

## **Robert Gann Bio**

Self taught and self disciplined

August 2017 I decided to be a painter

I have internalized a simple truth about what it means to be a full time artist. Whatever I do be it, talking to a friend, gardening, shopping at the farmers market taking out the trash or painting if I do it artfully then I am a full time artist. March 2019 I was invited to join the Lahaina Arts Society. **Website**

Exhibitions:

### **Current**

- Exhibit of 7 paintings at **Marco's** [444 Hana Hwy, Kahului, Maui](#)

### **Past**

- Art Maui 2020 exhibit on display at the Maui Arts & Cultural Center's Schaefer International Gallery **<https://www.artmaui2020.org/>** **<https://www.artmaui2020.org/robert-gann>** **<https://www.mauinews.com/news/local-news/2020/03/art-maui-on-full-display/>**
- Featured Artist at the Banyan Tree Gallery, Lahaina, Hawaii Oct. 1 - 31, 2019
- National Juried Exhibition "Gender in the Balance" Saturday, August 3 to September 14, 2019 in the galleries of Barrett Art Center's historic 1840's townhouse, located at [55 Noxon Street, Poughkeepsie, New York](#). **[www.barrettartcenter.org](http://www.barrettartcenter.org)**.
- BreakOut Art Exhibition and Auction 62 Market St. Wailuku, HI June 24-29, 2019
- April thru June 2019 exhibit of 12 painting at **Whole Foods**, [70 E Kaahumanu Ave, Kahului, Maui](#)

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**<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/featured-artist-robert-gann-robert-gann/>**

## **Statement**

When I reflect on my work as a painter I feel deep gratitude for the studio space I inhabit. The gift of work, the beauty of discipline, the satisfaction realized upon completion, yes these things refresh me day by day. A calm of excitement up-wells from within when I approach a canvas.

When I paint it happens on the wings of intuition balanced by an occasional thought or judgement. The paint always ends up where it needs to be. It is always a reflection of those things that are frozen, thawing and flowing within me.

When I look back at how this all began and see where I am today, I am satisfied with what is and eager to find what is to be. The goose fly's high as it presses forward in the joy of migration.

What is an artist statement? Honestly it is about issues like the insecurity of being self-taught or my desire to reach new heights. It involves being inspired by other artists and standing on their shoulders for a better view.

Countless images lurk inside me. They come and go like hobo's that have been riding the rails for what must be dozens of centuries. They present themselves in full color and form. I have but seconds to take in each image before the next comes and the next until I tire and fall asleep.

I describe myself as a post Precambrian Nouveau Neolithic Constructionist of the New Old School just do it tradition. In answer to your inevitable question I must say, "Yes, wandering through the forest of imagination is my art". In answer to your next question I can only say, "As a full time artist I am moving confidently from one mistake right on to the next and it is a joyously wonderful journey".

In summary, *“Making the art is the art. What ends up on a board or canvas is merely an artifact that has been left behind by the art”*.

- aloha robert

### **Galleries**

- **Banyan Tree Galley**, Lahaina, Maui
- Art Farm, UpCountry, Maui

### **Press**

**<https://www.gohawaii.com/islands/events/whole-foods-art-exhibit>**

**<https://www.paradise-found-in-maui.com/art-exhibition-at-whole-foods.html>**

**<https://hubhawaii.com/events/view/bfeahgfc/>**