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**Cal Poly Sets April Workshop on Ag Literacy & Art for Teachers**

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s Central Coast Center for Arts Education will offer its fourth professional
development workshop sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation and the California Food Fiber Futures Project.

The Paper Chase workshop, designed for teachers in grades 4-12, will offer intensive activities from 9 a.m. to
4 p.m. Saturday, April 30, in Cal Poly’s Education Building, Room 213.

This workshop specifically addresses the Forestry and Natural Resources Pathway of the California
Agriculture content standards for teachers. The standards help students understand the relationships
between the state’s natural resources and the environment, according to Liberal Studies Department Chair
and CCCAE Director Susan Duffy.

Participants will learn to work with pulp and paper from various plants and products, create beautiful
handmade paper and paper-sculptural elements, and find new ways to address state agriculture, science
and art standards

Guest speakers will include Robert Cichowski, Cal Poly professor and director of the university’s Center for
Excellence in Science and Math Education, who will lead hands-on activities involving soil science and
cellulose chemistry. Also speaking will be Robert Flores, chair of the Agricultural Education Department,
discussing his efforts to create a program at Earth University in Costa Rica to create new ways of using
banana pulp.

“The hands-on workshop is designed from an interdisciplinary perspective and will open new paths for
teaching agriculture and getting students to view agriculture in new ways,” Duffy, said. “The activities are
designed for teachers who see themselves as ‘art novices’ but would like to enhance their classroom
activities while generating interest in both agriculture and art.”

Teachers from San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties can choose to receive either a $150 stipend or
a curriculum-development consultation plus two in-class lessons by a teaching artist. Participants will also
receive classroom sets of materials, including CDs of images to use in the classroom. Complete
standards-based lesson plans for both art and agriculture will be provided so that teachers can apply what
they learn immediately in their classrooms.
The deadline to register is Wednesday, April 20. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The Paper Chase workshop is part of the Agricultural Literacy and the Arts project, a collaborative effort of Cal Poly’s Liberal Studies and Agricultural Education departments. For more information and to receive a registration form, call (805) 756-2935.

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