

# HFC Committee

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The use of  
the Lahaina  
Banyan Tree  
Park

Good afternoon. My name is Peggy  
Robertson. <sup>I've lived in Lahaina for 26 years</sup> I'm here to talk about HFC-3  
Lahaina Art Society which started  
over 51 years ago. at the time there  
was only one Art Gallery in town and  
Because of the Lahaina Art Society, . . .  
Maui is now known as the third  
largest Art Center in the US.  
When we bought our home 36 years  
ago I dreamed of becoming an  
artist in Lahaina some day.  
Because of the ability of . . . to  
show my art under the Banyan  
Tree I was able to . . . become  
a well known artist and teach over  
300 seniors at Kanae  
Senior Center for 9 years.

To me the art being shown under  
the Banyan tree is the <sup>spirit</sup> soul of Lahaina  
Every weekend visitors, family and  
friends would look forward to going  
into town on Sat & Sundays to have  
something to do. They would have  
breakfast or lunch at the local restaurants  
like the Pioneer Inn and the warf and  
visit all the other stores around the area  
including our museum and visitor  
center at the court house. It brought  
many visitors from around the world  
I know because we have a guest book  
that people sign when they come in to the gallery

Now because the Art Society is not allowed to show ~~the~~ art there many businesses in the area have been hurt by this decision and the center of Lahaina is like a ghost town

I feel that if there was a meeting in Lahaina about this there at the Civic Center, hundreds of people would show up besides the artist because people like to take their family & friend there. Or if petition from people in Lahaina was hundreds of people would sign it. Unless you live in Lahaina it is hard

to understand how important it is to the people in Lahaina.

Please allow us to continue showing art under the tree so people with families and children can enjoy the experiences. It has <sup>been</sup> the hub of all the action for years