

Nissan showroom features Reyes artwork

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THE NISSAN ShowRoom in Upper Tumon is showcasing various sculptures, paintings and other types of artwork created by Dawn Lees Reyes.

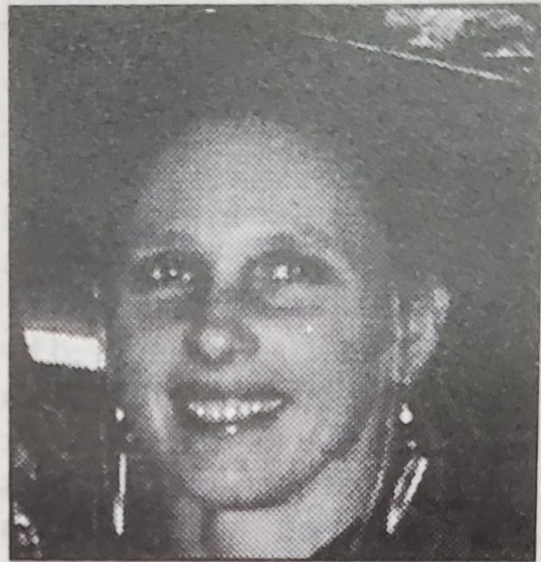
The exhibit features carrara marble sculptures, which Reyes sculpted herself. The exhibit also shows a series of different groups and series of artwork—from oceanic, classical, headdress and many more, which will be at the show room until Aug. 18.

Reyes, who has been painting professionally for the last 10 years, said she portrays her inspiration into her artwork.

"I usually work on what I find inspiring, like life, different cultural stories not only Guam's but all cultural stories and the ocean which has a significance to me," she said.

The art show has a couple of three dimensional art exhibits and a different outlook on art.

One of the 3D portraits shows a person who loves the sea and has the water and its creatures on the mind constantly. The artwork shows the person's thoughts through the different brain waves showing the features possibly



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thought about by the individual.

Although Reyes was born in California, she said home is here on the island. She teaches art at Inarajan Middle School.

"When I started to do art I was in middle school and now that I teach it I find that the students are very interested in art and it frees them in a way.... I notice they started to see things in other ways they never saw before," Reyes said.

"Art is very important to man—they have a need for beauty that animals don't have. We all seek out and create beautiful things because we need it, animals don't seem to have that and that is what probably separates us," Reyes said.