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Greening Your Life

MJC Interior Design Department to Display Student Design Projects

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Are you ready to change your life and that of the planet's? The MJC Interior Design Department is sure to help you take a step in the right direction - or should I say the green direction? Join students on November 18, 2008, at the East Campus Student Center for a one-of-a-kind expo from 10:30-4:30.

On display will be green housing projects, displays and information by students from several classes including: Green and Sustainable Design (INTDS 190), Theory and Application of Color (INTDS 120), Fabrics for Interiors (INTDS 130), and Fundamentals (INTDS 200).

Home projects which will be on display incorporate green and sustainable materials from the ground up with boards featuring specifications, product samples and photographs of the items used. Also displayed will be the Green Point rated checklist for your own home, and a plethora of new and exciting ideas.

The Expo will be a chance to learn about green related careers. Architecture, interior design, landscaping and manufacturing are just a few categories to consider. "What a great and timely event, due to the current global warming issues," Diana Kline, Interior Design Student stated. To help you in your fight against global warming, the Expo will show how using the right materials for a space is extremely important and can affect the world around you.

Students of the MJC Interior Design Department have learned about the history of green and sustainable design by creating time lines, some of which will be shown at the Expo. "Over the last few decades the green and sustainable design concept has greatly grown. It has become widely accepted throughout the world," explained Jenna Bayley.

Students have also studied aging in place and universal design for individuals with physical limitations. These concepts are an important component of sustainable design and examples will also be on display.

Projects showing earth-friendly fabrics will also be out to offer up-to-date ideas for your home. Learning about new and sustainable materials that can keep many homes free of

toxins, and being environmentally friendly is an awesome experience to share," said student Shamina Dominquez.

In attendance will be the City of Modesto's Parks and Recreation Department, Stanislaus County, Habitat for Humanity's ReUse It Center, Dunn Edwards, PG&E, and MJC's Project Green.

Building a new home or remodeling an existing one? Then consider opting out of the old roll insulation and give eco-friendly denim insulation, made from recycled blue jeans, a try. If you are interested in finding an alternative to the rot and mold susceptible wood siding, check out a new product called concrete board siding. It is rot, mold, fire, and termite resistant. Fly ash countertops and bricks incorporate coal ash and are a lightweight and attractive option. Solar panels can help cut down on your electricity costs and is bound to grow in popularity, and necessity, over the years to come.

Whether attending to better your own life or the life of those around you, do not miss the chance to learn what is so important for everyone. For more information on green and sustainability, stop by the Green and Sustainable Design Expo November 18, 2008, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm at the MJC East Campus Student Center. Interior Design, as defined by the American Society of Interior Designers via the National Council for Interior Design Qualification, "includes a scope of services performed by a professional design practitioner, qualified by means of education, experience, and examination, to protect and enhance the life, health, safety and welfare of the public." If you are interested in information about the Interior Design Department, please see our website at: <http://virtual.mjc.edu/fcs/INTDS.htm>.

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