

Dec. 6, 2010

Monday memo



Pottery Sale

Just in time for holiday shopping

One of our favorite events at this time of year is the annual Pottery Sale sponsored by our students and staff in the Ceramics program Clay Club.

If you've never been to one of our pottery sales, you're in for a treat—wall to wall ceramics in an array of colors and styles, each one unique and a keepsake, worthy for gifting, with prices in several ranges.

The gorgeous plate above was created by student Sandy Miller, who designed the postcard art featured above; the turquoise pieces by adjunct Ceramics instructor Rachel Akins. Find your treasure!

Pottery Sale

Wednesday, Dec. 8

9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 9

9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Highlander Lounge

THIS WEEK

MONDAY, DEC. 6

10 a.m.-4 p.m., Matthew Isaacson Art Exhibit, Monday-Friday through Dec. 17, Gallery of Art, Library.

Evening Administrator:

Thao Dang-Williams, ext. 9009.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

10 a.m.-3 p.m., Blood drive sponsored by Campus Life, Highlander Lounge.

1-4 p.m. & 6:30-9:30 p.m., H & R Block training, south bay, cafeteria.

1-2:45 p.m., AAMI orientation, L-007.

6:30 p.m., Dessert Buffet prepared by Baking & Pastry students; buy \$8 ticket in Cashier's office; Busch Dining Room.

Evening Administrator:

Deborah Carter, ext. 9051.

Vote with your quarters!

Holiday Decorating fest underway

You may have noticed that folks have been decorating for the holidays all over campus. This year’s decorating fest is not a contest, but a celebration of the season, no matter what holiday you observe at this time of year.

Ah, but we still like to recognize creative decorating...so walk around campus, look at the displays and then donate your quarters to vote for your favorite holiday display. Proceeds will benefit student scholarships. The more quarters you donate – the more you like the holiday display. Look for creativity, originality and fun design along with the best use of recycled materials. Visit the decorated locations listed below and then vote with your quarters by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 14. Decorators will be recognized at our campus holiday party, scheduled for noon-2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15 in the Center for Teaching & Learning. *This event is brought to you by your Classified and Professional Staff Development Committee.*

Admissions/Registration	SC-200	Cecilia Hyde
Art	G-421	Metra Mitchell
Business Office	SC-279	Karen George
Clinical LabTech	B-430	Sherry Bernard
Nursing	C-414	Andie Ellerman
President’s Office	E-206	Audrey Hunter
Science	B-424	Cathy Reitz
Social Science/Reading	C-234	Janet Woodworth
Theatre/Music	T-121	Tim Daly/Tom Zirkle



Cecilia Hyde (left) and Carrie Havens invite you to drop your quarters at the Admissions office’s holiday display.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8
8-10:30 a.m., Access student testing for Nursing, L-007.

9 a.m.-7 p.m., Pottery Sale sponsored by the Clay Club, Highlander Lounge.

11 a.m.-2 p.m., Holiday celebration, sponsored by Campus Life, center court & south bay, cafeteria

2-4 p.m., NEA negotiations meeting, L-007.

2-4 p.m., Employment & Training Center meeting, SC-25.

6 p.m., Wednesday Dinner prepared by Culinary students; buy \$10 tickets in Cashier’s office; Busch Dining room.

Evening Administrator: Campus Police, ext. 9700.

THURSDAY, DEC. 9
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Pottery Sale sponsored by the Clay Club, Highlander Lounge.

2-4 p.m., TESS Server Team meeting, SC-25.

4-6:30 p.m., AAMI Holiday Party, south bay, cafeteria.

7 p.m., STLCC Board of Trustees meeting, 5th floor board room, Cosand Center.

Evening Administrator: Richard Banahan, ext. 9595.

FRIDAY, DEC. 10
8:30-10:30 a.m., United Way Campaign meeting, Highlander Lounge.

Welcome to our 2nd student blogger

We've added a second blogger to the St. Louis Community College voices "My Bit." Stacia Doss will write her own viewpoint on Forest Park, joining our blogger Monica McDaniel-Collins, at

<http://blogs.stlcc.edu/category/forest-park>



Stacia is taking classes and working part-time in the Assessment Center. Her mom, Glenda Doss, works in Admissions. Stacia has a degree in internet journalism from University of Memphis, and lived in Clarksville, Tenn., before the family moved to St. Louis, for her father's government job. She is the youngest of three girls and has a pet dog named Busta. Her father, Artie, is retired from the U.S. Army, and they moved around during Stacia's childhood. The family currently lives in Belleville, Ill.

Stacia is deciding what future path to take – graduate school or a different career. In her spare time, she writes, of course, and enjoys writing songs. She wants to learn more about the music business. You can reach Stacia with ideas, comments, and suggestions regarding her blog at: sdoss32@stlcc.edu.

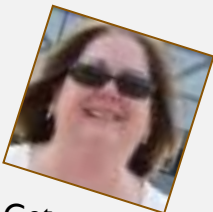
Book buyback starts next week

Book buyback starts Dec. 15. Bookstore Manager Christy Hart said students can check what we are paying for their books on the store website: www.forestparkbookstore.com and choosing the BUY tab. Bookstore hours during book buyback will be:

FOREST PARK CAMPUS BOOKSTORE		
Monday-Thursday	Dec. 13-16	8 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday	Dec. 17	8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Monday	Dec. 20	8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Tuesday	Dec. 21	8 a.m.-2 p.m.
WJHEC BOOKSTORE		
Wednesday-Thursday	Dec. 15-16	9 a.m.-5 p.m.

What's happening daily at Forest Park ?

Find out by signing up to "Like" our Facebook page – St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. Communications



Specialist Lynn Venhaus posts photos and tidbits at least once a day or more. Get on the RSS feed to get it straight to your mailbox! We're on Twitter, too – stlccpf! Follow us!

9 a.m.-noon, District Financial Aid meeting, L-007.

2-5 p.m., Human Resources Advisory Committee meeting, L-007.

4-6 p.m., Districtwide Portfolio Assessment meeting for English 060, SC-25.

Evening Administrator: Deborah Carter, ext. 9051.

SATURDAY, DEC. 11
7 a.m.-2 p.m., LSAT testing sponsored by Assessment Center, B-110 & 112.

7 a.m.-2 p.m., ACT testing sponsored by Assessment Center, A-110 & 112, C-112, D-217.

7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., GED testing sponsored by Assessment Center, E-217.

Saturday Administrator: Mike Moore, ext. 9688.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK:

**Forest Park
Holiday Party
Wednesday, Dec. 15
Noon-2 p.m.
Center for Teaching &
Learning**

Honoring retiring professor
James Harris, English
&

Participants in the Holiday
Decorating Celebration

Note pay date change

The monthly December pay date has been changed to Friday, Dec. 17 for all faculty, administrators and professionals.

Green Team weighs in

Holiday tree debate: real or artificial?

Have you been considering a real tree vs. an artificial tree for the holiday season? The Forest Park Green Team has been debating which is better. So here's the scoop:

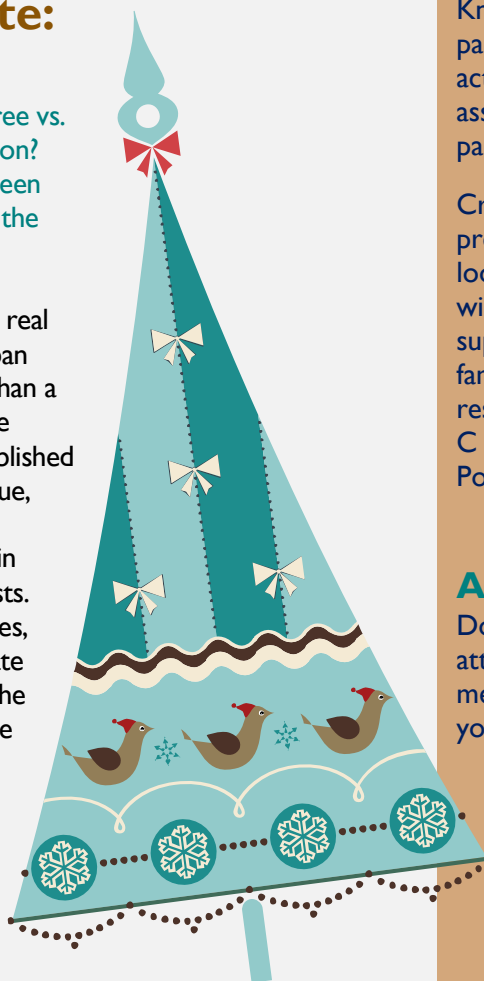
Depending on many things, either a real tree or an artificial tree is more urban sustainable. Nothing smells better than a real tree for the holiday season. The majority of trees are raised on established farms, so deforestation is not an issue, but most are shipped from long distances which causes an increase in fuel, emissions and maintenance costs. Because of cutting and shipping issues, a large amount of trees are cut in late summer or early fall to make it to the stores in time, so fire hazards can be an issue. Pesticides are also used to maintain the growth of the tree as well as keeping "buggie mcfree" out of the tree at the holiday time. We won't even mention taking up space in landfills after the holiday season is over.

Nevertheless, most artificial trees are made in China, usually from oil-derived, pollution-releasing PVC plastic. Some contain lead. Once the artificial trees are disposed of in landfills, they take centuries to decompose, and leak toxins in the process.

Still confused? This will help. If an artificial tree is your choice—as it is for roughly 70 percent of Americans—find one made in the United States. This will decrease the chances for contaminations with lead and other toxins. It will also preserve domestic manufacturing jobs and reduce shipping and gas emissions for annual trips to the tree lot. Before disposing your artificial tree, check with local charities, shelters and churches to see if they can use it.

Just can't live without a real tree, as some 29 million household s can't? Then try something locally and organically grown. It will cut down on CO2 emissions and help prevent environmental filth of pesticides in big conventional operations. Some local farms even let you cut your own. After the season, make sure it is converted into mulch or compost. Better yet, buy a living, plantable bulb tree. Inside, the tree can wear its decorations with pride, and then be planted outdoors. This will add to the planet's lungs, fight global warming and provide wildlife habitat. If you don't have room in your yard for an evergreen, donate it someplace in your community.

Information compiled by Marla Bowers of the FP Green Team, with information from Brian Clark Howard on thedailygreen.com.



Police seeking students to monitor C Circle

Know a student who needs a part-time job? Campus Police is actively recruiting students to assist with the daytime C Circle parking issues.

Criminal Justice students are preferred, however any student looking for additional income will be considered. Training and supervision will be given to familiarize students to the responsibilities of monitoring C Circle. Contact Campus Police, ext. 9700.

Attachments & links

Don't forget to open the attachments to this Monday memo. See the pdfs attached to your email.

1. Revised Fall Final Exam schedule for Forest Park
2. Assessment Notes
3. A holiday message from the Employee Assistance Program
4. Application for the Classified Development Certificate Program
5. Cafeteria menu

Also, click on this link for the current issue of the PAS-It-On newsletter on "Social Media in the Workplace:

http://www.paseap.com/downloads/PIO_Vol6_6.pdf

Order media equipment with new online form

If you've been a little confused on how to order media equipment since the breakup of Media Services, you'll be glad to know that Instructional Resources has a new web page that includes an online equipment order form. Check it out at

http://www.stlcc.edu/Libraries/Instructional_Resources/Index.html

Last week on campus



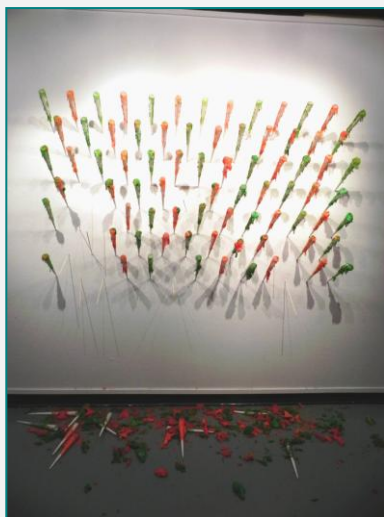
From the serious...

The AIDS Memorial and World AIDS Quilt exhibit sponsored by Campus Life featured information, photos, a slide show of famous people who died of AIDS, and a portion of the World AIDS Quilt.

To the engaging...

Ceramics professor Matt Isaacson has fashioned art from cotton candy! His exhibit, "Sticky Tacky," is on view in the Art Gallery now through Dec. 17.

Photos by Lynn Venhaus





Jyoti Pande is the coordinator of the Center for Teaching and Learning and an assistant professor, not currently teaching. She came to the Forest Park campus in January 2009 to start the CTL, after spending 10 years at Meramec as the senior instructional designer. She and her husband, an engineer, have lived in several U.S. cities. “When you marry an engineer, you sign up for moving,” she said. They have two sons, ages 32 and 22, who live in Atlanta and Rolla, Mo. Jyoti taught Balvihar, a Sunday School program focusing on Indian culture, stories, music and religion, for five years. She and her family have been involved with the Indian Association in St. Louis, and work on charitable causes.

She has a Ph.D. in public administration. She moved to America in 1979, first stop Minneapolis, Minn., in the middle of December, with her nine-month-old son in tow. Her husband had started a fellowship at the South Dakota School of Mines earlier. They lived in Chicago, Fort Worth, Omaha and Jackson, Mo. She has worked part-time at Southeast Missouri State University, as an associate professor in the College of Business at Bellevue University in Nebraska, and as the division chair of Allied Health at Clarskon College in Nebraska.

1. Where did you grow up?

In the city of Nagpur, India

2. Where did you go to high school?

Hadas High School in Nagpur, India.

3. What do you like most about your job?

The creativity it takes to implement ideas and the fact I am making a difference in shaping the future of Forest Park. It's a good place to work. No single day is the same.

10 questions with Jyoti Pande

TAKE 10

4. Who has had the greatest influence on your career?

My parents. My mother was a high school teacher. She woke me up at three in the morning and brought me tea so I could study. My dad was a government officer.

5. What would people be surprised to know about you?

That the first time I learned English was starting in the fourth grade. We spoke my native Marathi language at home and all instruction was in Marathi. My marriage was arranged by my parents. My sister knew his family. My parents were progressive about educating women, and he was well-educated and had good family values. We married and I followed my husband to the U.S. nine months after our son was born.

6. What do you do in your leisure time?

I am a huge fan of music. I learned Hindustani Classical Music growing up.

7. What are your favorite movie, book, music or TV shows?

“It’s a Wonderful Life,” “Gone With the Wind,” and “I Love Lucy.” Lately, I have been watching the TV comedy “Outsourced.”

8. If Hollywood made a movie about your life, who would play the lead role?

I can think of several names in Bollywood, no one in Hollywood. Hema Malini.

9. What three words would friends use to describe you?

That I am positive, persistent and hard-working.

10. What’s at the top of your bucket list?

To visit Bali. It’s so close to India. Every three years, we go back to India.



Please note:
 Programs are open to all staff unless otherwise noted. Seats are limited, so register early via email to FP-CTL-Register (fpctlregister@stlcc.edu). Include the program name, your name, telephone and department.

December Events

Date	Time	Room	Program Description
Tuesday, Dec. 7 <i>Registration Required</i>	10am - noon	L024 Lab	Outlook for Increased Productivity Tame your “inbox” into submission! Learn how to manage your email by creating folders, archiving, and other tips and tricks. Presenter: Patrick Karl Register at fpctlregister@stlcc.edu
Thursday, Dec. 9 <i>Registration Required</i>	9- 10am	L024 Lab	Blackboard Course Copy Learn to copy your course from one semester to the next. Presenter: Randy Malta Register at fpctlregister@stlcc.edu
Thursday, Dec. 16	2:30 - 4:30pm	L024	Institutional Research and Planning Fall Forums: Student Success The December forum will focus on using the IRP website and Hyperion tools to research student success – tracking students from course to course, analyzing grade distributions, retrieving information about degrees awarded, and student retention. There will be time for research questions. All employees are welcome. The forum is recommended for academic administration (deans, chairs, coordinators). Presenter: Kelli Burns
Week of Jan. 10			Spring 2010 Service Week NEW Watch for details!

Holiday Giving Project

to benefit residents of the
 Oak Park Care Center
 6637 Berthold

Sponsored by the Forest Park
 Professional & Classified Development
 Committee

Drop off all items in the CTL
 by Dec. 16.

Collecting Personal Toiletries:

- Bath Gels
- Hand and/or body lotions
- Bath salts and soaps
- Skin So Soft products by Avon
- Potpourri
- Tissues
- Other packaged personal items

