



[On the Wall]

Rare Treasures

Ancient yet modern, Islamic yet American, Shangri La remains a breathtaking paradox. “**Doris Duke’s Shangri La: Architecture, Landscape, and Islamic Art**” at the **Honolulu Museum of Art** displays 60 loaned but not usually shown artworks and objects from the tobacco heiress’ former residence-turned-gallery. The exhibit includes ceramics, textiles, jewels, and furniture from early first millennium BCE to the 21st century. Large interior photos offer context while vintage photos, design drawings, and contemporary works by seven past artists-in-residence further reveal the estate’s elegant melding of cultures and traditions. *Through June 7. (808) 532-8700; honoluluuseum.org.* —C.T.



At **Shangri La**, the renovated Mughal Suite (pictured) opened in October. Never before viewable by the public, Doris Duke’s private bedroom and bathroom incorporate design elements reminiscent of the Taj Mahal and also contain new displays of Duke’s jewelry and other small art objects. Admission is included on the Honolulu Museum of Art’s regularly scheduled \$25 tours.

—Al Bonowitz



[Distinguished Guest]

CCH Pounder

On the new CBS series **NCIS: New Orleans**, the Guyana-born actress, 62, plays chief medical examiner Dr. Loretta Wade. She researched the role at Los Angeles County’s Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner. Of the hundreds of bodies and dozen or so autopsies she saw, “I realized that yes, I was looking at human beings, but the spirit was gone from the vessel. The bodies were simply giving answers to the mystery of how and why that spirit left.” —Bekah Wright

FIRST HAWAII VISIT: A long time ago, I traveled to Maui to get over the trauma of leaving someone. I took a girlfriend with me. I was in a catatonic state, and she walked me around until it was time to return home. I’ve come to consider Maui my island of recuperation.

FAVORITE ISLAND: Maui. My second visit was “fancy,” or a “beach and eat” vacation, as I like to call them, where we pretty much just stayed at our resort, the Grand Wailea. I loved exploring the grounds and stumbling upon things like the little church and giant koi pond.

CAN’T MISS: I love the breezes. My favorite thing was walking up little hills and feeling the breeze hit my face. Back at the resort, when most people were escaping inside to the air-conditioning, I was opening all the windows so the breeze could waft through.