HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE SIGNING HELD JULY 18, 2015: Nathan Denight, GVB, general manager, along with Hix Guans and Maxi Guan, owners; Roy Torres, general manager joined Lana Denight, Mary’s Guam assistant store manager; Ryan Torres, Mary’s Guam VP store manager and the Mary’s Guam team as they proudly display their newly signed Håfa Adai Pledge at the Visit Guam Expo held at the Micronesia Mall.

HÅFA ADAI PLEDGE SIGNING HELD JULY 23, 2015: From left: Matthew Martin, Sentry Hospitality; bba Days Inn Tamuning Guam and Aqua Suites Guam, director of sales and marketing; Sundardi Li, Sentry Hospitality; bba Days Inn Tamuning Guam and Aqua Suites Guam, president; Joseph Cruz, The Cafeteria, owner; Allomom Cruz, The Cafeteria, owner; Bruce McIntosh, Sentry Hospitality; bba Days Inn Tamuning Guam and Aqua Suites Guam, chairman, and Keith Markowski, Sentry Hospitality; bba Days Inn Tamuning Guam and Aqua Suites Guam, director; joined by The Honorable Ray Tenorio, lieutenant governor of Guam; Senator Tina Muna Barnes, 33rd Guam Legislature; Sentry Hospitality –dba Days Inn Tamuning Guam and Aqua Suites Guam, chairman, and Dr. Judy Flores, Council of Arts & Humanities Agency, board of director and Saina Frank Rabon, Pa’a Taotao Tano, founder and director proudly display their newly signed Håfa Adai Pledge held at the Aqua Suites Guam.

GUAMPEDIA: Julie “Jill” Quichocho Benavente

Sainan Minehalom Manlasgue-Adotnon I Tatåotao Master Carver-Body Ornamentation

Jill Benavente

Julie “Jill” Quichocho Benavente carves fine jewelry from local materials such as Himá (Tridachia or giant clam), spondylus (thorny system), stone, cone, wild boar barks, and more. Benavente has been creating and carving for more than ten years. Benavente owns and operates a cultural shop “Guinahan Chamoru”. (What Chamorros Have). Benavente’s commonly commissioned and produced pieces includes the men’s traditional inalihí (new moon) pendant made of himá with a full strand of cone shells. One of Benavente’s one-of-a-kind pieces is a whale fin shaped necklace that was made for her daughter. The pendant and clasp are made of himá and are shaped into a whale’s tail fin for fluke. On the pendant at its base is an inlay of oval spondylus slightly protruding from its surface. The strand is made of small spondylus beads, while the cord is detailed with macramé. Foundly referred to as “Mama Jill” by younger artists and friends, the provides many artists with a place to work, gives advice on design, instruction on technique and tool use, consultation on finishing, and even provides a recycled shipping container for housing art pieces. She also contributes to group exhibitions at the local annual Micronesian Island Fair and the Flame Tree Festival in Guam’s sister island of Saipan. On 21 October 2014, Benavente was awarded the prestigious title “Sainan Minehalom Manlasgue-Adotnon I Tatåotao” as Master Carver-Body Ornamentation from CAHA.

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