



Team Sculpture Competition

September 10, 2010, 5:30-9 pm at the Davis Art Center

Davis Art Center's upcoming Junk 2 Genius Sculpture Competition is **not your average art contest** with canvases and ceramic sculpture on display. Instead, participants create works of art in front of an audience using unlikely tools and items—**propane torches, screwdrivers and boxes of junkyard treasures.**

The Art Center, in partnership with Roseville-based non-profit reCREATE, inaugurated this new free family-friendly event in Fall 2009, promoting recycling and encouraging creative artistry. **The 2nd Annual Junk 2 Genius will be held on September 10, 2010, 5:30-9 pm at the Davis Art Center. All sculptures created at the event will be on display in the Davis Art Center Tsao Gallery, September 12-23, 2010.**

For Junk 2 Genius, up to 15 teams of artisan gladiators compete for the coveted "Trophy du Trash" in a two-hour timed "sculpt-off" using recycled materials. Each team receives a box of similar items—donated metal, fabric, computer, bike and auto parts—and races against the clock to create its own unique work of art. When the closing bell sounds, a panel of judges critiques the final green giants and names the winning team. Visitors will get a chance to continue voting for their favorite work in a "Gallery Choice" competition when the sculptures are on display in the Tsao Gallery for a month after the event. This year, event judges are metal sculptor Terrence Martin and Jenel Hagemann & Bruce Lippstreu of Car Part Art. Last year, Hibbert Lumber took home the Trophy du Trash for their creative kinetic rock band sculpture.

"Think of it as **'Iron Chef' meets 'The Amazing Race,'**" said Davis Art Center Executive Director Erie Vitiello. "It's meant to be a challenge with lots of laughs and applause for **quick-thinking creative genius.**"

According to reCREATE Executive Director Donna Sangwin, Junk 2 Genius proves that anyone and everyone can be artistic. "Adults and kids alike give their **imagination an opportunity to play with non-traditional materials to make art,**" Sangwin said. "Too often people—especially adults—have decided they are not artists, but **everyone has an 'inner-artist,' and we want to draw that out.**"

To register your team by the August 15 deadline, call (530) 756-4100. Current sponsors include **ANGST- Fairfield Art Teacher, Axis Jet, Blue Oak Energy, Brooks Painting, BTV Development, Coldwell Banker: Doug Arnold Real Estate, Davis Ace Hardware, Davis Food Co-op, Davis Waste Removal, Eve Isham & Friends, Francis Ford Coppola Winery, Gold Standard Diagnostics, Hibbert Lumber, Hoffmann Automotive, Morse Remodeling, Really Green Dinner Club, St. James School, The Shaw Group Inc., Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Sudwerk, and Team Davis Local Support.**

Other festivities at Junk 2 Genius include **art projects for kids using a variety of cast-off materials, a mini kids' art competition, food, beer, wine and music.** Cheer on your favorite team—whether it's a local business, club or elementary school—and support eco-artistry with your friends and family!

What: Junk 2 Genius Team Sculpture Competition

When: September 10, 2010. 5:30-9 pm. (Sculptures exhibited in Tsao Gallery, September 12-23, 2010)

Where: Davis Art Center, 1919 F Street, Davis, CA 95616.

Junk 2 Genius Exhibit Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9:30 am-7 pm; Friday, 9:30 am-5 pm.

Information: (530) 756-4100, davisartcenter.org/JunkToGenius.html, or recreate.org

Check out a video from last year's Junk 2 Genius:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PDYwI7nX5yM>