



Aloha!

The Mālie Foundation is excited to present Nā Lei Pua ‘Ole, a unique lei contest and exhibition celebrating the lei art form, it’s Hawaiian culture history, and resources available.

***The Nā Lei Pua ‘Ole Contest is scheduled for Friday, May 15th, 2026 at the Outrigger Kaua‘i Beach resort from 2:00p-7:00p.***

There are five (5) categories: **Leaves/Vines, Seeds/Nuts, Shells, Feathers, and Recycle/Reuse.**

The Recycle/Reuse category encourages participants to incorporate recycled materials or synthetic materials such as paper, plastic, tin, rick-rack, silk, ribbon, yarn, cotton, etc. All lei must be presented in the lei styles of the following:

**Haku** - Braiding materials in a three (3) strand plait of fern, lau kī (ti-leaf), hau fiber, etc.

**Hili/Hilo** - Braiding/Twisting of a single material

**Hīpu‘u** - The stems of leaves are knotted together. No cordage or needle is used.

**Humupapa** - To sew to a backing. A style used for either foliage or feather lei.

**Kui** - Materials are strung together through the center or side.

**Wili** - Materials are placed on a backing of lau kī, lauhala, dried banana fiber or other suitable material and wound with fiber or thread around selected material and backing.

Each lei will be judged on craftsmanship, creativity, uniqueness of material, and its complexity. We invite amateur and professional lei artists of all ages to participate and share their talent in using the Hawaiian tradition of lei making.

Realizing the importance of this event, the committee looks for your assistance in Photo/Video documentation of this lei contest. The entry form also includes a consent portion giving permission for Mālie Foundation to document the event. We are asking that a representative (e.g. self, parent, guardian) sign off on the form.

On behalf of the planning committee, we are privileged to be involved in an event that supports the purpose of the Hawaiian tradition of lei making. The beauty of Hawai‘i continues to live through hula, music, poetry and the arts. Ma ka hana ka ‘ike! E ola!

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