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## Brothers Tangalin exhibit fine art at Kaua'i Museum

An art show featuring Fred Tangalin's paintings and Leonard Tangalin's sculptures will be on display at the Kauai Museum Mezzanine gallery from Aug. 7, through Oct. 2. The public is invited to meet and talk story with the artist at the opening reception on Thursday Aug. 7, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

Fred and Leonard were born and raised on Kaua'i. Their art nostalgically draws upon the spirit of their childhood days: living at Moloa'a Camp and bathing in a large tub with water warmed on the wood burning stove, running

around Coco Palms as background boys in Elvis Presley's "Blue Hawaii," and summers spent picking pineapples and jumping rides on the sugarcane trains.

Fred evokes the spirit of Aloha and the mellowness of the island lifestyle with his brush, while Leonard captures the power and beauty of ancient Hawai'i with his chisel.

Fred said he became hooked on art at age 13 while attending summer classes at the Honolulu Academy of Arts. A few years later he met the late island artist and retired Otis Art Institute professor,

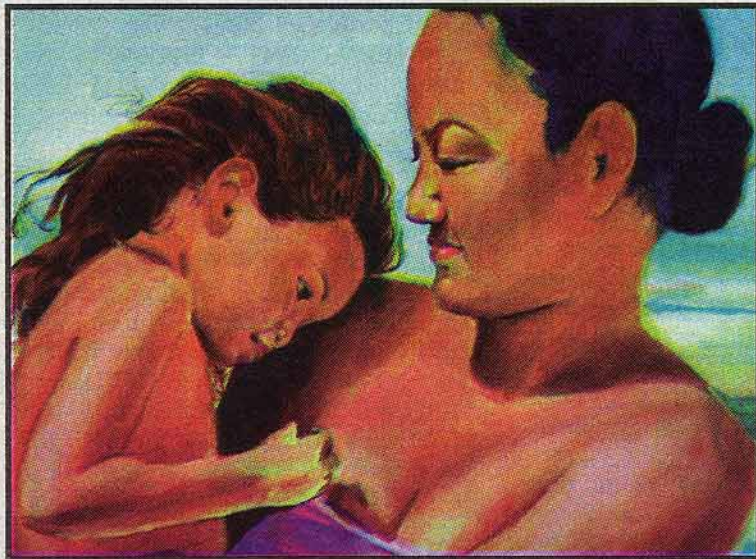
Leonard Herbert. Herbert took Fred under his wing and mentored him for over 30 years.

Old plantation homes, mothers teaching their children to fish, and hard-working farmers tending their taro fields are a few of the scenes Fred says are dear to him and are represented in his work.

Leonard began carving in his early twenties. He explains that his inspiration was born of a fascination developed as a little child watching his granduncle carve him and his sibling toys. He said he also had a desire to learn about the Polynesian culture. Ohia

School. As a member of the Kauai Society of Artists, he has been participating in the group's juried shows for the last five years. Fred's work can also be seen in the Kilohana Artesian's Room, Gallery West in Waimea Plantation Cottages, and the Kauai Products Store in Kukui Grove Center.

In the past Leonard showed his works at the Stone Gallery in Lihue. He shares his aloha and local knowledge with visitors daily as a tour bus driver for Kaua'i Island Tours. After raising his three children, Ohia, Kiawe, and Kamani, Leonard seeks to



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(Above) Painting of mother and child by Fred Tangalin. (Left) One of Leonard Tangalin's Hawaiian theme sculptures.

Lehua, Koa, and Kukui Nut are some of the local woods he crafts. Leonard personally selects and passionately carves them into interpretations of Hawaiian gods and images of ancient Hawai'i.

Both brothers are hardworking family men who find time to create late at night.

Fred works as a foster parent for Hale Opio. He volunteers annually teaching art at Island

share his love of sculpting the hardwoods of Hawai'i.

The brothers last showed together 24 years ago at the Learning Resources Center at Kaua'i Community College.

The Kaua'i Museum is open Monday through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and open Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are closed on Sundays. Call 245-6931 for more information.

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