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Arts in the Leaning Pine Arboretum Presents Floral Design Show, Workshop March 4

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Learn how to use common garden materials in floral design during a free Artist in Residence program at the Arts in the Leaning Pine Arboretum celebration Saturday, March 4, at Cal Poly.

Cal Poly's student chapter of the American Institute of Floral Design (SAIFD) will present the annual Artist in Residence program at 10 a.m. in Lab A of the Environmental Horticultural Science (EHS) Unit.

The program will focus on expressing the principles and elements of design by using common garden materials. Oleta Collins, owner of Flourishing Art in Bakersfield, will host the program. Collins will create a series of arrangements to teach the audience principles and elements of design. Her will feature designs using plant materials grown at the Cal Poly EHS Unit. Floral design arrangements by Collins will also be on display at the EHS Unit.

Other events at Arts in the Leaning Pine Arboretum include a discussion by Georges Gomes from the California State Farm Bureau Federation. Gomes will speak on agricultural sustainability in the next 10 years. The discussion begins at noon in the EHS unit.

The day also includes a children's art corner, live music, floral design and other art, crafts, paintings, demonstrations, plant sales, pottery, mini-golf, a bounce house and digital media. All ages are welcome to come and enjoy diverse forms of art in a natural setting.

To get to the workshop and EHS lab, enter through the Cal Poly Plant Shop on Via Carta. Parking permits are not required on Saturday. For more information, e-mail artsinthearboretum@yahoo.com.

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