

Stockton Students, Faculty Create Art Exhibit Inspired By Sustainability at Noyes Arts Garage

Public Opening Event Set for April 22, Exhibit on Display through May 20

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Galloway, NJ – Stockton University faculty and students are collaborating to create a public exhibition of sustainable art works and design prototypes. The “Art of Sustainability” opening will be held **Friday, April 22 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at the Noyes Arts Garage, located at 2200 Fairmount Ave. The event is free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will remain on display through **May 20, 2016.**

The collection pieces were created by over a dozen students enrolled in “The Sustainable Object/Sustainable Environment,” an interdisciplinary arts and science course offered for the first time this semester.

Associate Professor of Biology Ron Hutchison and Visual Arts Instructor Elizabeth Hall developed and co-teach the class.

The students’ designs are responses to The Cradle to Cradle Certified™ (C2C) framework for quality assessment of sustainable materials outlined in the book by William McDonough and Michael Braungart “Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way We Make Things.”

The C2C product standard guides designers and manufacturers through a continual improvement process that looks at a product through five quality categories – material health, material reutilization, renewable energy and carbon management, water stewardship, and social fairness.

“The goal is for students to create functional ‘sustainable objects’ out of renewable, environmentally friendly materials that leave the smallest possible ecological footprint,” Hall explained.

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Students will stand next to their work and walk spectators through the step-by-step design process.

Some of the sustainable objects on display will be a full-sized hollow surfboard; a collection of garments made from recyclable Tyvek house wrap; plant-based, leather-like fabric grown from cultures of yeast and bacteria; and a tent constructed from re-purposed T-shirts, locally harvested bamboo and varnish.

This project is made possible by the Office of Service-Learning and Visual Arts Department in the School of Arts & Humanities at Stockton University.

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