

Origami Festival this Sunday at Cal State Long Beach

The public is invited to the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden to make paper masterpieces.

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Create intricate cranes, cubes and flowers with family and friends at the annual Origami Festival hosted by the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden at CSULB on Sunday, July 17th. 40 origami experts such as Yami Yamauchi and countless other local and national origami club members will create mesmerizing works of origami and provide tutorials at different project stations situated within the garden.

The Origami Festival provides families, friends, and members of the community the unique opportunity to enjoy the pristine beauty of the garden while creating beautiful artwork with instruction from top-notch experts.

This year marks the garden's 30th anniversary. Mrs. Loraine Miller Collins donated money for the creation of a beautiful Japanese Garden in memory of her husband, Earl Burns Miller. Since 1981, the garden has been a beautiful venue for educational purposes, weddings and much more.

Along with the various origami activities scheduled for the day, there will also be refreshments and Japanese treats including Koi food to feed the Koi fish at the garden.

Origami Expert Beverly Baudino will create unique origami slider pencil boxes, jumping frogs, star dishes, and other sophisticated designs at her project station on Sunday. Her love for origami began in 1997 when she read up on books and took several origami classes. Since then, Baudino attended origami conventions throughout the world in places like New York and Israel. She even taught origami at the annual Origami Festival at CSULB for many years. For Baudino, origami brings her much joy. She thrives on the challenge of figuring out how to create interesting pieces of origami. Origami is for all ages. It's never too late to start folding paper and creating amazing objects.

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Director of the Japanese Garden Jeanette Schelin enjoys seeing families, community members, staff and volunteers come together to share a love for origami. The CSULB graduate has always had an interest in gardens and culture. "I'm very happy to be involved with the Japanese Garden. It is such a beautiful place and such a wonderful asset to our campus. We have one of the most beautiful campuses in California. And the garden is really the gem."

Along with events such as the Origami Festival, CSULB puts together several lectures and interesting workshops and classes for the community as well as for CSULB students. For an up-to-date list of events at the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden, check out: <http://www.csulb.edu/~jgarden/index.html>

Admission for Origami Festival: Adults \$7, Seniors \$6, Garden Members \$5, Children 12 & under \$5.

10am-4pm, Sunday, July 17th