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Wood Show brings in \$5,000 for Kohala Watershed Partnership

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After tabulating nearly 300 votes made by the public during the recent Wood Show at Harbor Gallery, the People's Choice award-winner has been determined.

Perry Policicchio, of Hilo, has won the award for People's Choice for his entry titled "Life is Like a Bowl of Cherries." The piece was also purchased by a collector from California.

As a result of the show, the Kohala Watershed Partnership is receiving a check in the amount of \$5,000 in support of their efforts to restore the watershed and forests above Kawaihae and Pelekane Bay.

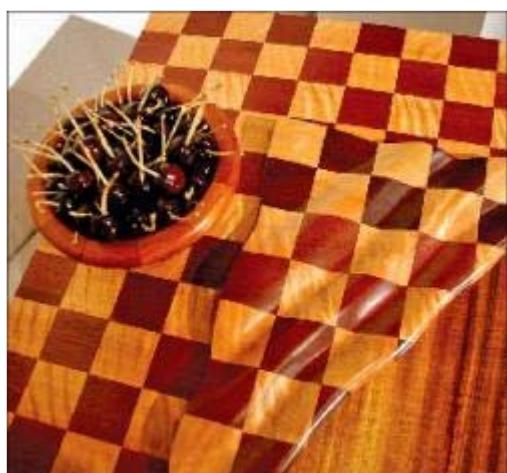
"This is just awesome. We are thrilled to receive this kind of support for our programs, which will have a long-term benefit to our immediate environment for generations to come," said Melora Purell, program coordinator.

"We're going to plant lots of trees," she added, when asked what they were going to do with the money.

Kohala Watershed Partnership relies upon these donations to fund projects beyond the scope of their funding designated by the government grants they have received for projects like the Pelekane Bay restoration project. For questions about the KWP, contact Melora Purell at 333-0976 or coordinator@kohalawatershed.org.



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