

Painting by Sissi Janku

Community House Hosting Two Local Artists

submitted by Allison Davis

ocal artists Peter Zell and Sissi Janku will be exhibiting select works of art for the month of April at The Community House. Viewing hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The exhibit is also available as a virtual show on the website 24 hours a day at www.sanibelcommunityhouse.net.

Janku was born in Munich, Germany. She studied graphic arts at the Academy of Art in Munich and worked as a graphic designer for a German magazine.

In 1984, she fulfilled a childhood dream to visit the Hawaiian islands. The tropical beauty inspired her artistic passions and she made Hawaii her home.

While in Honolulu, Janku became a student of John Young, an internationally

acclaimed artist and an icon in Hawaii. Janku has earned the appreciation of art lovers everywhere. Her paintings have been commissioned by the Mauna Lani Hotel in Hawaii, the Ďai-ichi Hotel in Tokyo, the Plantation Inn in Maui and the Player's Island Resort and Casino in Nevada, and by numerous collectors around the world.

Her love of travel fuels her creativity and stimulates her artwork. Wanderlust has swept her to exotic countries both near and far. She has toured extensively throughout Europe and lived in Shanghai and many tropical places; Florida, Hawaii, California and Mexico, to name a few. Ultimately, her travels have influenced many of her pieces through primitive patterns and the luminous colors of the tropics. She produces canvases rich in texture and form that are portals to a seductive universe of light and color.

"My style of painting has a lot of movement and is full of fun activity. I would call them whimsical tropical continued on page 38





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