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'In Suspension' Student Exhibit of Glass, Paintings On Display at University Art Gallery Through May 19

"In Suspension," an exhibit featuring blown glass and paintings by two student artists, will be on display in the University Art Gallery Friday (May 10) through May 19.

Cassandra Ellen Chambers and Andy Paiko, both art and design seniors, will be on hand at an artists' reception 6-9 p.m. May 17.

"When I blow glass, I look at each piece as a separate being," Chambers said. "Each one becomes a part of a family, with a different personality. Every family has a different size, shape and look to it, and each family has a different experience and memory web. However, what makes a family a family is how the members relate to each other. Do they communicate? Are they divorced? Were they ever married? How many kids do they have? Are they harmonic and close to each other? Or do they fight all the time?"

" 'In Suspension' is an assemblage of my multiple family groups," Chambers said. "The 111 hand-blown pods, ranging in size from 6 centimeters to over 2 meters, circulate within the gallery space. They play, react and communicate within each family group and among the other families, much like a community."

"As an artist," Paiko said, "I am primarily interested in examining the hidden or underlying relationships between things -- their forms as well as their connotative meanings and representations. My current work consists of collage-based juxtapositions executed in hand-blown glass, paintings and found objects. Both mystical and alchemical themes serve as a basis for my own personal re-interpretation of natural history."

The University Art Gallery is in the Dexter Building and is open 11

a.m.-4 p.m. daily and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. For more information, call the gallery at 756-1571.

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(NOTE TO EDITORS: For digital photographs of some of the art in the exhibit, please contact Jo Ann Lloyd at 756-1511 or jlloyd@calpoly.edu.)

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