

CanDo! Days



Maui Arts & Cultural Center

PreVisit Materials

Art Form: Visual Art

Title: Embossed Kukui Leaves (2 & 3) & Embossed Kukui Designs (4 & 5)

Topic: Kukui tree imagery hand embossed in metal



Suggested Vocabulary or Concepts:

Kumu Kukui – Kukui Tree
Kukui – Light
Lau – Leaf
Pua – Flower
Kumulā'au – Tree

A'a – Root
Hua – Nut
'Ili Lā'au – Outer Bark
Lā'au – Medicine
'Aila – Oil
Waiho'olu'u – Dye



Relevant Links:

- **Kukui tree – history, uses, legends from Maui Ocean Center**
 - <https://mauiocceancenter.com/plants-life/kukui-candlenut/>
- **Kukui (Candlenut) Tree – Manoa Heritage Center**
 - <https://www.manoaheritagecenter.org/moolelo/polynesian-introduction-plants/kukui-candlenut-tree/>
- **The Art of Embossing: ancient to modern uses – Stampprints**
 - https://stampprints.com/blogs/embosser/the-art-of-embossing-from-ancient-craftsmanship-to-modern-applications?srsItd=AfmBOoqYgb_KMoV0qQ8MKtavGRpMgOEMfLrXxHAI6PMQNCvx-886lwNB
- **Student Showcase: Metal Embossing (examples) – Crafts for Wellbeing**
 - <https://craftsforwellbeing.co.uk/student-showcase-metal-embossing/>
- **The Wonders of the Kukui Nut – Maui News Now (5 min video)**
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TNrk-DIBGQs>
- **The importance of the kukui nut lei – island news (5 minute video)**
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVnG3x_Qjrg



PreVisit Materials

Art Form **Papa Hula/ Papa Ioka (Movement)**

Title: The mo'olelo of the Hala tree, named Ohiohikupua

Topic: Pūhala



Suggested Vocabulary or Concepts:

The Hala tree belongs to the Kanaloa clan. It grew underneath the ocean in Tahiti and reached the surface during the time of Ao. It travelled to Hawaii with Pele in a wa'a (canoe) and the first mea kanu (plant) was planted by Kamohoali'i, the shark god who is Pele's brother. Let's learn about all the different ways that hala can be used.

Hula basics will be covered such as kaholo, hela & ami.

PreVisit Materials

Art Form: Papa Mele (Music Class)

Title: Ku'u Mala

Topic: Huli Ka Lima i Lalo



Suggested Vocabulary or Concepts:

Take note of the various plant life you see around you, at home and at school.

- What is needed in order for plant life to grow? To be sustained?
- Reflect on the use of Hawaiian proverbs, and their importance in how we learn in today's world.

PreVisit Materials

Art Form: Papa Hana Keaka (Theater Arts)

Title: Mo'olelo Mea Kanu Hawai'i

Topic: Ahupua'a and Hawai'i Plant Stories



Suggested Vocabulary or Concepts:

Core Theater Vocabulary

- Actor- A person who performs in a story, play, movie, television, or radio
- Stage- The space where performances take place
- Audience- The group of people watching a performance
- Scene- A part of a story or play
- Imagination- A fun "magic power in your brain" that creates pictures, stories, and ideas for things that aren't real

Cultural Vocabulary

- Ahupua'a- Traditional Hawaiian land division (mauka to makai)
- Mauka- Inland/ Towards the mountain
- Makai- Ocean/ Towards the sea
- Mea kanu- Plants
- Kalo- Taro
- 'Ulu- Breadfruit
- Niu- Coconut
- Kukui- Candlenut/ Light
- Hau- A variety of Hibiscus plants.
- Lauhala- Pandanus leaf/tree
- Mo'olelo- Story
- Maui- The name of a Hawaiian Island
- Māui- Demigod and trickster

Concepts:

- We can use the tools each of us have; body language, facial expressions, voices, and imagination to tell stories.
- Many plants in Hawai'i have a story.
- Kuleana (responsibility) and collaboration is essential in Theater arts and in the Ahupua'a system.
- Each of us has a story to tell. How can you use your imagination to tell a story?