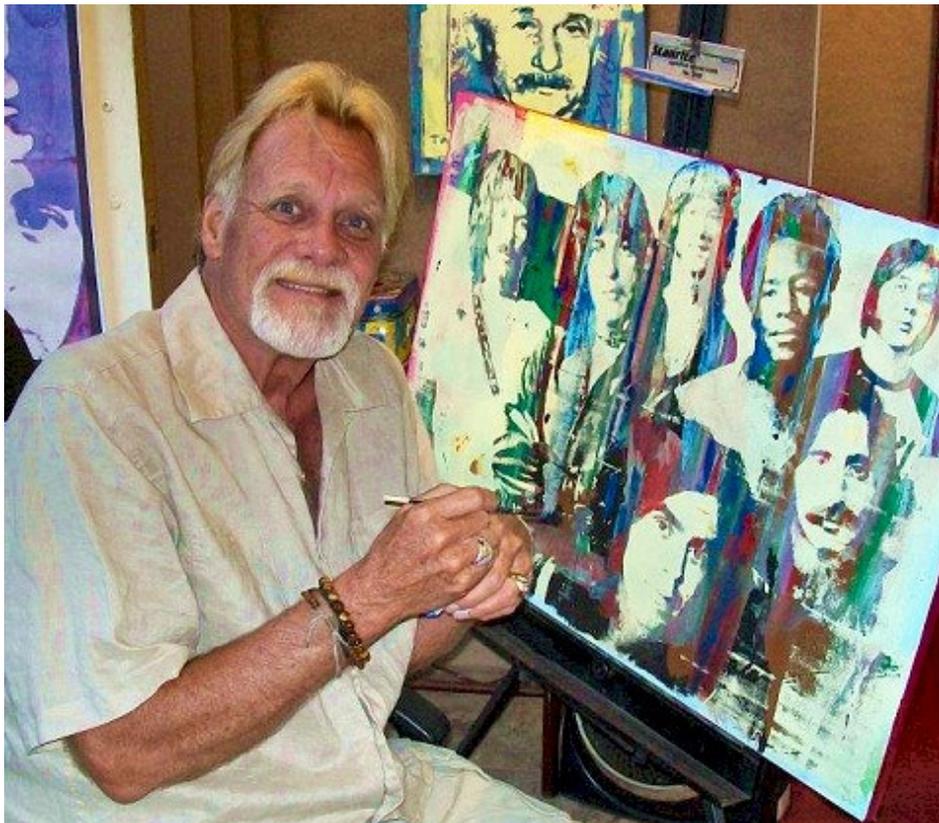


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Born in Los Angeles in 1950, Davo found that early in his career and studies he was strongly influenced in his works by renowned artists including Van Gogh, Gauguin, and Chagall.

In 1969 he moved to Carmel, California, and lived with the granddaughter of famous American photographer Edward Weston. For four years he put down his paint brush and picked up a view camera and tripod, and followed in the footsteps of Brett Weston and Ansel Adams around Carmel and Big Sur.

Davo first came to Maui in 1973 and toured the South Pacific Islands, living what he calls an "Au Gauguinesque style of life and painting." After spending time in New York's SoHo district, Davo met many artists and influential people in the international art scene, not the least of all, Andy Warhol. It was while visiting "The Factory" - Warhol's studio - and meeting and talking with Warhol himself that Davo decided Pop-Art was a style more suited to his personality and life style. Andy took a liking to Davo, sharing some time with him, giving Davo the tools he would use when he returned to Maui.

Davo describes his work as neo-pop expressionism. His favorite subjects are modern icons, including Marilyn Monroe, Elvis, the Beatles, and Albert Einstein. His primary technique is serigraphy. He also creates densely layered assemblages and collages. He has an unmistakable talent for juxtaposing images, color, and materials as diverse as wood, plastic, metal, and glass along with, of course, paint. His art has a kaleidoscopic character, and he delivers his neo-Pop message with a wallop. As one critic has said of his work, "His eccentric meandering through subjects, styles, mediums, formats, and sizes maintains a unique and graceful balance."

Davo is a long-time member and supporter of the Lahaina Arts Society. His many collectors include Carlos Santana and Eric Burden of the "Animals". Davo has attended the Academy Awards, is an annual invited guest artist for the Grammy Awards, regularly painting the honoree for the Musicares Awards, including Elton John, Stevie Wonder, Billy Joel, Sting, Neil Young, Phil Collins, Tony Bennett, Paul McCartney, Bob Dylan and many others.

Recently, Davo is very proud to have attended his first Na Hoku Hanohano Awards in Honolulu, with his longtime pal, Henry Kapono.

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