

Hawaiian Lei Making Class for II Members



**April 15 & 22, 2018 12 Noon to 4 pm.
Honolulu Art Museum School at Linekona
Instructor: Brian Choy**

An opportunity to learn from a master!

Brian Choy was a student of acclaimed lei makers Irmalee and Walter Pomroy, whom he met in the late 1970's. He learned the art of *lei wili* from them, and later took a class from Joyce Davis as part of Beatrice Krauss's Ethnobotany of Hawaii class at Lyon Arboretum. Brian and his brother Reyn began entering the City and County of Honolulu May Day Lei Competition in 1976. For the next three decades, Brian, family members and friends, were the consistent prize-winners in that annual competition. Along the way, Brian learned all the Hawaiian lei making methods – *kui*, *hili*, *kipuu*, *haku*, *wili*, and *humapapa*.

Brian agreed to do this special class for II members because of his friendship with President Earl. The class will be done in 2 Sunday sessions. Brian has waived his usual fee for teaching. The class fee of \$71 is for the use of the Museum classrooms. Brian does not supply the materials for these classes because he believes that part of the learning process is learn what materials to gather. He has suggested the materials and supplies to bring. The recommended reference book for these classes is *Ka Lei* by Marie McDonald, available at the public library.

The First Class

Will cover the *Wili* method, or what is commonly called a haku lei.

- **Plant Materials:** bring an assortment of palapalai, palaa, or shinobu fern, ohia lehua, cup & saucer, double-bougainvillea, bozu, dendrobium, statice, colored ti, zracaena tricolor, moa or any flower and foliage that is flexible and durable.*
- **Raffia:** Bring long raffia fiber from Ben Franklin Crafts*
- **Equipment:** Bring small pointed scissors (*not garden pruners or ikebana clippers*), spray bottle, cupcake tray (*disposable aluminum OK*), cooler with ice to transport your lei materials and finished lei, recycled plastic bags from market produce section and a few plastic market bags, paper towel or newspaper to wrap your lei.

Homework for first class: make another lei using the *wili* method and bring to the second class.

The Second Class

- Will cover other lei methods and how to plant a lei garden
- No plant materials or equipment needed. Just bring your homework lei.

Registration for these classes is through the Honolulu Museum of Art School at Linekona.

You may go online and register with a credit card. To do so, copy this address into your browser.

<https://secure.honolulumuseum.org/auxiliary/Reserve.aspx?p=5852>

You may also register using a printed form, attaching a check for \$71 made out to the Honolulu Museum of Art School and mailing to the Honolulu Museum of Art School, 900 S Beretania St., Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

Questions? Call Kelsey Karsin, Honolulu Museum of Art School registrar at (808) 532-8741

PLEASE NOTE We need a minimum of 10 registrants for this class to go.

* *It has a supply of raffia or you may bring your own*

* *Many members grow materials suitable for lei. Once we have a participant list we will contact all to see what materials we might bring to share.*