

Museum honors Auntie Esther

THE GARDEN ISLAND

The Kaua'i Museum will dedicate an original oil portrait of the late Auntie Esther Makua'ole, master lauhala weaver, tomorrow at 1 p.m.

Painted by Kaua'i artist Fred Tangalin, the piece will hang above the spot where Auntie Esther sat and wove her award-winning lauhala creations while at the Kaua'i Museum, a museum press release states.

Tangalin painted the portrait from a photo he took, and exhibited the painting in the Schaeffer Portrait Challenge on Maui before donating it to the museum.

Margaret Lovett will also be teaching a class in lauhala weaving Saturday.

For more information, call 245-6931.



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Artist Fred Tangalin shows off his portrait of master lauhala weaver Auntie Esther Makua'ole. The Kaua'i Museum will display the painting above the spot where Makuaole spent countless hours plying her craft.