SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s annual poinsettia sale, featuring more than 2,500 plants with 30 varieties and many colors, will begin Dec. 1 and continue through mid-December at Poly Plant Shop.

The holiday flowering plants are grown by students in the university’s Poinsettia Agriculture Enterprise Project, which begins in the spring of each year.

This year’s poinsettia project is offering traditional reds and whites as well as many novelty colors such as pinks, oranges, marbles and maroons. Painted and glittery poinsettias will be featured as part of this year’s crop. Painted colors include blues, purples, and yellows.

Sizes include small plants in 4-inch pots to poinsettias up to 4 feet tall. Prices range from $6 to $60. Custom painted and glittered orders can be placed anytime after Dec. 1. Supplies of painted poinsettias are limited.

Plants will be for sale beginning Dec. 1 at the plant shop. They also will be available at the shop’s annual Holiday Open House on Dec. 4 and at the Poinsettia Open House on Dec. 5 and 12.

Poly Plant Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Those hours are the same for the open house events.

The Dec. 4 event will feature music and refreshments. On Dec. 5 and 12, Poinsettia Project representatives will advise customers during their purchases, and there will be a photo backdrop if attendees want to take a holiday picture.

To get to the shop, take the Highland Drive entrance to Cal Poly and veer left onto Via Carta. The shop is at the top of the hill on the right. Metered parking is available.

For more details, call Poly Plant Shop at 756-1106 or visit www.polyplantshop.com.

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