

November 2024 Newsletter Focus on Fred Alexandre

An abstract painter and world traveler, Fred now makes his home in Pa'auilo.

Joe Clarkson, President PMKCA



Fred Alexandre, artist, Pa'auilo resident and PMKCA member. (Credit Fred A.)

Author's note: Every once in a while, we feature a PMKCA member who is doing interesting artistic or craft work. Fred Alexandre is an artist who creates abstract painting in a variety of media. Examples of his work can be seen in the photos that are attached to this story. Much of the biographical information included comes from an interview of Fred by Derik Hicks. Fred's home and studio are just off Ho'o Kahua Road on a small farm containing a colorful menagerie of animals and pets.

See below for examples of Fred's artwork and details on art classes to be held at Fred's studio.

Fred was born in the Caribbean, in Port Au Prince, Haiti. He lived there for about five years until his parents relocated to the USA, living in New Jersey and also a stint in New York. Fred stayed in New Jersey until he graduated from Rutgers University, where he studied visual arts and history at Mason Gross School of Arts. He then moved to the UK for three years and earned his 2-year terminal master's in fine art (Merit) at Newcastle University. He returned to the northeast United States to visit family and take in the art scene.

But then Fred wanted to see what was happening culturally and artistically on the international scene. Fred was curious about China and ended up moving there. After two years of living in China, he moved to the British colony of Hong Kong and lived and lectured art/humanities there for about ten years. Hong Kong is where he met his wife, Amy. As China started taking over Hong Kong, he felt it was time to return home. Fred and Amy moved to Hawaii and love it here. He says he is much more relaxed and the vibrant beauty of the Hamakua Coast has influenced the colors he applies to his canvases.

Fred has always been interested in art and has studied art since he was in grade school. As he describes it, "I was one of those kids that looked up into the sky and marveled at cloud formations and would see different particulars within those images and tried to replicate those images on paper. But as I progressed, I wanted other people to be able to see things the way *they* see it. I don't want to direct them to see particulars. I want them to see what they see. Just like the clouds were teaching me to see something that I would see, I wanted to do the same with my paintings. Abstract painting makes me feel free".

Fred also explained his view of his craft, "I'm a cultural worker. Painting is my domain. It is not about being famous. I want to contribute something of value. I didn't have to walk all over the globe to find what I found. I just so happened to have this privilege of walking all over the globe. I want to make sure that I give some of the rich investment in my life back to the community. My paintings should reflect that".

Fred Alexandre is represented by Alexandre Hawaii Gallery (<u>AHG.world</u>). More about his art can be found there. He can also be contacted at:

Alexandre Hawaii Gallery PO Box 6181 **Kamuela, HI 96743 808-300-8611**

Art Classes

Fred is offering art and painting workshops with limited seating, designed for adult beginners and all youth levels. The workshops will be held at *J'Lily*, his art studio and educational farm on Kula Kahiko Road and are sponsored by Alexandre Hawaii Gallery. The attached announcement gives more details and contact information.

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## **Examples of Fred Alexandre's Artwork**



"Howzit Brah", 2022, acrylic, 40 ½ inches x 40 ½ inches

"Kalopa", 2022, acrylic, 23 ¾ inches x 17 inches





"Nourishing" 2022, acrylic, 10 ¾ inches x 16 ¼ inches

"Piano" 2022, acrylic, 20 inches x 16 inches

