



## *HAWAIIAN QUILTS: SPEAKING WITH FABRIC AND THREAD* EDUCATION GUIDE

### Background Information

Cissy Serrao and Rae Correia are prominent figures in the Hawaiian quilting community, continuing the legacy of their parents, master quilters and designers Poakalani and John Serrao. The Poakalani Quilters are a Hawaiian quilt guild established in 1988 by their parents, dedicated to preserving and teaching the traditional art of Hawaiian quilting. Cissy and Rae now carry on the family tradition, offering classes, sharing patterns, and showcasing their exquisite, hand-stitched quilts, many of which feature John Serrao's original designs, at various venues in Hawaii and internationally. Their work not only results in beautiful textile art but also serves to perpetuate Hawaiian culture and history, embedding stories and meaning into each quilt.