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# Cal Poly Hosts International Working Artist Exchange and Exhibit Starting Nov. 5

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly Art and Design Department is hosting a contingent of faculty artists from Silpakorn University's Art Centre in Thailand. The resident artists will create new work as part of the residency program Nov. 5 - 10, and display their art in the exhibit "Elemental: Thailand Artist Exchange" at the University Art Gallery Nov. 12 through Dec. 5.

The public is encouraged to attend the working residency phase of the program, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, to view the creative process and interact with the artists. Both the residency phase and the exhibit are free and open to the public.

The exhibit will open with a free reception Thursday, Nov. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. The artists will conduct a guided tour including explanations of the concepts behind the work.

Thai artists include Prasert Pichayasoonthorn, a mixed media and installation artist; Nawin Biadklang, a painter; and Prapakorn Sukonthamanee, a textile and fabric artist.

Earlier this year, five faculty members from Cal Poly traveled to Bangkok, Thailand to participate in the first phase of the exchange. The theme of the residency was "Water," and its relationship to the global environment. Each artist interpreted the theme in diverse ways including metaphoric, symbolic and literal representations. Participating Cal Poly faculty included Sky Bergman, Michael Barton Miller and Tera Galanti.

This exchange has a twelve-year history, producing exhibitions in Bangkok; Hanoi, Vietnam; and Los Angeles, San Jose, and San Luis Obispo, CA.

The University Art Gallery is located in the Dexter Building, Room 171. The exhibit is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts, the Art and Design Department, Cal Poly Arts, and the Instructionally

Related Activities program provide partial funding for this exhibition.

For more information, go to www.artgallery.calpoly.edu or contact Jeff Van Kleeck, University Art Gallery coordinator, at 805-756-1571 or *jvanklee@calpoly.edu*.

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