

## Fall Arts Scene at Skyline College!

SAN BRUNO, CA, October 2, 2009 – Check out the Fall Arts scene at Skyline College, and experience an exciting mix of literary, cultural and fine arts, dance, and theatre performances! Events begin next week with an Extended Opportunities and Services (EOPS) Student Art Exhibit, an event series featuring the novel, *The Mistress of Spices*, midnight screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, a Filipino dance presentation, *Kaugnayan (Unity)*, featuring Skyline's Kababayan Dance Troupe, and *Harambee! (Let's Pull Together)*, An Evening with Grace Kuto.

### **EOPS STUDENT ART EXHIBIT**

Skyline College and its EOPS Program celebrate 40 years of achievement with an art exhibit featuring the work of EOPS students. This exhibit showcases photography, painting, ceramics, sculpture and textiles, and honors the accomplishments of the outstanding EOPS Program that encourages the enrollment, retention and transfer of students. EOPS Director, Maria Escobar, says, "EOPS students are all first generation college students, working to overcome educational and economic challenges. This exhibit will allow us to see the creative, expressive side of the EOPS student, so that we can get a full picture of the students served by the program and college." Visit the Student Art Exhibit from **October 6 – 13**, at the Skyline College Gallery, Building 1. For Gallery hours, call (650) 738-4447.

### **THE MISTRESS OF SPICES EVENTS: Lecture, Dance & Book Talk**

Skyline College joins the Peninsula Library System in hosting its annual *One Book One Community: San Mateo County Reads*, featuring *The Mistress of Spices* by Chitra Divakaruni. Skyline events include a lecture on the *The Anthropology of Cooking: Food & Memory* by anthropology professor, Lori Slicton, **October 7**, 12 Noon, Building 6 (Room 6202), and a dance presentation by Duniya Dance & Drum Company, **October 8**, 7pm, Skyline College Theater. Skyline's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Book Talk will be moderated by Tom Hewitt, Library Services Director. Directly following the book discussion, Barbara Daley, Library Support Specialist, invites attendees to watch the screening of the film version of *The Mistress of Spices* in the Library's new classroom. Skyline College Library, **October 14**, 1pm, Events are free to the public. For more information, call (650) 738-4306.

### **ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW**

Join the Skyline Theatre Club for a special midnight screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, Richard O'Brien's screamingly funny, sinfully twisted salute to horror, sci-fi, B-movies, and rock music. And there's even more to make you shiver with anticipation, a wicked live cast – an all-singing, all-dancing, Transylvanian extravaganza. Show is directed by Alan Ceccarelli and Fred Fontellar. Proceeds fund efforts to expand performing arts. Skyline College Theater (Building 1), Performances: Friday, October 16, Doors Open 8pm/Show 9pm and Saturday, October 17, Doors Open 11pm/Show 12 Midnight, Tickets at the door: \$10 (Prop Bags:\$5)

### **KAUGNAYAN (UNITY)**

Skyline's Kababayan Program proudly presents an afternoon of Philippine folk dance and music featuring the Kababayan Dance Troupe and Barangay Dance Company, under the direction of artistic director, Bonifacio Valera. Performances will feature Philippine regional dances, from the dances of lowland Christian groups to Cordillera and Mindanao. The folk dance concert features the St. Thomas More 8PM Choir performing tribal chants, and tenor, Leon Palad, and soprano, Tracy Sarmiento, interpreting *kundimans* (classical songs). Theater (Building 1), **October 24**, 3pm Tickets: \$10 presale and \$20 at the door. For tickets, call (650) 738-4271, Ext. 19347 or email: [skykdt@smccd.edu](mailto:skykdt@smccd.edu)

### **HARAMBEE! (LET'S PULL TOGETHER) An Evening with GRACE KUTO**

Special guest speaker, Grace Kuto, will discuss "African Women in Transition through Education & Economic Empowerment." Grace Kuto, born and raised in Kenya, is the co-founder and president of the Harambee Centre. She believes that multicultural education and inter-cultural exchange are essential to building genuine understanding, respect and enduring relationships among diverse peoples. A gifted speaker, renowned cook, and educator, Grace has touched the lives of thousands of students and teachers through her "Africa is Not a Country" curriculum. Theater, Building 1, **October 28**, 7pm, Admission is free.

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## **NEWS**

### **SKYLINE COLLEGE RE-OPENS**

September 4, 2009

Students returned to Skyline College today, following a shooting incident Wednesday afternoon that caused a campus shut down. College officials have communicated with students and staff via text messaging and email, informing them that San Bruno police have concluded that the incident resulted from a confrontation between two groups and that it was not a random shooting (that is, the people involved knew each other and the shooting was connected to their relationship, not to the college).

The College has expanded counseling services available today and all next week; counselors stand ready to talk to individuals or classes about their feelings and reactions to the incident. In addition, there will be increased police and public safety presence on campus through next week, including additional escort service to the parking lots at night, providing an additional measure of security.

Skyline President Vicki Morrow told faculty and staff that the College's Emergency Response Plan worked extremely well during this incident. The College used a broadcasting system, text messages, emails and the College's web site to alert staff and students about the incident and subsequent actions. She also noted that the College's surveillance system caught some of the action on campus Wednesday; it has been turned over to San Bruno police, who are continuing to investigate the incident and pursue suspects.

President Morrow commended faculty and staff who responded with "calmness and professionalism" in the face of the crisis. She also thanked San Bruno Police who were on campus within a few minutes of the shooting and quickly assumed command of the incident. They were assisted by police from 19 agencies, along with Public Safety officers from all three Colleges in the District. Students and staff were evacuated from classrooms calmly and efficiently.

The College will hold a Debriefing Forum next Tuesday, September 8, from 2:10-4:00 pm in the Theater to provide an opportunity for students, faculty and staff to get an information update, ask questions and provide feedback on the College's response to this incident. Chief Telford of the San Bruno Police Department will attend the Forum.

## The Arts at Skyline College!



SAN BRUNO, Calif., May 1, 2009 – It's a vibrant art scene at Skyline College! With a dynamic mix of fine arts, classical music, and theatre performances, there's something for everyone. Art events launched this week with a Gallery Theatre Mural Dedication and an Opening Reception for the Annual Student Art Exhibit, and will culminate this weekend with the Skyline Concert Choir performances and a Saturday midnight screening of *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*.

### **GALLERY THEATRE MURAL**

When visitors arrive at Skyline's Gallery Theatre, they are now greeted by a beautiful 11 x 18 foot mural painted by Skyline students during the 2009 Spring Semester. The mural consists of nine panels highlighting textile designs from cultures comprising the diverse backgrounds of Skyline College students, faculty and staff. The mural panels represent textiles Japan, China, United States (19<sup>th</sup> Century America), Indonesia, Africa (Nigeria), Middle Eastern Islamic (Ottoman), the Philippines, Mexico, and Peru (pre-Colombian). The mural was designed by Paul Bridenbaugh, Gallery Coordinator and Art Instructor.

### **ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBITION**

The Annual Juried Student Art Exhibit opened on April 28, at Skyline College's Gallery Theatre and will run until May 14, 2009. Admission is free. Student works range from paintings and sculpture to photography and mixed-media. For Gallery hours and more information, visit the Gallery Web site: <http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery>.

### **SKYLINE CONCERT CHOIR**

The Skyline Concert Choir's weekend performances feature Mozart's *Te Deum* and Selections from Haydn's *The Creation*. The show, *In Praise of the Earth*, with Jude Navari conducting and Elizaberth Ingber accompanying, celebrates and gives thanks for the Earth in this "green" concert in honor of Earth Day. Performances: Saturday, May 2, 7:30pm, Pacifica Performances Sanchez Concert Hall or Sunday, May 3, 2pm at Skyline College Theatre, Tickets at the door: \$10 Gen. Admission / \$5 Students & Seniors. For further information, call Jude Navari at 650-738-4384 or email [navarij@smccd.edu](mailto:navarij@smccd.edu).

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**Four Photo Attachments:** Gallery Theatre Mural, Student Art Exhibit-Octopus by Ramses De Guzman, Skyline Concert Choir and The Rocky Horror Picture Show-Dress Rehearsal



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**Statewide Employee of the Year Award  
Presented to San Mateo County Community College District's Barbara Daley!**

SAN BRUNO, April 24, 2009 – **Skyline College's Barbara Daley wins statewide Classified Employee of the Year Award!** She is one of only five people statewide selected to be recognized at the May 4, California Community Colleges' Board of Governors meeting.

**Barbara Daley** is a Library Support Specialist at Skyline College. She has been with the district for nearly 24 years. Throughout her departmental and campus activities, Barbara has consistently proved to be an outstanding employee who makes important contributions to student and staff morale, to academic enrichment and lifelong learning, and to community connections and spirit. Barbara became a founding member of Skyline's Museum of Tolerance Alumni group, whose mission is to foster tolerance by demonstrating model qualities, speaking out when witnessing examples of intolerance, celebrating diversity, and supporting other groups at Skyline in their efforts to advocate for diversity. Barbara's community activities include serving as a juror for documentaries for both the San Francisco International Film Festival and the United Nations Association Film Festival, which focuses on human rights issues. Barbara also contributes to the musical life of the college. As a professionally-trained classical vocalist, she has performed throughout the Bay Area and sings with the Skyline Concert Choir. In the words of her nominator, "*Barbara Daley is a keystone member of the Library, the college and the community. She is thoroughly dedicated, and a wonderful colleague, who goes about her work with enthusiasm and a good sense of humor, the latter quality being one whose significance should not be discounted.*" The Board of Governors, the Chancellor's Office and the Foundation for California Community Colleges will recognize **Barbara Daley** as a *2009 Classified Employee of the Year Award* winner.

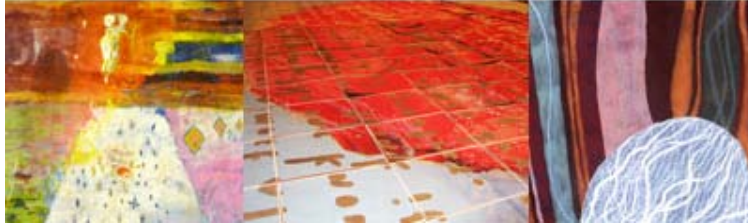
The *Classified Employee of the Year Award* was established through a resolution at the May 2008 Board of Governors meeting. The Award is to be given out annually starting in May 2009, to honor community college classified employees, who demonstrate the highest level of commitment to professionalism and community colleges. Recipients are nominated by members of their college/district community and endorsed by their local Board of Trustees. Award recipients are selected by representatives of the Board of Governors for California Community Colleges, the Chancellor's Office, and the Foundation for California Community Colleges. The *Classified Employee of the Year Award* is supported through a grant from the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Recipients will receive a \$500 cash award and a commemorative plaque.

*2009 Classified Employee of the Year Awards* will also be presented to: **Teresa Aronson, Yuba Community College District; Lori Bonilla, State Center Community College District; Connie Litz, Feather River Community College District** and **Wesley J. Page, Yosemite Community College District.**

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**Skyline College Gallery Theatre Opens New Art Exhibit: *nature insideout***

SAN BRUNO, Calif., March 11, 2009 – An opening reception will be held on March 12, from 5:30 - 7:30 PM, at Skyline College's Gallery Theatre. The college is proud to present ***nature insideout***, a three-artist exhibition featuring works by women artists, Ronit Arnon, Eliza Barrios, and Patricia K. Kelly, in honor of Women's History Month. ***nature insideout*** examines different points of view of 'inner nature' as experienced through the artists' minds and bodies. The exhibit opened last Friday, March 6, and will run through April 3, 2009.

When asked about how people experience the phenomenal world, Paul Bridenbaugh, Exhibit Curator and Gallery Theatre Coordinator, said, "***nature insideout*** examines ways that visual artists work with a variety of internal experiences - physical, mental, and spiritual - as fuel for their artistic imagery. Of course, the physical, mental and spiritual levels are scrambled together in all of these works, just as they are in all of us as well. The point of the exhibition after all is to invite the viewer to interpret for her or himself just what is going on."

**Eliza Barrios'** photographic installation examines the forces at work within our physical bodies, and is a visual record of her own body's internal response to its environment. Viscerally rooted in the physical realm, at least initially, as we enter the piece, we begin to discover ways to connect with the artists' thoughts, feelings, and mental processes regarding profound physical developments within her own body, ones that for the most part were not experienced at a conscious level. In reflection about her installation, *Cause and Effect*, Eliza Barrios said, "After having gone through a life changing experience, I was compelled to create a piece that serves as a catalyst in questioning a person's knowledge of their own health. Through the use of image, text and mirrors, the viewer is immersed in an environment of self-reflection."

What are dreams, memories, and fleeting mental thought patterns? Do they exist? The realm of internal mental experience is the artistic playground for **Ronit Arnon's** large-scale mixed media works on paper. Combining fragments of a range of types of imagery; from mystic religious iconic images, to scraps of candy wrappers, to sketches of her family and friends, the fleeting abstract images come and go, combine and disintegrate, to create fragmentary visual experiences reminiscent of jump-cuts between dream segments, and the seemingly bizarre ways in which we experience ideas, memories, and other mental thought-forms. She says about her work, "My exterior life resonating with the life inside me, fleeting substances of remembering, forgetting, and dreaming, the confluence of times, the interface of the inner and the outer, are what I deal with."

**Patricia K Kelly's** exquisitely crafted paintings seem ephemerally rooted at best in the physical or mental realms. They are visionary, even extra-terrestrial. Is this the realm of the spiritual? There is a subtle irony at play in using a not often used nowadays but centuries-old-tradition of egg tempera on gesso panel with gold leaf, as a medium for recording these contemporary visionary abstract images. The artist cryptically says of her paintings, "When I look into nature something looks back at me. That something is the subject of my work."

Skyline College's Gallery Theatre is an artistic venue with programming that reflects the cultural diversity of the Skyline College community. Gallery Theatre hours are Monday through Friday, 1-4 PM. Admission is free. For more information, visit the gallery website: [www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery/](http://www.smccd.edu/accounts/skygallery/)

**Photo Attachments:** Artworks - Kelly (*Voyager*), Ronit (*1a*) and Barrios (*Cause and Effect*)

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### **San Francisco Bay Area Clean Energy Career (BayCEC) Project Receives Community-Based Job Training Grant**

SAN BRUNO, Feb. 17, 2009 – Skyline College will lead the San Francisco Bay Area Clean Energy Career Project (BayCEC), an innovative program with an aggressive approach to fulfilling the need for training a new workforce in clean energy. On January 16, 2009, The U.S. Department of Labor awarded nearly \$123 million to 68 community colleges and community-based institutions that competed successfully under the President's Community-Based Job Training Grants Initiative. "The \$123 million awarded today will expand enrollment in education and training programs, and provide more workers with the skills they need to succeed," said former Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao. The 68 grants awarded will support projects in 36 states. In slightly more than three years, approximately \$497 million now has been awarded to 279 community colleges and community-based institutions. Through the first three rounds of these grants, more than 34,000 individuals have completed their education and training, and nearly 85,000 people have participated. The San Mateo County Community College District was chosen from among 274 applications, and will receive \$1,900,000 for the BayCEC project.

The BayCEC job training program will be led by Skyline College in partnership with Laney College, College of Marin, The Workforce Investment Boards of San Mateo and Alameda Counties and the San Mateo Regional Occupation Program, with Solar City, PG&E, Siemens and Controlco as program partners. BayCEC will provide training and career pathways in selected clean energy careers. Skyline College provides active leadership to BayCEC, drawing from its experience with WIA funded activities, career technical education across the continuum of education, and workforce development. Skyline College has shown leadership in clean energy with its prior development of solar technology career programs.

Energy is clearly the driving force of the American economy and the addition of energy efficiency, energy reduction and the use of alternative energy sources must occur if the economy is going to continue to move forward. Prices in energy over the past two years have prompted the need for accelerating this efficiency, reduction and the use of alternative energy sources. Over the past six months, the general economy has seen significant stagnation and unemployment in the Bay Area. This has been particularly evident in the finance, retail and sales sectors. In addition, increasing numbers of veterans are returning to find significantly increased competition for jobs and our residents with low skills are essentially being left out of the job market.

BayCEC will create and provide training and career pathways in energy efficiency (energy auditing and retrofitting), environmental control technology (HVAC), and solar energy technology. Career pathways will provide multiple entries and exit points, include training at the K-12 system, CBO training centers and community colleges. Training will be provided to dislocated workers and returning veterans in environmental control systems and solar technology. Special emphasis will be placed on transitioning workers from the finance and retail industry to clean energy sales and customer service. The partnership will bring new workers into clean energy careers. BayCEC will provide faculty training in clean energy careers, expand clean energy courses in high schools and ROPs, articulate those courses with the community college and implement a bridge course to provide basic skills necessary to enter clean energy career education programs. The partnerships will improve both local and regional economic development. BayCEC partners have pledged to sustain all program activities, hence the benefits and impacts of this program will continue for years.

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