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C.L.A.S.P. INTERNSHIPS NOW AVAILABLE

Houston, January 18, 2011 – Display your art for all to see, and at the same time teach the campus a little something about sustainability as an intern with the Community Learning Agricultural Sustainability Program (C.L.A.S.P.). UH students have the opportunity to work with C.L.A.S.P. and spend the Spring semester managing, developing and executing art exhibits to teach the UH community about green initiatives, food consumption and cultivation practices.

During the semester, interns will have the opportunity to manage the annual Art of Recycling competition from March 22-25. Also during February, March and April, interns will work on three one-day art exhibitions from concept to finished product that will be displayed in Butler Plaza. Possible exhibit concepts include a mock farm to explore questions of animals and sustainable agriculture and a visual representation of supply lines of food and energy costs in its delivery. The third topic will possibly explore the causes and solutions of hunger in food production/consumption systems or the relationship of notions of nutrition and sustainability. Applicants are asked to come up with a concept for the third topic for their application.

“The concepts these exhibits explore will be based on peer-reviewed research and aim to encourage passers-by to think critically about their surroundings, not to tell them what to think,” explained Leah Wolfthal, C.L.A.S.P. director.

Wolfthal said applicants should be able to “think outside the box” and work well on a team. Along with a written idea to represent the third topic, applicants should submit a resume and contact information to uhcampuscommunitygarden@gmail.com with the subject line “Art and Sustainability Internship.” Deadline for applications is Jan. 25. Internships are unpaid and will begin the first week of February.

For more information on the Campus Community Garden, visit them on facebook at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Campus-Community-Garden/160638127118.

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