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Cal Poly Pomona Offers Classes on Green Living July 14-20

POMONA, Calif. — July 2, 2008 — Is figuring out how to go green making you blue? Come to the Sustainable Workshop Series at Cal Poly Pomona. These public workshops offer a variety of strategies to incorporate sustainable living into daily life.

The university's John T. Lyle Center for Regenerative Studies and the Solar Living Institute have partnered for the fifth year to bring the Sustainable Workshop Series to Cal Poly Pomona from July 14-20. Classes run 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. each day at the Lyle Center.

The courses are as follows:

- **How to Make and Use Biodiesel (July 14)**

Biodiesel production and usage are growing at an exponential rate, and it has the potential to be the primary alternative to fossil fuels. In this hands-on class, you'll learn the process of making fuel from fresh or restaurant waste oil and examine the inner workings of a homemade small-scale biodiesel processor.

- **Build Your Own Straw Bale Home (July 15-16)**

This workshop is perfect for homeowners, commercial property owners and developers, contractors and other building professionals who want a comprehensive introduction to natural building techniques and materials.

- **Intro to Grid-Tied PV Systems (July 17-18)**

This workshop offers a great introduction to grid-tied solar systems for homeowners and solar

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career seekers who have little background in the specifics of grid-tied PV or electricity.

- **Ecological Urban Gardening (July 19)**

Learn to design and maintain your own ecological garden space in the city. We will explore sustainable urban gardening options, such as planters, rooftop boxes, community/school gardens and more.

- **Water Recycling (July 20)**

This is a comprehensive introduction to the subject of water recycling, including an overview of aquatic sciences, a survey of conventional and alternative approaches to wastewater treatment, integrated natural living systems, storm-water capture and storage, and water quality analysis kits.

A changing world creates new challenges, and the Lyle Center specializes in proposing effective responses that support a healthy living environment. To register for the Solar Living workshops, visit www.solarliving.org or call (707) 744-2017. Workshops cost \$95 and up.

For additional information, contact the Lyle Center at (909) 869-5155.

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