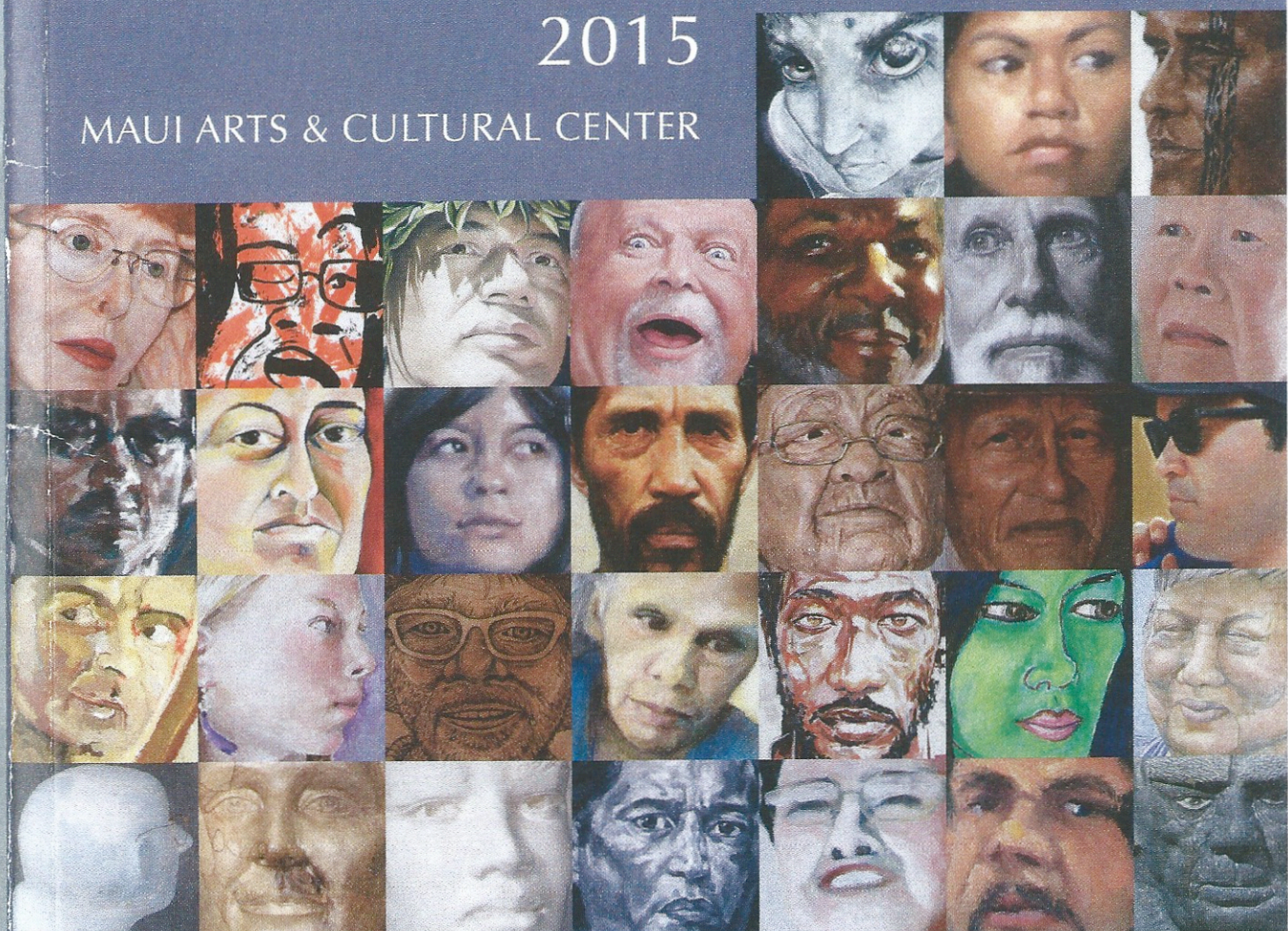




SCHAEFER PORTRAIT CHALLENGE

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PETER SHEPARD COLE

Peter Cole in the Board Room

Oil on canvas | 32 x 40 in.



Peter Cole's skin is weathered and his right eye injured from his life in the ocean, but his smile evokes tales of countless spectacular waves that most surfers can only dream of riding. It is impossible for me to imagine my life without surfing and painting: two passions my father introduced me to as a child. In the board room under my parents' house, the immense surfboards upon which he charged giant Waimea and Sunset waves lie alongside the shorter boards of his sons. He gave us our first boards and many more. Together they gather dust through the decades, under a house full of joy and love. Featured beneath his hand, in the left foreground of the painting, is his board – the one we now take his grandchildren out on. A legacy of love and respect for the sea is passed on to the next generation.

Peter Shepard Cole lives on O'ahu where he works as an artist and art educator. He received an M.F.A. from San Francisco Art Institute and a B.A. from University of California San Diego. His work was included in the Schaefer Portrait Challenge 2012.