

Gallery 625 presents:
Environmental and Congressional Art

Woodland, CA – The art of three distinctive Yolo County projects will be on display through the end of May at Gallery 625, 625 Court Street in Woodland. The exhibition will feature entries of the annual congressional high school art competition, conducted by Congressman Mike Thompson, mixed media art created by undergraduate students from UC Davis Environmental Design Department and the Winners of Yolo County Arts Council and IKEA, West Sacramento Earth Day Art Exhibition. An artist's reception, hosted by the Yolo County Arts Council, is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2008 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the gallery.

First, an Artistic Discovery," coordinated by Members of Congress, is an annual high school art competition culminating in a national exhibition of the winning art representing Congressional districts across the country. Since the first competition in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated in the Congressional art competition. One student from the district will be chosen to have his or her artwork displayed in the United States Capitol.

Second, UC Davis Landscape Architecture undergraduate students were asked to identify planning and design strategies that could help Yolo County and its communities adapt to climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. These ideas are showcased in mixed media presentation boards that illustrate concepts ranging from green roofs to transit-oriented development. Precedent-setting examples from other places are also included.

Finally, winning entries created by art students from West Sacramento's Golden State Middle and River City High Schools as a part of a collaborative outreach between Yolo County Arts Council and IKEA West Sacramento will be on display. The earth day art contest and exhibition provided an opportunity for students to create in a medium of their choice and portray an earth and resource friendly theme, students were encouraged to use recycled materials in their art. The contest and exhibition was able to provide awareness, strengthen the need to recycle, reuse and restore, while showcasing IKEA's commitment to the environment.

The exhibition in Woodland is free and open to the public Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 625 Court St. in Woodland.

Contact Danielle Thomas, executive director, Yolo County Arts Council 530.406.4844, or visit the YCAC website at www.yoloarts.org for more information.

CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGIES FOR YOLO COUNTY

LANDSCAPE AND REGIONAL PLANNING STUDIO WINTER 2008

In this class, U.C. Davis undergraduate students were asked to identify planning and design strategies that could help Yolo County and its communities adapt to climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The basic scientific information we were working with is the following:

- Yolo County will be 2°C (3.6° F) hotter in 2050*
- Yolo County will be 3-5° (5.4-9.0° F) hotter in 2100*
- The county's climate will have about the same precipitation in 2050*
- The county's climate may be slightly drier in 2100*
- The Sierra snowpack will be diminished in both 2050 and 2100, with more precipitation falling as rain and running off quickly, leading to floods.

The basic policy context we were working with is spelled out for California through Executive Order S-3-05 and AB 32, the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. These set the following emissions reduction goals for the state:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 2000 levels by 2010
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050

The students were asked to present the following:

1. Overall strategies that the county or cities in it might pursue, and specific ways to implement these strategies
2. Best practice examples of other places that have done similar things
3. Hypothetical application of these ideas to one or more specific sites

The ideas generated in this studio class are only hypothetical and are intended to help stimulate policy discussion in Yolo County and its communities.

*Based on Scripps Institution modeling for the Sacramento region performed in Fall 2007