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*from the  
island state  
that gave us  
hula skirts, luaus  
and kona coffee*

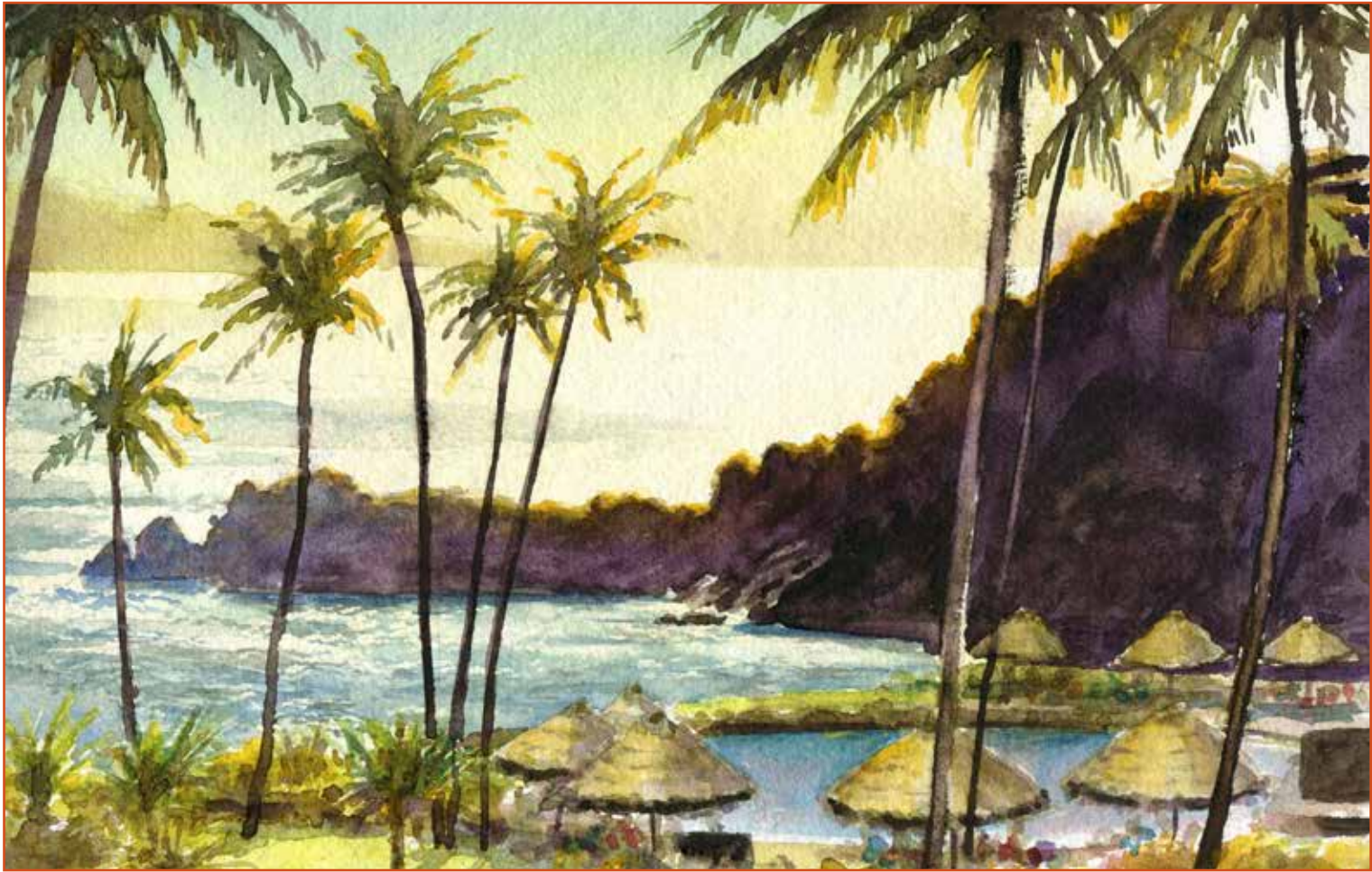
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Yellow Hibiscus is the Hawaiian state flower.

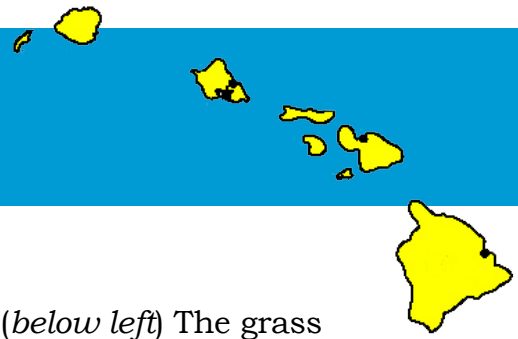
**Watercolor impressions from  
Maui, Oahu, and Hawaii, 3 of 8 major islands overflowing with lush  
tropical color and a cordial “hang loose” culture. Tourists love it.**

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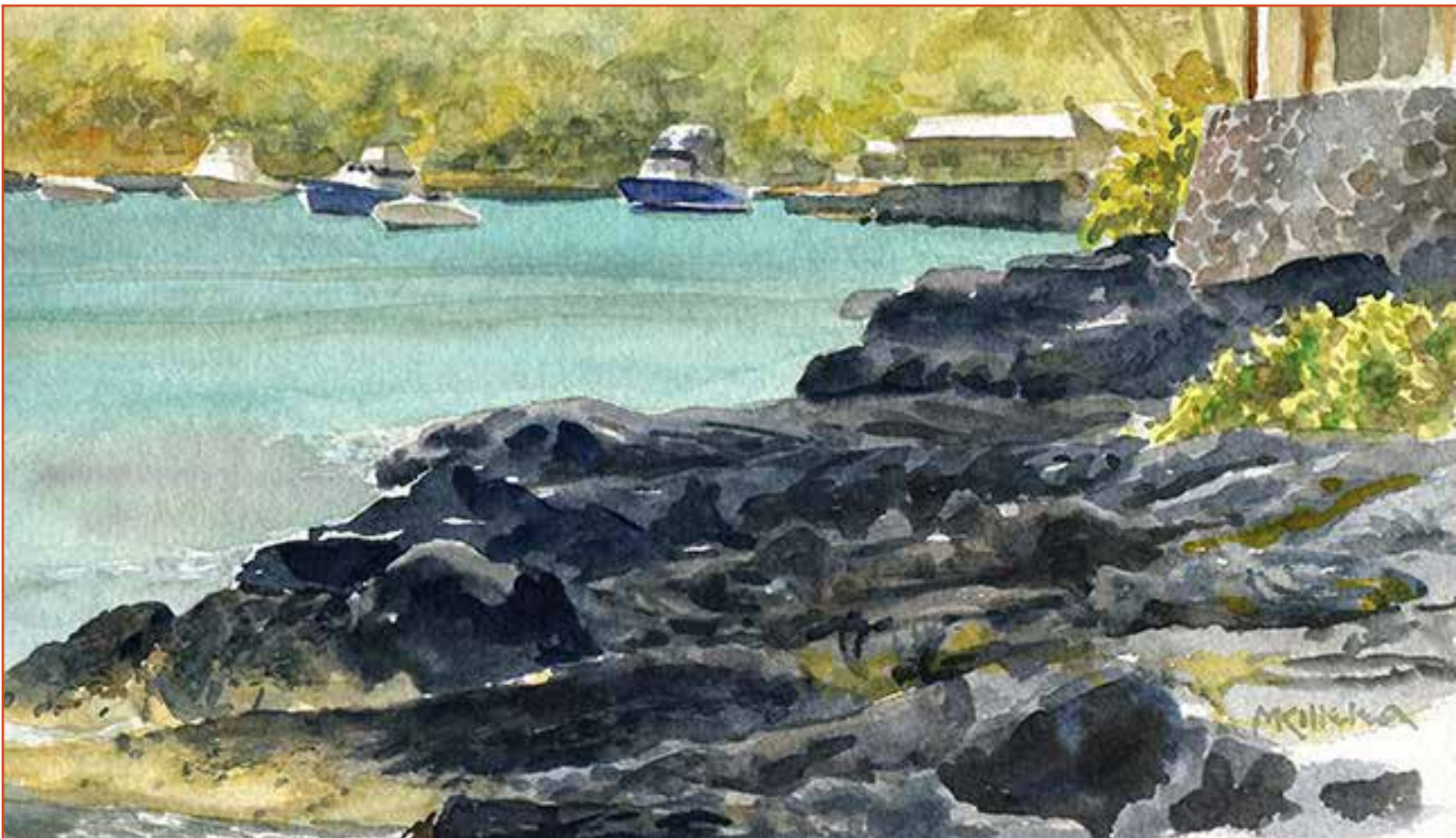
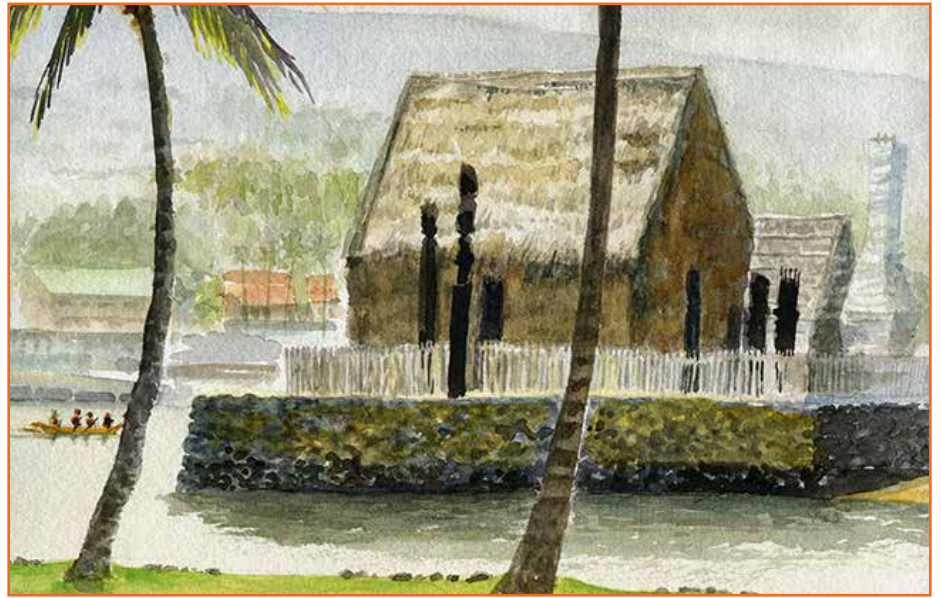


The dark lava outcrop near Lahaina in Maui is called Pu'u Keka'a (*above*). It is revered as a sacred place to Hawaiians "where a soul leaps into eternity". Kahakili, a high chief, gained fame for diving from its heights.

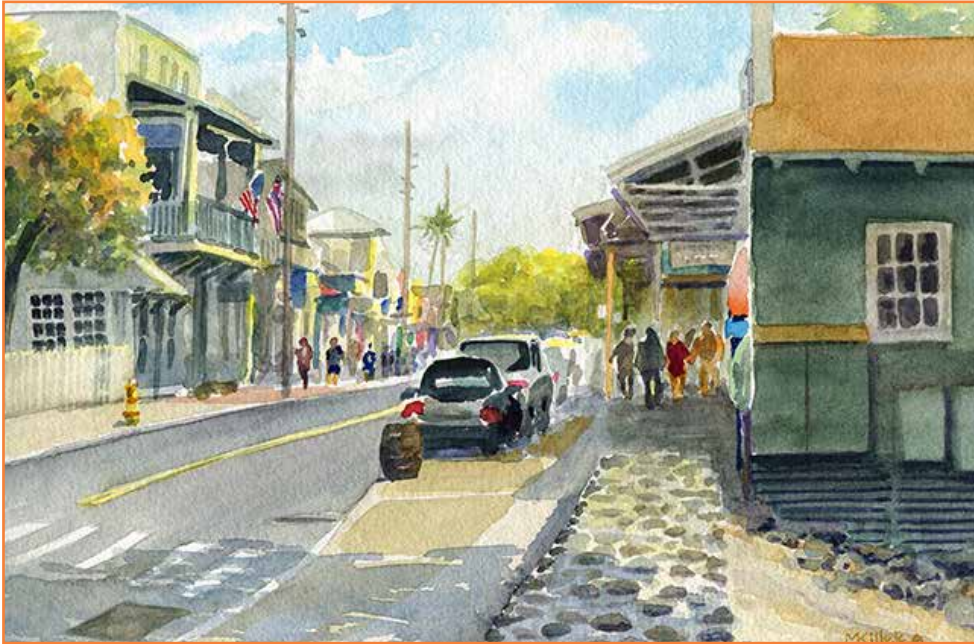
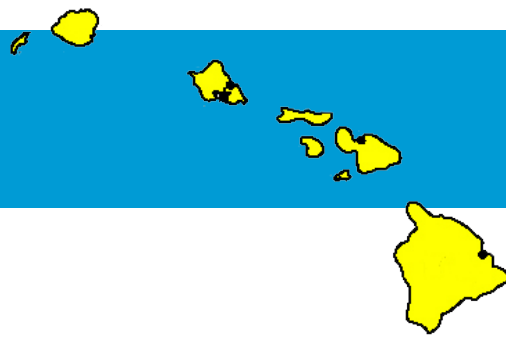
Generations of tourists have chased their dreams on Waikiki's waterfront with Diamond Head as a backdrop. (*left*)



**K**eira watched for crabs and manta rays in Keauhou Bay, Maui. (*below left*) The grass House of Prayer (*below right*) is part of Kamakahona Nat'l Park in Kailua Kona, Hawaii Island. Black lava rocks bear the brunt of the sea in Maui's protected Keauhou Bay. (*bottom*)



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**L**ahaina, a former whaling port on the lee side of Maui, still maintains some of its original character along Front Street. There are more tourists than sailors or pirates there today.

This banyon tree on Front Street covers 2/3 acre, making it the 3rd biggest in the world.



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