

**A**FTER SPENDING THE BETTER PART OF HIS YOUTH traveling the globe, Charles Moore settled in Hawai'i, where the abundance of natural and cultural beauty provided no end of inspiration for his creative mind. As a sculptor, Moore began creating works in ceramic such as Hawai'i's *Honu* (green sea turtle), but as Kawika La'amea Kalahouo, King of Hawai'i from 1874-1891 said, "There is no better way to understand the hearts of the Hawaiian people than to immerse yourself in the art of Hula."

In 1997 Moore founded Hula Lamps of Hawaii, with a showroom on the Big Island, and began production of hula lamps based on vintage hula lamp styles, as well as creating his own, more detailed, contemporary styled hula lamps. Each lamp is painstakingly cast and finished to recreate the nostalgia of the 1920-1940s hula lamps.

Creating molds similar to the originals as well as some of his own design, Moore began producing and perfecting the vintage Hula Lamps of Hawaii. One area that he improved was creating a more reliable, more smoothly operating mechanism for the movement of the hula girl's skirt. "It is the movement of these sculptures that continues to fascinate everyone who sees them," Moore notes.

Moore's personal designs center around trying to capture the beauty of the Hula, which Moore studies by viewing hours of videos he has shot at various hula contests and events and working with models. Utilizing the ancient art of the lost wax process with a modern refinement and precision Moore casts his pieces in fine bronze.

The lampshades are works of art in their own right. Each is hand-painted. All the hula lamps are signed and numbered as part of a limited edition run.

Moore has single-handedly recreated an industry of vintage hula lamps and has helped create a new generation that will enjoy these loving tributes to the culture of the Hawaiian people.

Hula Lamps of Hawaii offers original vintage lamps, recreations, and Moore's originals in the showroom as well as other unique treasures including paintings, sculpture and unique home decor items.

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