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Dear Members of Windward Artists Guild,

I am wishing you and yours a Merry Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and most importantly a **healthy** and happy 2008. We had a great Christmas party--a fun time was had by all in the beautiful Christmas setting.

I know you were all a bit disappointed because we weren't able to have our Open Show in 2007, but we had an expressive show at the Ho'omaluhia Gallery and a painting was sold to an island visitor.

Now all that will change in 2008, because we have a great show coming up very soon. The 2008 Open Show will be held at 1132 Bishop Street from February 26 to April 11. We have secured the assistance of an excellent and experienced juror in Allison Wong. Until very recently, Allison was Associate Curator for The Contemporary Museum as well as Curator for The Contemporary Museum gallery at the First Hawaiian Center for over ten years. Allison Wong has been the curator for over 75 exhibitions. She is currently working as a consultant for The Fine Arts Associates.

This is a great opportunity for you to have your work reviewed by a very respected curator who has been responsible for organizing high quality shows. So, don't miss out on this opportunity to participate in this high profile show, up for six weeks in the heart of downtown Honolulu. Look out for the prospectus coming in early January, but right now mark your calendars for drop off on Saturday, February 23 and get to work.

On that happy note, I wish you all a great time and success in creating. Be sure to spread the word about our coming exhibition and plan to participate. It is an open show so non-members are more than welcome. Tell your friends.

Happy Holidays
Frances