

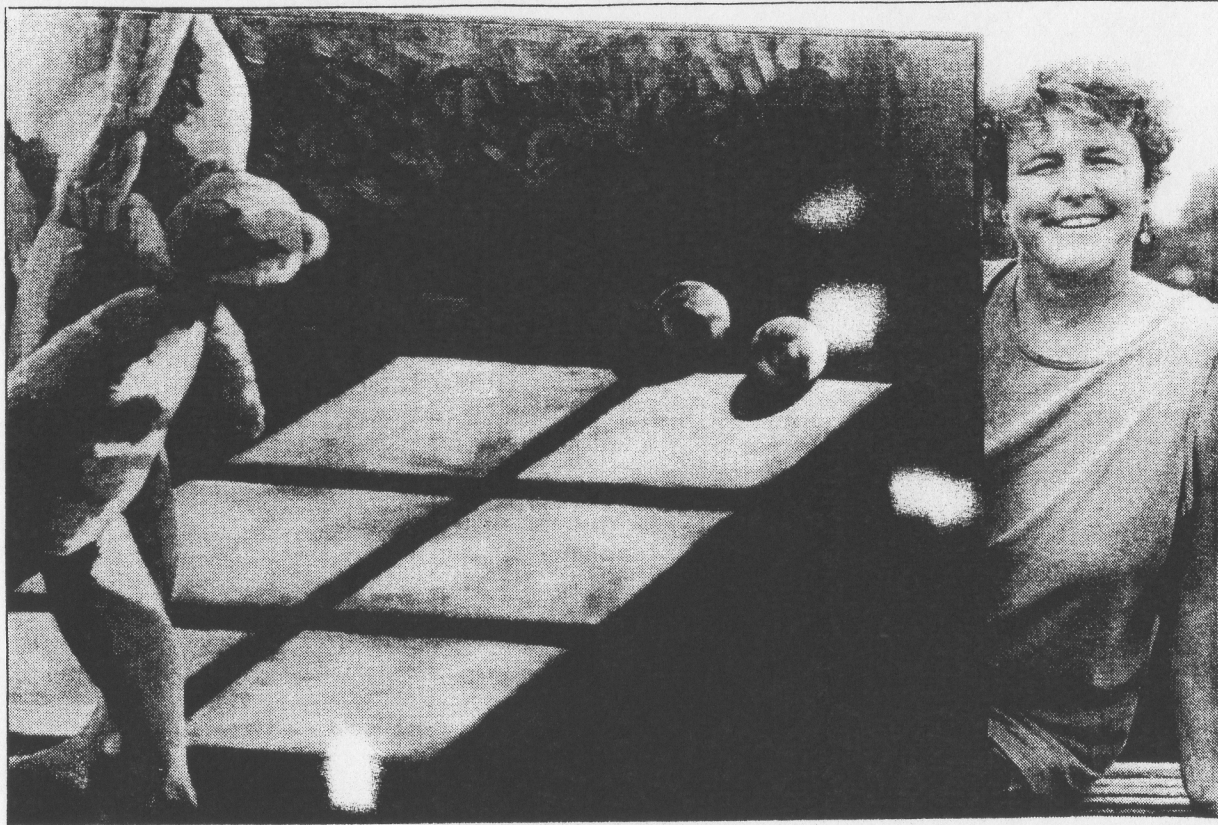
# Spring Arts Festival on at Wailoa

The Big Island Art Guild currently is showing a mixed media exhibition at the Wailoa Center until May 31. The multi-media juried exhibition was selected by jurors Garron Alexander, Sarah E. Bremser and Hiroki Morinoue.

Eight categories of art have been juried for this 21st annual showing.

Winners in each division are as follows: Oil and Acrylics: first place, Xo Openheart; second place, Jan Fisher; honorable mention, Andrew Plack. Watercolor and pastel: first place, Gwen Whitney; second place, Gloria Kaiser Roper; honorable mention, Marian Berger. Two dimensional: first, Karron N. Halverson, second, Ira Ono, honorable mention Tomas Belsky. Photography and Best of Show: Ricci Racella, second, Norman Negre, honorable mention, Dianne Mcmillen. Print making: first, Hans L. Claus; second, Linn Avattar; honorable mention John Trefall. Fiber: first, Walter Nottingham, second, Kimberly Parrish, honorable mention, Pam Barton. Sculpture and Ceramics: first, Stephen Freedman; second, Clayton Amemiya, honorable mention, Sam Rosen. Sculpture—other medium, first, Henry Bianchini, second, Sam Rosen; honorable mention, Dell Kabir.

A first place in oils was given to artist Xo Openheart of Puna. She received her B.A. in 1989



**WINNING ART** Xo Openheart poses with her winning piece, "Coming Into Her Own," at the 21st Annual Spring Arts Festival, at Wailoa Center

from San Francisco State University. After having been a general contractor for 15 years, Openheart sold all her tools and took up painting. She entered an art competition three years ago, and took a third place. She returned to painting by doing landscapes of America, and South-

west interior land.

"Jung says, 'The more personal a work of art, the more universal it becomes,'" said Openheart, who imbues her images with a bold vision, a vision of hope and a delightful use of color.

The Wailoa Center is located

on Piopio Street in Hilo. The hours are Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday from noon to 8:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For additional information call 933-4360. A Division of State Parks, Land and Natural Resources.