Cal Poly Invites Teachers, Parents to Arts Education Conference Oct. 23

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly will host the fourth annual Arts Education Conference for parents, teachers and others involved in arts education Saturday, Oct. 23.

The day-long event, to be Chumash Auditorium in the University Union, is sponsored by the Liberal Studies Department’s newly created Central Coast Center for Arts Education.

The conference includes a morning and afternoon workshop on such topics as:

· Chalk festival preparation, techniques and applications;
· Bilingual storytelling with professional storyteller Olga Loya;
· Puppetry workshop conducted by the Mum Puppet Theatre of Philadelphia;
· Teaching tolerance through dance and movement with Diana Cummings, president of the California Dance Education Association;
· Music and patterns: making cross-disciplinary connections, led by Steve Venz, musician and music educator for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

The Washington Preparatory High School Gospel Choir from South Central Los Angeles will provide a lunch-hour performance that is free and open to the public.

Workshops are designed to provide standards-based lessons for immediate use and are led by professional art educators, according to Susan Duffy, head of the Liberal Studies Department.

The cost is $40 for the conference and all materials and $10 for lunch. Workshops are open to community members interested in arts education and should be of particular interest to public and private school teachers, parents involved with home-schooling, pre-school teachers and child-care givers, PTA officers and parents, and pre-service and credential-track students from private and public universities.

Continuing Education credit is available through Cal Poly Extended Education and University Outreach. For more information and to receive a brochure and registration materials, call (805) 756-2935.

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