high school classes. The only program that was unfamiliar to most was the Maya program.

Open House guests visit the various learning centers run by Instructor Sharon Ryba on Flash and students Nicholas Chang and Brian Kelli’l and their popular animation station using the Maya program. Brian and Nicholas had powerpoint presentations and samples of animation.

Study Center’s Souper Friday…..

Coming Soon!

December 10
10:30-2:00

Menu is rumored to be jook or Chinese rice soup!
For the second year in a row, The Hawaii State Art Foundation bought the art work of Instructor Kevin Diminyatz at the East Hawai‘i Cultural Center’s Fall Art Show. Using a surrealistic automatic drawing method, the piece entitled “Satori,” sold for $750. It is an encaustic painting which combines wax, ink, graphics, and varnish. It was completed this year. From the proceeds, 40% was donated to the EHCC.

Although financial gain is not his primary reason for doing art, Diminyatz was happy that the Art Foundation purchased his piece. An artist originally from the Mainland, he has found that more of his works are being sold in Hawai‘i. This year, Diminyatz is teaching Art 107D—Digital Photography and Art 112—Introduction to the Digital Media Arts at Hawai‘i Community College. He also teaches Art 101 at UHH.

Art 112 Designs Reflect Hawaiian Cultural Influences

The Art 112 students of Pelikaokamana‘oio Bertelmann applied the skills they learned in the Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop programs to create calendar images from a Hawaiian perspective.

Beginning with the Illustrator program, students were asked to design ‘ohe kapala or bamboo stamps used to decorate kapa. Generally geometric in form, the designs nevertheless, had significant meanings for the designer.

Instructor Bertelmann then shared information on each of the months of the Hawaiian calendar which included information such as weather, agricultural information, observations of the land, sea, and skies. The students were given some design parameters and were asked to design images to represent their months.

Kayla Leong, in her first year in college chose to create an image for the months of January and February since January is her birth-month. This is the time when the seas are stormy and the whales give birth to their calves. In her image, she wanted the piece to look painted so she used the Photoshop program to paint the images. The outside border of her image represents her ‘ohe kapala.

“Despite the design parameters, we were given a lot of freedom to create the design that best represents our chosen month,” said Leong.

Instructor Bertelmann commented that the designs were exceptional and represent an excellent example of how to infuse Hawaiian traditional information into digital art.

Beginning DMA student Kayla Leong provides a visual representative of the Hawaiian month called Kaelo which encompasses the months of January and February. She is a student of Pelikaokamana‘oio Bertelmann.
HawCC Students Featured in Art Shows around

Besides the work of the instructors in the world of art in our little town of Hilo, students are also being featured in art shows.

At the Wailoa Center’s show, “E Komo Mai 2,” three students had pieces displayed. The students in the Wailoa show included James McElvaney, Aaron Zeeman, and Nidhi Chadora. It is great to see student work in the local art shows. They serve as excellent representatives!! Congratulations for being chosen to be in the show.

Another student’s work is being displayed in the Edwin Mookini Library on the UHH campus. Linda “Souza” de Souza was informed that her painting of Picasso’s Girl in the Mirror is a part of the student art show.

“I’ve always wanted to be an artist since I was a little girl but it has taken all of these years to realize that dream.” Souza said. “I was an art major at UH-Manoa in 1974.”

Since retiring from her job on Oahu, she is back in school and resuming her dream. She is in a beginning painting class. Her hobby is to paint birds and portraits. She raises birds like cockatiels in her home in Pahoa.

Keep up the good work, you all!!

Milhoan Applies DMA Skills to Serve the Community

Thane Milhoan is a guy who loves football and loves to coach football. He is combining his interest in football with his digital media arts skills to build a website to benefit Hawai’i Island’s high school football players.

Being in the middle of the Pacific makes it difficult for talented athletes to get exposure to entice college and professional scouts. To help the students in the East Hawai’i high schools, Milhoan has launched a website introducing players to the wider community.

Sportzviz.com is the website where Milhoan provides video and photography services for high school football. His website is also a recruiting aid where scouts can check out football footage on the athletes’ performance on the playing field. He also provides additional information to help scouts recruit the best athletes for their institution.

“This is a needed service to help our student athletes and I am happy to work on it to fill a need in our community,” Milhoan said.
Na Maka Hou: Looking at the world from a new perspective

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Fallon Dickson created this free-hand drawing using the Illustrator program. Fallon is in Kevin Diminyatz’s Art 112 Class.

We’re on the web!
www.hawaii.hawaii.edu/digital media

Mahalo to the DMA Students and Staff who Volunteered at our Open House

Many hands helped to make the Open House a success!! A million thanks!!

Shantel Adolpho...Regina Arurang...Jackie Johns...Thane Milhoan...Nicholas Chang...Brian Keli‘i...Ronald Kodani...Heather Thompson...Orion Paye...Members of the Art 125 class for working on the t-shirt designs...Lorraine D’Anna...Hinano Nae’ole...Richard Ehara...Millilani Hughes...Sharon Ryba...Danny Miller...Meidor Hu...Violet Murakami...James and Dawn Hawkins and their two kids...Kevin Diminyatz...Kaori Ukaji...Darius Guerra...Guy Kimura...Neal Uehara...Steve Parente...Maluhia Educational Enterprises for donating the DMA shirts.

DMA student Ronald Kodani signs guests in at our Open House reception table.