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Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17 and come celebrate the 60th anniversary of Ben Franklin Crafts with a full day of celebrations. Join Hawaii's best craft store at the Mapunapuna, Oahu location from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for lots of make-it-take-its, 60 second showdowns, free demonstrations, special celebrity guests and birthday cake!

Two lucky shoppers picked that day will be given a free 60-second shopping spree (Rules and regulations apply). Plus, one lucky winner will get the chance to walk away with a brand new iPad2 to follow Ben Franklin Crafts on Facebook, Twitter and blogs. That's not all that's happening! Seattle watercolor artist Yuming Zhu will be doing free demonstrations using Sumie brushes and watercolor in the morning.

Then you can sign up for a hands-on workshop from 1:00 6:00 p.m. for a special price of \$50 per person (does not include supplies). Join in the fun and watch a special celebrity craft demonstration with Tony Solis from "Eh, U Da Kine, Ah?" and "Pakele Live", who will be paired with "Joy of Crafting" host Joy Shimabukuro.

Maui Varieties Limited (MVL), parent company to the popular home improvement Ace Hardware Hawaii and crafts leader Ben Franklin Crafts, is a family-owned and operated business, run by siblings Wayne Kamitaki, Guy Kamitaki, Lynn Ushijima and cousin, Paul Mizoguchi. The company's staff, management and owners are appreciative of six decades of community support and have planned events throughout the rest of the year on various islands to mark 60 years of servicing Hawaii.

"It is very tough for locally owned companies and businesses to reach this point, so I am happy and proud we were able to reach this milestone, and I am also grateful to the community, customers and our employees," says MVL chief executive officer and co-owner Wayne Kamitaki.

Come and celebrate Ben Franklin Crafts & Ace Hardware 60th Anniversary at these locations:

- Saturday, October 1st - Lihue, Kauai Ace Hardware and Crafts store
- Saturday, October 15th - Kahului, Maui (Ka'ahumanu Mall) Ben Franklin Crafts store
- Saturday, November 5th Hilo, Hawaii Ace Hardware store

For information on all the Ben Franklin Crafts and Ace Hardware 60th Anniversary events and promotions, please visit their websites at www.benfranklinhawaii.com (<http://www.benfranklinhawaii.com>) or www.acehardwarehawaii.com (<http://www.acehardwarehawaii.com>).

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