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A social painting event combines art and alcohol.

By Rizza Cosio

**THE EVENING'S AGENDA** started off as a typical one: a girl's night out to a local pub with one of my closest friends. We walked into the bar only to find the usual scene of debauchery had been replaced with 40 blank, white canvases scattered across booths and tables with name cards, paint brushes and paint-splashed aprons to match. It would be a very different night, indeed.

Just like ping-pong, Jenga and various card games, more and more children's activities are being modified to cater to young adults by adding one element — alcohol. So why not painting? Enter Paint Nite, a social painting phenomenon that brings eager aspiring artists to bars and clubs in more than 95 cities across the U.S., including our very own, Honolulu. And like the event's motto reads, no experience is required.

"It's not about the skill really; it's about having fun and enjoying the

night and doing something different," says Honolulu's master artist Stephanie Yanik. "Each event has its own painting. Sometimes it's a cherry blossom tree or sometimes it's an animal scene, a sunset or a landscape."

Fortunately for myself (and my guest included), master artists of Paint Nite, like Yanik, walk through the designated paintings step by step, ensuring that each guest will leave with a masterpiece, even if that means taking an occasional time-out for the exceptionally challenged painters in the group.

Like all works of art, everything starts with a single stroke. For Tracy Pleasant, the woman who brought Paint Nite to Hawaii, her single stroke blossomed into a new career path. After attending a Paint Nite event in Baltimore, she was eager to find a way to bring the events to Honolulu, the city she enjoyed living in for two years.

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"I found that the people in Hawaii, especially younger people, are always looking for things to do," Pleasant says. "They're always looking for something different. And this is something that I think could be really popular."

With 84,000 posts on the #paintnite Instagram hashtag as testament, Pleasant's assumption was spot on. Currently, the events take place across three venues in Honolulu: M Nightclub, Mac 24/7 and the club/lounge eleven44.

"Most of our events actually sell out," Pleasant says, "but we plan to add more as we have a higher demand."

The \$45 fee to attend the two-hour event includes art supplies (canvas, paint, brushes and apron), an instructor, the hand-painted masterpiece (made by you) perfect for gifting or hanging in the kitchen and an entertaining time.

So whether you're artistically challenged or blurry-eyed, much like the Bachelorette party of women ordering rounds of tequila throughout the evening, "Paint Nite is for anyone who likes to drink and paint," Yanik says. "But it's definitely less about the painting and more about the fun."

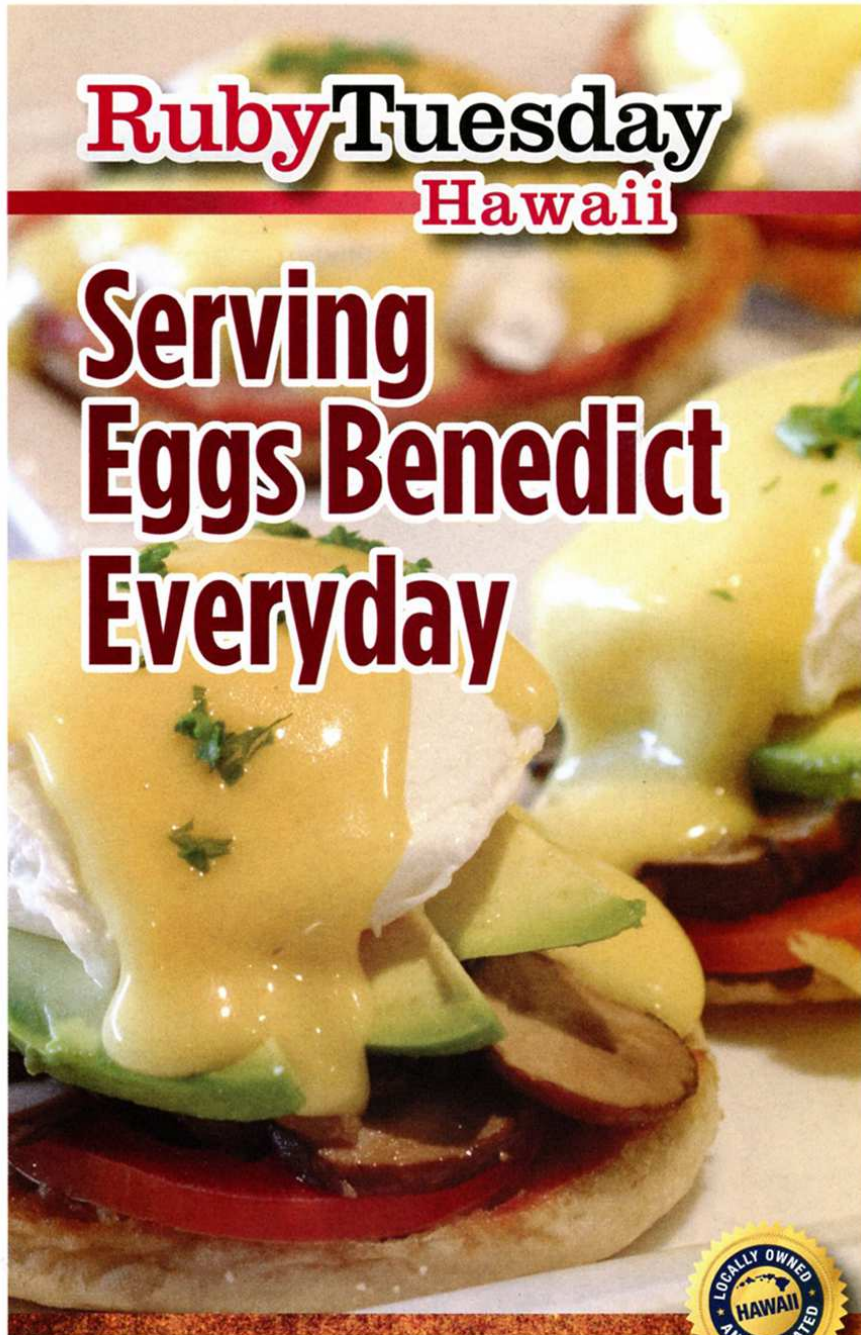
*Upcoming events and more information can be found on paintnite.com.*



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