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5th Annual Origami Showcase at Stockton

Professor Uses Ancient Craft of Folding Paper as Teaching Tool

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Galloway Township, NJ- More than 125 Origami models will be on display Thursday April 21, 2011 at the 5th Annual Origami Showcase at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Dr. Norma Boakes, associate professor of education, has been holding the event as a way to infuse mathematical concepts and art in a fun and entertaining way.

The event takes place from 12:30 to 2:20 p.m. on April 21, 2011 in Lower F-Wing of the main campus here.

Origami, the ancient Japanese art of folding paper to create three-dimensional art, allows Boakes to demonstrate principles of mathematics to her students while enjoying a creative process. The event is also a teaching opportunity for Boakes to discuss the rich cultural and historical ties Origami has to other countries. Presenting this past summer at the 5th International Conference on Origami in Science, Mathematics, and Education (5OSME) in Singapore, Boakes has found that such practices benefit students' visualization skills in math.

"The art our students have created this year is amazing, and they have put in time and effort to understand Origami's relation to mathematics," said Boakes, a Mays Landing resident. She said this year's theme is Origami Disney World and her students have developed a wide array of themed projects, including the five major theme parks of Disney World and famed landmarks, the Magic Kingdom Castle and Epcot Center. She said the projects represent the work of 24 Stockton students.

"We hope our students, faculty, staff and local community members will stop by and see some of these great examples of Origami," Boakes added.

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