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SHANGRI LA



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SHANGRI LA LAUNCHES FREE KAMA‘AINA WEDNESDAYS OCT. 6

*The Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art offers the community
the chance to explore Islamic art*

Starting October 6, 2010, the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, in collaboration with the Honolulu Academy of Arts, will offer Hawai‘i residents the opportunity to tour Shangri La free of charge on the first Wednesday of every month.

Shangri La is a center for Islamic art housed in the former oceanfront estate of heiress and philanthropist Doris Duke (1912-1993) near Diamond Head. Built between 1936 and 1938, Shangri La reflects the architecture of India, Iran, Morocco and, Syria and houses Duke’s collection of more than 3,500 objects of Islamic art.

Admission to Shangri La is by guided tour and reservation only. Reservations for Kama‘aina Wednesdays will be taken up to one month in advance and callers may reserve up to four tickets. To make reservations, call 532-3853 or 1-866-DUKE-TIX from the neighbor islands, Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm Hawai‘i Standard Time. To receive free admission, residents need to show proof of local residency in the form of a Hawaii Driver’s License or State Identification. In addition, people booking the free kama‘aina tour must hold their reservation with a credit card number; should they fail to show up for a booked free tour, they will be charged the regular kama‘aina tour fee of \$20.

Shangri La first opened to the public in November 2002. The estate is owned by the Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art, which Doris Duke created in her will to manage Shangri La and promote the study and understanding of Islamic arts and cultures.

Tours of Shangri La provide local visitors with a rare opportunity to explore the arts of the Islamic world in an intimate, domestic setting. Tours begin at the Honolulu Academy of Arts with the *Arts of the Islamic World* installation and a short video about Shangri La and Doris Duke. Visitors then board a van for the short drive to Shangri La where trained guides lead small group tours of the art, architecture and gardens. Tours are available at 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and last approximately two and a half hours, with one and one-half hours at Shangri La.

“At a time when everyone is minding their budget, we hope that Kama‘aina Wednesday will make it easier for Hawai‘i residents to visit Shangri La,” says Deborah Pope, Executive Director of Shangri La. “We welcome people to come and see the beauty and diversity of Islamic art and architecture, especially now when so much of the news presents negative perceptions of Islam.”

“We hope people living here will take advantage of this opportunity,” says Academy Interim Director Lynne Johnson. “Shangri La’s new free day is in addition to the Academy’s monthly free day, which is also the first Wednesday of the month. Before or after touring beautiful Shangri La, people can have lunch at the Pavilion Café and browse the Academy Shop, where Shangri La fans and the book on Doris Duke’s estate are available.”

To learn more about Shangri La and its art and programs, visit www.shangrilahawaii.org

For more information on Shangri La tours, visit www.honoluluacademy.org/shangrila