



'Ohana Gift Museum Quilter's Legacy



Fred Tangalin with his oil portrait of Auntie Esther Makuaole.

Kauai Museum has become an important repository for Hawaiian quilts. The collection continues to grow as families share their legacy. The Montgomery / Lindsey family donated nine Hawaiian quilts made by Jenny Montgomery Kimble. She was the daughter of Hugh Kalei and Lois Kalei Montgomery. Jenny was not only a quilter, but a designer of Hawaiian quilts.

It was the wish of the late Katherine Lindsey that these quilts, made by her mother, would be donated to the Kauai Museum as a lasting legacy to the tradition of Hawaiian quilting which was practiced by the women of her family. Husband Edwin P. Lindsey, Jr. and son Marc Lindsey made this donation and there will be a special showing of these quilts later this year.

Lauhala Weaver Remembered

For 15 years, Esther came twice a week to the Museum and shared her talents in lauhala weaving with visitors and residents inspiring continuation of this important folk art. She passed away in May. Among the many awards and recognitions received in her lifetime, Kauai Museum Trustees chose her a Living Treasure of Kauai & Ni'ihau for perpetuating her craft. In loving memory of Kauai's own master lauhala hat weaver, Auntie Esther's daughter Hanna Kamoe gifted the Museum with three of Esther's prized hats: one made of the rare makaloa sedge, one anoi (two color) and one with two rows of niho (points). Also donated were a wooden hand crank for softening lauhala and rare 'ie'ie basket made for Auntie Esther. Also in memory of Auntie Esther, artist Fred Tangalin donated his portrait of Auntie Esther weaving at the Museum. It was selected to be shown in the Schaefer Portrait Competition at the Maui Arts & Culture Center earlier this year. The spirit of lauhala weaving will always be alive because of Esther.



Edwin P. Lindsey displays one of his late wife's quilts.

