

# *The Hawaii Quilt Guild*

*Presents*

*Aia ka Pu'uwai I Ku'u 'Ohana*

*"My Heart is With My Family"*

*Honolulu Museum of Art School*

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*Shirfeir Sunada*

*Featured Artist 2015*

Aloha! My name is Shirfeir Sunada and I am honored to be selected as the featured artist this year. After 37 years, working for the Department of Defense, my new goals were to focus on traveling and doing things I was not able to do while working and raising a family. During my first year of retirement, I enjoyed woodworking under the guidance of a private instructor. In 2006, I was introduced to quilting and the Hawaii Quilt Guild. I have been a member of the HQG for 9 years and still consider myself as a beginner.

I remember attending my first quilting bee where I learned the basics of quilting. The ladies at the bee shared tips and techniques in creating beautiful quilts. From this stepping stone, I signed up for Guild sponsored education classes and met other Guild members, increasing my networking circle. This is where I began to learn many diverse techniques in the quilting world, diversity that allows for personal choices. Hand quilting is not my favorite technique but the wide variety of options offers pleasing alternatives. As you can see in the quilts I have selected for display, I am trying to apply myself and create as many new and exciting quilting patterns that come my way.

When I am with my quilt buddies, our conversation is filled with our passion for quilting. Someone is always willing to help us increase our fabric stash or introduce us to a new gadget. When we are together, we have a lot of fun! I am still striving to achieve my retirement goals by learning photography, stain glass, creating photo albums, traveling the world and creating wonderful quilts for my family and friends.

From a HQG member: Shirfeir was a beginner with her first quilt. That experience was also a beginning, setting her on a creative path that continues to lead to spectacular results. Reading her quilt notes reveals an inquisitive spirit, enhancing her work through classes, patterns, tips and gadgets. Her collection is a treat to behold. Enjoy and be inspired!

*Shirfeir*