



Culture Medium

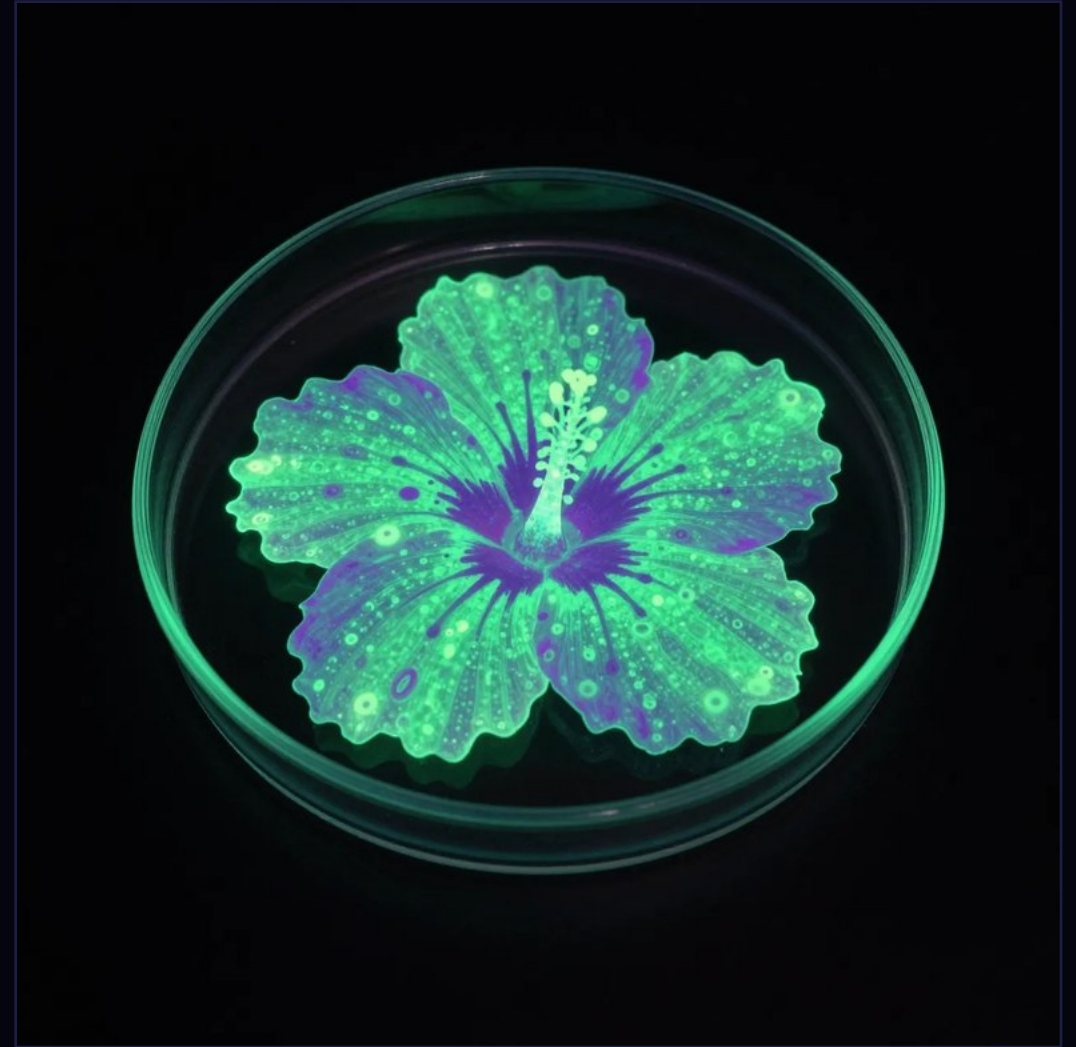
Fluorescent cultures — identity grown like a living specimen, 2025

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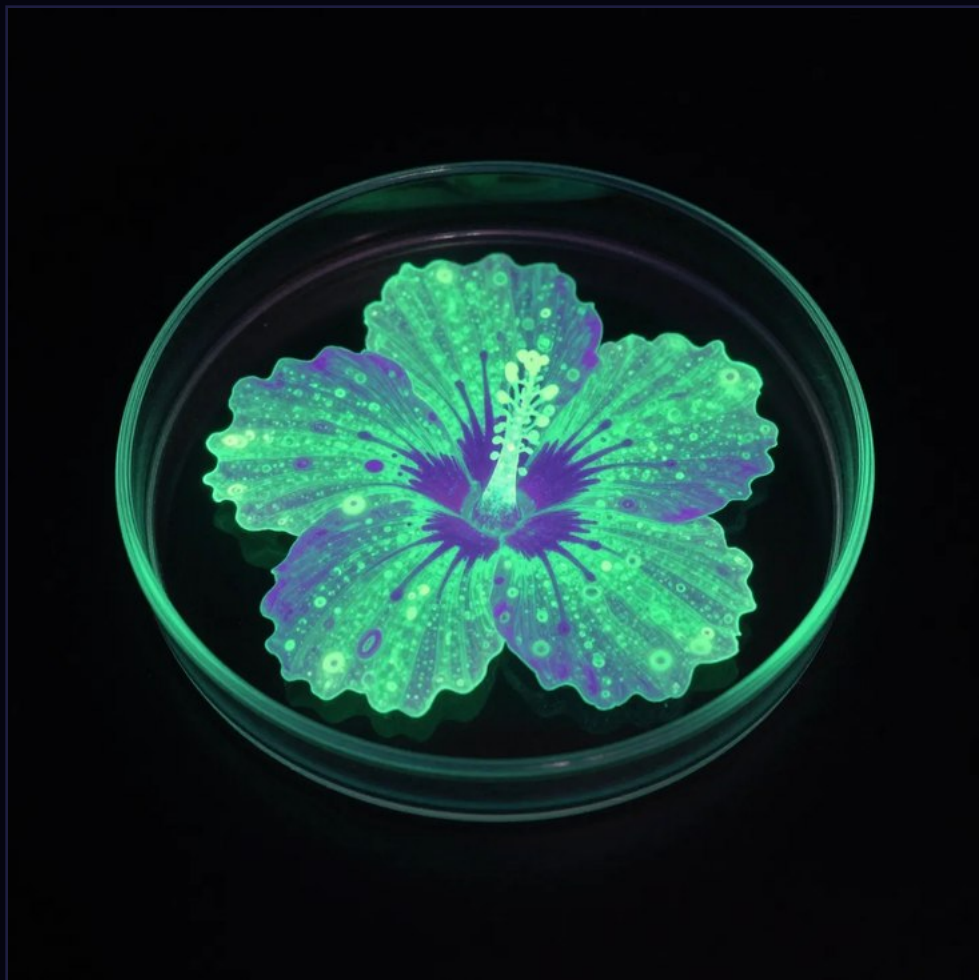
SERIES STATEMENT

Heritage, cultivated

'Culture' is both a heritage and a thing you grow in a dish — a culture medium. This series takes the pun literally: identity cultivated like a living specimen, heritage blooming under blacklight. Each plate isolates one strand of Caribbean memory — a hibiscus, a coquí, a vejigante mask, a clave rhythm — and lets it grow as a fluorescent colony in glass. Built in Illustrator and Photoshop: vector edge layered into photographic depth, color pushed to a near-radioactive bloom so each piece reads like a specimen under blacklight. Culture is not preserved here; it is alive, dividing, and glowing.



Hibiscus Strain



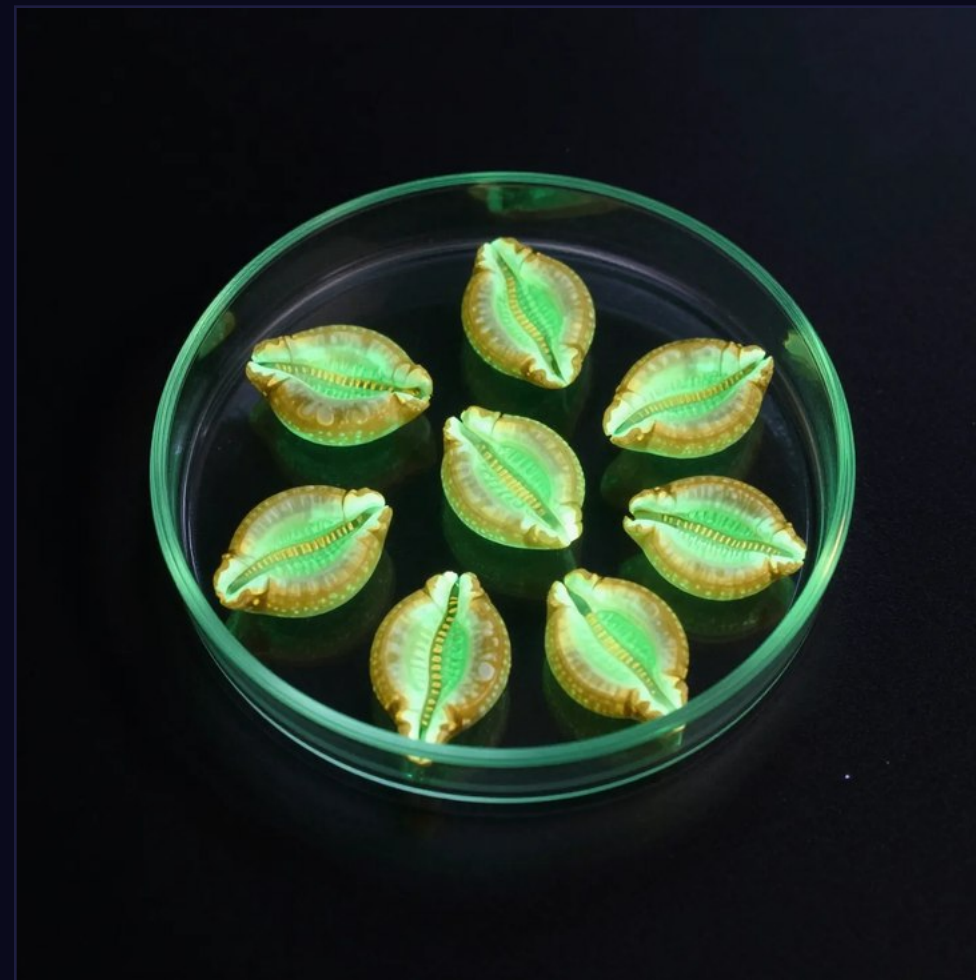
01 Hibiscus Strain



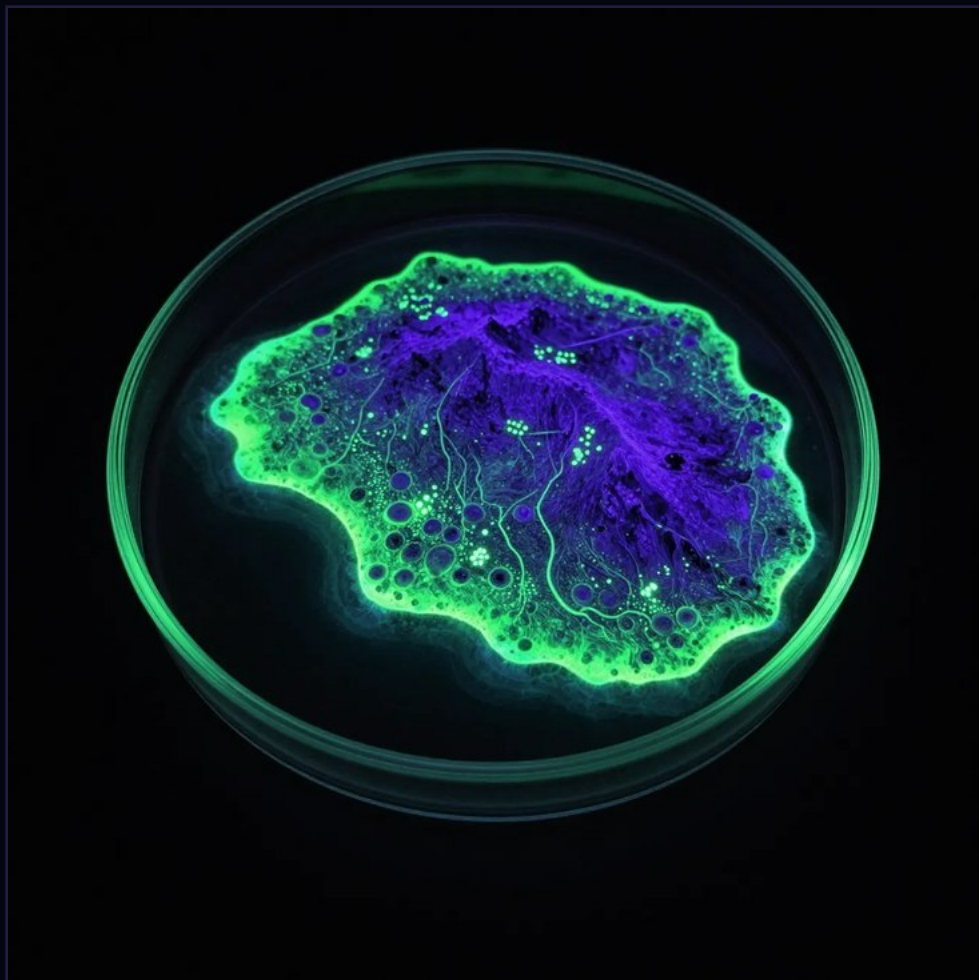
02 Coquí Sample



03 Vejigante Colony



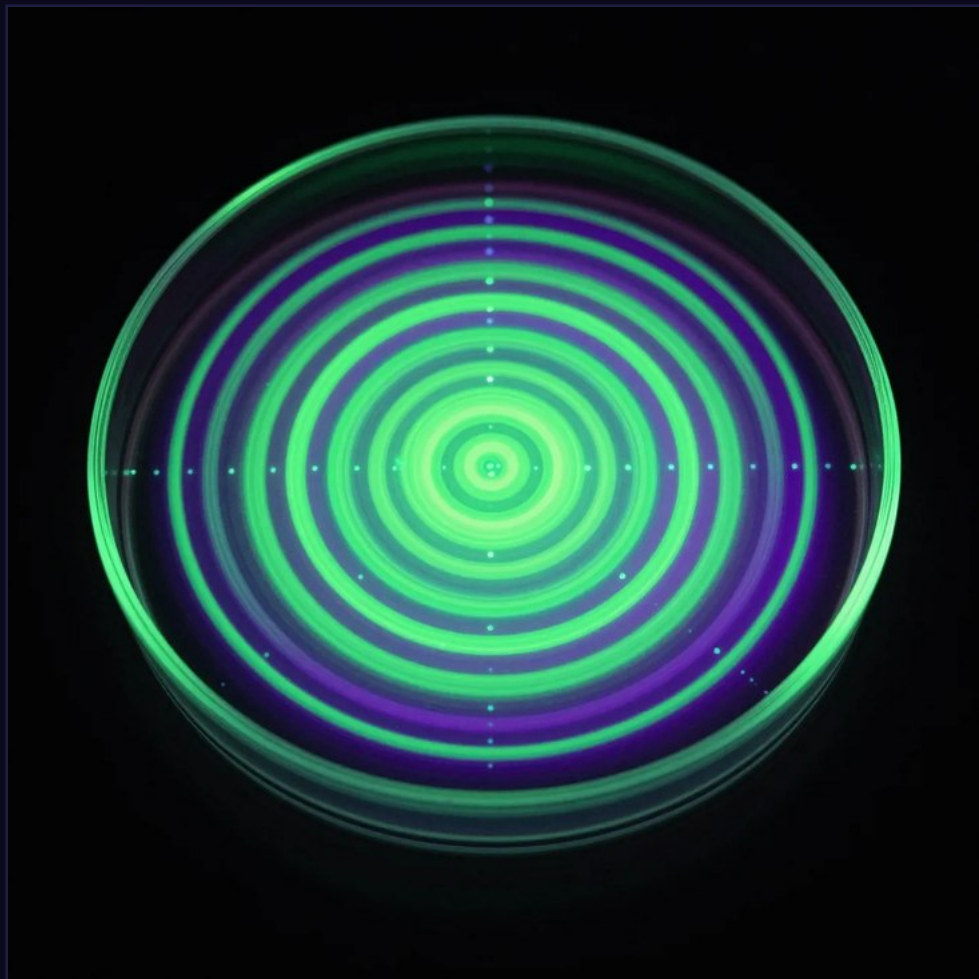
04 Cowrie Growth



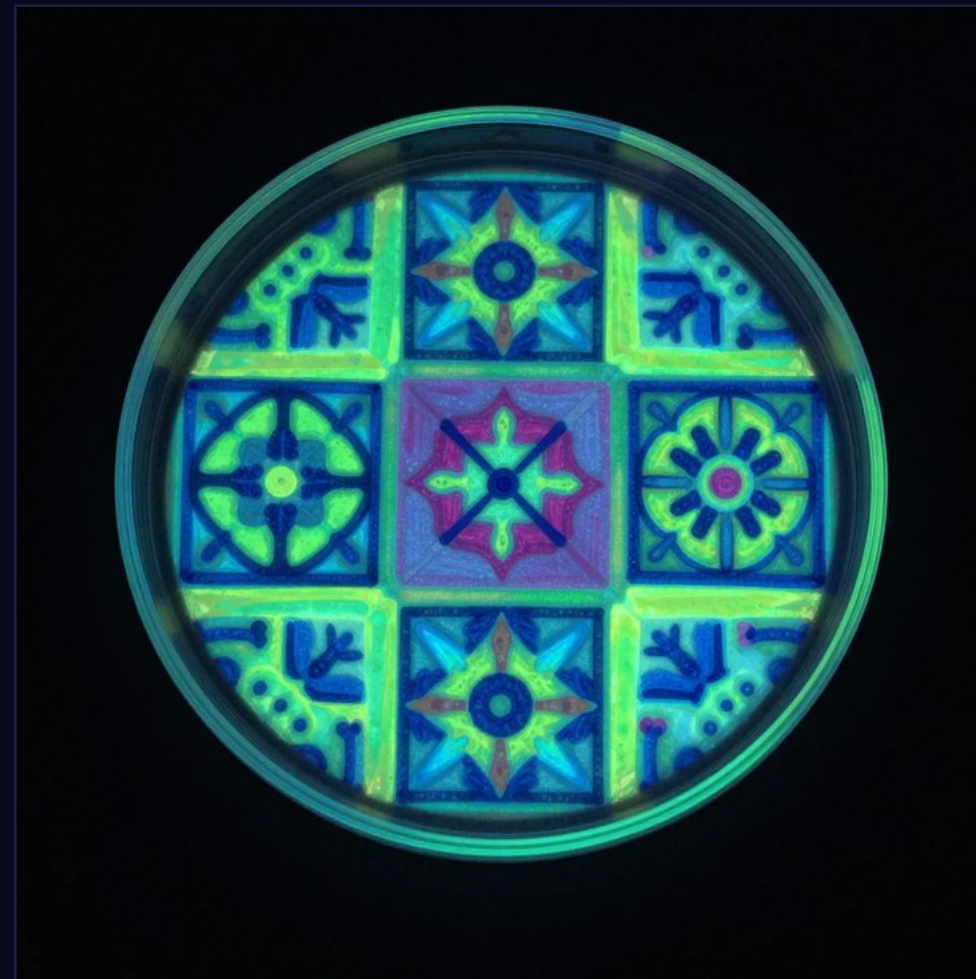
05 Isla Specimen



06 Flamboyán Bloom



07 Clave Frequency



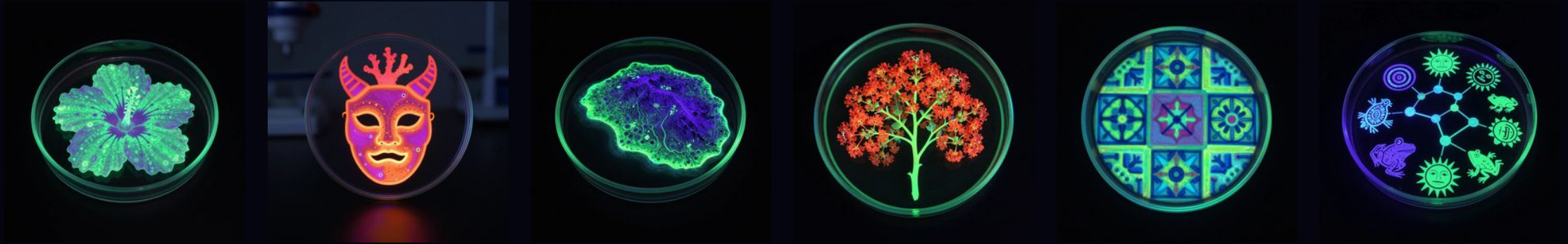
08 Azulejo Division



09 Braid Medium



10 Petroglyph Culture



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Paired series: Culture Shock — nine conceptual icons, one fluorescent act of color each.

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