



Check out the current exhibit at TCM: "Boys in the Band: Geoffrey Chadsey Drawings, 19982006," through March 18.

Mark your calendar:

Art Tour of Alan and Birgitta Leitner's Studio February 9

TCM Membership Tours:

March 25, 10:30 a.m., historic property tour

April 10, 10:30 a.m., garden tour with Duane Choy

April 15, 10:30 a.m., historic property tour

Expression Sessions

ConTempo 2007 April 21 (Preview Night April 11)

Join us for the Friends' next art tour

On Friday Night, February 9, we are very fortunate to have the opportunity to visit the joint studio of husband and wife artists Alan and Birgitta Leitner. Both artists have had their work shown at The Contemporary Museum in Makiki and at First Hawaiian Bank. Alan's compositions have been by the Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts as well as by many private collectors here in Hawaii and on the mainland. His work is mostly abstract while Birgitta's influences come from nature's flowers and seed pods.

Alan will be opening a show the latter part of February at the Pegge Hopper Gallery, so the February 9 art tour will provide a good opportunity to get a sneak preview of his and Birgitta's current work.

The Leitners live and work in Kailua, so we hope that Windward residents especially will feel quite at home and join in for this great studio tour. And we urge all our Friends members to either bring a spouse, partner or friend to come see, hear and experience this opportunity.

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WHAT: Art tour of Alan and Birgitta Leitner's studio. Wine and pupus will be served.

WHEN: Friday, February 9, 2007 at 6 p.m.

RESERVATIONS: Payment is required with your reservation. Please pay with your credit card when you call Gordon Wong at TCM, 237-5210, between 8:30 am and 5 pm, M-F; or you may mail your check to: Gordon Wong, The Contemporary Museum, 2411 Makiki Heights Drive, Honolulu, HI 96822. Please include your day phone number with your check.

WHERE: Gordon will provide the studio address when you register.

COST: \$20 for Friends members \$30 for those who are not Friends members.

This fee will include admission to the art tour and membership in the Friends' organization.

For a review of the Friends' October tour of Vicky Chock's studio, please see page 4.

President's Message



Friends of TCM President,
Suza Salm

Happy New Year to all of our Friends members. May 2007 be filled with art, creativity and fulfillment for us all.

I do hope we'll meet at one of the activities that the Friends organizes. Take note of the Artist's tour to Alan and Birgitta Leitner's studio on February 9th and the advance notice of the Adult Expression Session on March 17th.

As you look ahead to all of the possibilities of 2007, please consider becoming involved with the Friends. It's a great way of meeting people with similar interests and a variety of outlooks. We have small as well as more involved volunteer opportunities and for all time frames...a couple of hours helping to meet and greet at a Museum opening or helping to organize an event. Let us know your interest by contacting our Friends e-mail address at Friends@tcmhi.org.

Margery Ziffrin and Susan Soong are cooking up some more gardening and historical tours for members and to introduce new folks to the lovely buildings and gorgeous environs of TCM. Judie Malmgren and Sandy Moneymaker make sure we are enticed by interesting artists' tours. Gail Hazlehurst is a stalwart teacher and supporter for Expression Sessions. Dawn Krause quietly works with our membership folks behind the scenes to keep us up-to-date. Our grateful and delighted thanks go to them all.

There is an interesting comment on page 4 of Duane and Sarah Preble's book *Artforms* (published in 1994). "Some traditional societies do not even have a word for art. The highly artistic Balinese claim that they have no art, that they do everything as well as they can." What a high standard they set and what beauty pervades their culture.

. . . from TCM director, Georgianna Lagoria

Happy New Year, Friends! trust you all had a restorative holiday and are ready to take on 2007. am very happy to report that we will begin deferred maintenance on the historic Cooke-Spalding house as part of our planned capital improvements. late March we will be closing the galleries for one month in order to install a new environmental control system. Our current system is 20 years old. the galleries will be dark for one month, this will assure that we can continue our temporary exhibition program uninterrupted as we proceed with the other planned improvements.

If you stroll our grounds, you will also see that other changes are taking place. would like to point out the mock-up of the glass exterior of our new building which has been installed on the tennis court. this partial glass wall, architects Frederick Fisher and Partners are testing the look and construction of the building's reflective skin. , both the large scale ceramic work by Viola Frey *Two Women and the World* and the kinetic metal sculpture by George Rickey *Broken Column* have been taken off view in order to be conserved. , we will be welcoming an installation by Danish sculptor Jeppe Hein in the spring.

Have you seen the new exhibitions which opened in December? work of Geoffrey Chadsey and Jenny Holzer are, as the critics have said, an unlikely but astounding pair! a point to visit these outstanding exhibitions soon, along with our Tenth Anniversary exhibition at TCM @ First Hawaiian Center and, don't forget to bring a Friend! Georgianna

Expressions Sessions for children and for adults too!

The next Expressions Sessions at TCM for children ages 5-12 (with parents encouraged to participate) are Saturday, February 3 from 10:30 a.m to noon and from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Inspired by the current Geoffrey Chadsey exhibition, students will create unique self-portraits using colored pencils under the direction of artist and educator Kloe Kang. Reservations are required, 237-5230. \$7 TCM members; \$12 non-members.

In addition, the Friends will sponsor an Adult Expression Session at TCM on Saturday, March 17, 2007 from 10:00a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Here is a chance to stimulate your creativity with printmaker and mosaic artist Maile Yawata who will teach the art of mosaics using tile and other objects.

We have a limited amount of room, so please sign up early. Please call Christine Feldmann at 263-8800 for details including cost. To sign up, please call Gordon Wong at TCM office at 237-5210.

For children February 3
For adults March 17



TCM Membership Tours

*Two photos of Duane Choy
conducting a membership
tour at TCM gardens,
September '06*



Last September, over twenty Friends members enjoyed a fascinating botanical tour of the Museum's gardens with Duane Choy, Honolulu Advertiser gardening columnist. If you missed it, don't despair! Because of the event's success, the Friends of TCM, in conjunction with the Museum membership and education departments, is sponsoring tours of the historic property and gardens, exclusively for TCM members. Friends members Janet Weyenberg, Soncha Searce, Honey Pavel, and Christiane Lucas are helping to coordinate.

The scheduled dates are March 25, April 10, and April 15 at 10:30 a.m. Look for more information and RSVP instructions in the TCM newsletter and education department postcards.

Upcoming TCM membership tours schedule:
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ConTempo 2007

ConTempo 2007 is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at Neiman Marcus. Using the theme "Animal Instincts," co-chairs Holly Bloom and Jo Anne Vieira are working with Neiman Marcus Public Relations & Merchandise Manager Lucy Chelini to create yet another distinctive and memorable event.

Exquisite pieces using a variety of media by local and national artists will be presented at ConTempo 2007. A sampling of artists who will have pieces available for sale include Duncan Anderson, Enrique Chagoya, Margaret Ezekiel, David Gilhooly, Jon Hamblin, Don Ed Hardy, Robert Kushner, and Melinda Morey. Preview Night at Neiman Marcus is Wednesday, April 11, at which time all art will be displayed and available for purchase.

There are but a few tables still available for ConTempo 2007. Please contact Ms. Kathy Hong at 526-1322 ext 12 to reserve a table.

ConTempo 2007 classifieds: Enclosed with this issue of the Flash is ConTempo 2007 classifieds, the wish list for all of the departments at TCM. If you would like to participate, please fill out the form on the back of the enclosure and return it to the Museum. Thank you!

Meet Friends' Membership Vice President Margery Ziffrin



Margery Ziffrin
Friends' Membership
Vice President

A partner of the firm King, Ziffrin & Beck, Margery has been a certified financial planner since 1985. She has held board positions in a variety of professional and nonprofit organizations and is former president of the Professional Women's Network, the Junior League of Honolulu, and the Girl Scout Council.

However, much of her background has been art-related. She received a B.A. in art history from Northwestern University and an M.A. from the University of Denver. For six years she served as a Honolulu Academy of Arts docent, becoming a TCM docent in 1995, where she instigated the TCM Girl Scout patch.

Margery states, "I really enjoy introducing people to contemporary art and engaging in discussions relating to TCM exhibitions. Each tour is a learning experience for me, too!"

Friends volunteer at HPR fundraiser last October

Radio with vision...listen and see. This is Hawaii Public Radio's motto. These simple words stimulate the senses in much the same way that the installations and art at The Contemporary Museum do! HPR and TCM are kindred spirits and good friends. So what do friends do when one needs help? The Friends rolled up their sleeves and answered phones for HPR's October Celebration 2006 phone fund drive. The Friends readily pitched in to help make HPR's Celebration 2006 a record-breaking success, beautifully illustrating what can be accomplished when the community gathers together for important causes.

Friends helping friends, from, Milt Wilson, Norma Wilson, Thelma Walenrod, Christine Feldmann, Kathy Ingoglia, Tori Keegan and Ruth Woodhall



Check the expiration date on your address label. To update your membership send \$10 per year to TCM address c/o FRIENDS.



Vicky Chock explaining her art to Friends, October '06

Friends' October art tour of Vicky Chock's studio

A very informative and fun time was had by those visiting Vicky Chock's studio. Lucky were we that the tour took place on Saturday, the day before the big quake and power outage! We were introduced to Vicky's wonderful, whimsical and charming characters as she spoke of her influences and inspirations for these much-in-demand figures. She shared with us the method of making, painting and firing them all in her studio. Afterwards we all sat down to a yummy Chinese-themed lunch of assorted salads, wine and desserts and enjoyed the wonderful surroundings of an artist's home with a terrific view of Diamond Head.
