CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU, MAYOR'S OFFICE OF CULTURE AND THE ARTS ANNUAL HOLIDAY WREATH CONTEST SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

These guidelines govern private submissions of wreaths for the City and County of Honolulu ("City") Annual Holiday Wreath Contest ("Contest"). These guidelines supersede all previous rules and guidelines for the Contest.

Entry Requirements

Wreaths MUST be rigid and circular in shape with an opening in the center and include a loop for hanging. All wreaths must be well hung. Once your wreath is hung, you cannot adjust or re-arrange. Wreaths must be decorated by the entrant. Minimum wreath diameter is 12 inches with a maximum diameter of 48 inches. Maximum acceptable weight for wreaths is 30 pounds. Wreaths may not contain any food products or perishable items and must not contain any prohibited material (described below). Wreaths requiring an electrical hook up will not be accepted.

Entries will be accepted on Monday, November 30, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lane Gallery of Honolulu Hale, 530 South King Street, First Floor. No early or late entries will be accepted. Each entry must include a Wreath Contest Entry Form.

Winners will be notified on Friday, December 4, 2026. Monetary awards may be claimed by contacting the Mayor's Office of Culture and the Arts to make arrangements, or they may be claimed when picking up wreaths on January 4, 2027. Identification and a wreath receipt must be presented to claim awards. All decisions of the judges will be final.

All entries will be on exhibit in the Lane Gallery of Honolulu Hale from December 4, 2026 - December 31, 2026. Wreaths must be claimed on January 4, 2027 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Lane Gallery. Please present your wreath receipt when claiming your entry. If you are unable to claim your wreath on January 4, 2027 from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., please call (808) 768-6622 to make other arrangements. All unclaimed wreaths shall be disposed.

The City will not be responsible for the loss or condition of the entries.

Prohibitions

Wreaths may not have or contain depictions (including but not limited to words, pictures, sculptures, or other representations) of any of the following:

1. Depictions of a sexual, obscene, profane, or vulgar nature, or relating to excretory functions or intimate body parts;
2. Depictions of any illegal drug, alcohol, tobacco, smoking/vaping, any controlled substance, and/or gambling;
3. Solicitation, promotion, or endorsement of specific commercial services, products, or entities;
4. Overt promotion, endorsement, derogation, of disapproval of a political candidate;
5. Copyrighted material (if posted without the copyright holder's consent);
6. Fraud or defamation (libel/slander);
7. Incitement to imminent lawless action; speech presenting a grave and imminent threat; fighting words; true threats; and solicitations to commit, or speech integral to, criminal conduct;

8. Depictions that refer or relate to genocide or any group that expressly promotes violence towards others based on race, color, creed, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, or gender identity;
9. Personally identifiable information or sensitive personal information that if released violates federal or state law;
10. Information that directly interferes or compromises ongoing investigations, litigation, public safety tactics, or the safety of public safety officers; and
11. QR codes, URLs, or other means of referring the viewer of a wreath to material otherwise prohibited by these guidelines.

Disclaimers

Wreath entries submitted by members of the public are the products/opinions/views of the submitter(s) only. Display of a wreath as part of the Contest does not imply endorsement by the City. Some wreaths may contain content that some may deem offensive. All communications with the City are subject to Hawai‘i’s open records law.

Copyright

Images of wreaths may be used in advertising, promotional materials, publications, websites, or any other media in conjunction with the Contest, without compensation other than credit of entrant name and title of wreath.

Right to Appeal

If you (a participant in the Contest) believe your wreath entry was improperly rejected, please contact the Mayor’s Office of Culture and the Arts (“MOCA”) at moca-info@honolulu.gov. If your wreath entry complies with these guidelines, MOCA will act expeditiously to include your wreath entry in the wreath display.

Construction and Severability

The Contest is created and maintained as a limited public forum under caselaw pertaining to the First Amendment to the U.S Constitution. These guidelines are intended to provide reasonable, viewpoint-neutral regulations on wreath submissions.

These guidelines shall be interpreted and applied only to the extent permitted by law. If any provision of these guidelines, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, is held invalid, the remainder of the guidelines, or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.