There's STILL LIFE in these bottles, cans and papers.

Artists seem to be inherently resourceful. The artist working with trash and found objects takes something perceived as worthless and, with creative magic, transforms it into a valuable object. This concept is not new to the art world. You can find examples of recycled art in the world's finest museums. Artists may be attracted to this medium by the innate beauty of old and used things, or maybe the cost of bonafide art materials is just too expensive. Either way, artists have utilized old and used materials to make artistic statements for ages.

"The power of this visual art is that it can change our perceptions of reality, making us see things with new eyes. We as recyclers need this transforming power of art. To make recycling success, we must challenge the ingrained scene that only new things made from virgin materials will meet our standards for quality, and that items which are reused or recycled are inferior. Let us together see the worth of reclaimed materials, and the value of recycling, not just in the works of art here assembled but in our society at large." Clifford Case, Founder of the National Recycling Coalition

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Discarded Legacy
Medium: paper Bags
Artist: M. Leslie Ortize

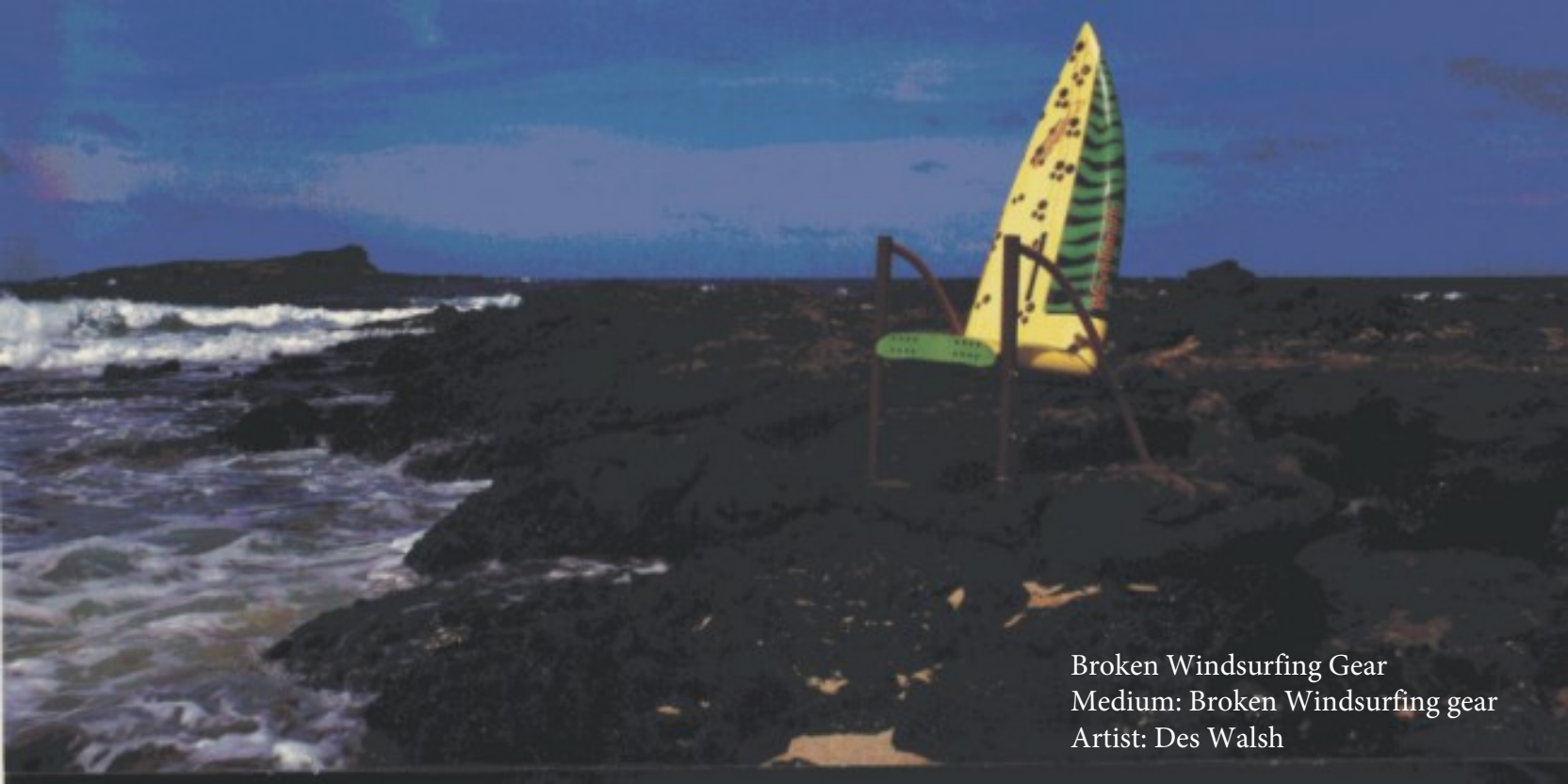
Doily Dress
Medium: Old doilies
Artist: Darlene Mande

Kailua Beachcomber
Medium: Found objects, ceramic, concrete, wire, aluminum, twigs
Artist: Jodi Endicott

Pokie
Medium: Wood, paint, old suitcase
Artist: Bernard Moriaz

Second Hand Rose
Medium: Cardboard
Artist: James Gore

My Aumakua
Medium: Organic
Artist: Thelma Greig



Broken Windsurfing Gear
Medium: Broken Windsurfing gear
Artist: Des Walsh

Mary's Flowers
Medium: Fence, etc...
Artist: Rebecca Bailey

Wahine Uluwehi
Medium: Beach glass, old windows
Artist: Michael D. Miller

Tea Pot
Medium: Metal wire, found objects
Artist: Ira Ono

Ocean Frames
Medium: Beach glass
Artist: Mary O'Shea

Space Station #41594
Medium: Vacuum-formed plastics, mixed media
Artist: Garron Alexander