

An aerial photograph of a farm at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the landscape. The farm is nestled in a valley surrounded by dense, lush green trees. In the background, rolling hills and mountains are visible under a sky with scattered clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

A HOME SHAPED BY CRAFT, INTENTION, AND LAND

# THE ART FARM

Set at the quiet elevation where Haikū's cool trade winds soften the day and the light falls gently across rolling terrain, 796 Awalau Road is more than a residence it is the result of nearly a decade of thoughtful design, stewardship, and creativity. The property spans 15.87 acres, once densely wooded and nearly impossible to navigate, before being patiently opened, shaped, and given purpose.





**THE BARN**  
The first structure to emerge was the Barn, completed in September 2016. Inspired by Maui’s WWII-era Quonset huts used in pineapple production, the design provides a generous 2,560 square feet under a sweeping arc of curved steel assembled from approximately 5,000 bolts. Inside, the barn is divided into three design studios, a full bath, and a theater. The interiors are finished in hand-collected pallet wood, gathered from around Kahului, carefully deconstructed and repurposed into textured wall cladding. Redwood sliding doors two interior and two exterior create dynamic flow throughout the space.



**THE MAIN HOUSE**  
Is a study in thoughtful placement and lived experience. Positioned along the East–West axis, the home welcomes sunrise in the primary bedroom and closes the evening in the living/media room as the day settles. The interior layout is defined not by walls, but by changes in volume and elevation, creating an open yet distinct flow between the coffee bar, kitchen, dining, office, and living spaces.

The structure is elevated 36 inches above grade to encourage airflow and minimize moisture—essential at this elevation. The butterfly roof again plays its role: collecting rainwater efficiently while also offering generous interior volume and light. A redesign during construction—after the original telephone poles were lost at sea en route—led to the use of exposed structural timbers, resulting in a home that is stronger, warmer, and visually beautiful. A fortunate accident that became one of the property’s defining features.

**SOLAR CARPORT**  
Built alongside the Barn, the butterfly-roof carport serves both function and innovation. The angled roof maximizes solar gain, while the central trough efficiently channels rainwater into the catchment system. Beneath, four parking bays and an electrical control room form the heart of the property’s energy infrastructure—quiet, self-sustaining, efficient.

**THE OUTDOOR KITCHEN**  
The outdoor kitchen and covered gathering space sit beneath a curved roof formed from reclaimed beams originally shaped on Kauai. Its design subtly increases solar performance during winter months and creates a flexible, sheltered environment for dining, events, and daily living. The concrete floor is scored to orient to the cardinal directions, with one additional line pointing toward Peahi—Jaws.

**THE REMOTE STUDIO**  
Further into the trees, the Remote Studio rests among filtered green light and quiet. Built using lumber milled on the property, it has served as a massage space, pottery studio, and currently, a printmaking studio for a visiting artist from Dallas. It is a retreat, creative, contemplative, and private.

**THE OHANA**  
Before the Main House was constructed, the Ohana served as the primary residence. Placed in a natural clearing and aligned visually with the future home site, its positioning establishes the architectural dialogue of the property: structures that speak to one another, grounded in land, elevation, and prevailing winds.

- SYSTEMS THAT SUPPORT LIFE**  
796 Awalau is fully self-sustaining with:
- 48 solar panels (plus future expansion panels)
  - 10 lithium storage batteries
  - Cummins 20kw backup generator
  - 500-gallon propane tank
  - Multi-reservoir water catchment system with filtration & first-flush design
  - Refined dual-faucet drinking water setup



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