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Kennedy Library Announces Fall Exhibit in Collaboration with Architecture Department

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s Kennedy Library announces the opening of their fall exhibit in collaboration with the Architecture Department: “Assembly Required: An Exhibition of Polytechnic Furniture Artists and Vellum Design Winners.” The exhibit is open Nov. 7 through Jan. 6.

The exhibit highlights the craftsmanship and innovation of Cal Poly student furniture artists. Winners from the 2011 Vellum/College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED) Furniture Competition and Exhibition are a central feature.

Curated by co-organizer and Associate Professor Tom di Santo from the Architecture Department, the custom-designed pieces fabricated by CAED students combine elegant craft with a reverence for sustainable design.

“There is a long and storied tradition of architectural masters refining their design language in the context of furniture and industrial design,” di Santo said. “In addition, one of the many fortunate by-products of this event has been the bridge built between the college and the community. This year we are especially excited to also have the winners show in the library, allowing students from all disciplines to see what happens in the Architecture Department.”

The exhibit also includes pieces made from recycled books. Architecture Professor Tom Fowler challenged his third-year studio design students to design and build furniture using books in a four-day period from start to finish. The result is a collection of inspired furniture that celebrates repurposed materials.

The exhibit is in the Learning Commons on the second floor of Kennedy Library.

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