This event is being organized by PCC Sylvania painting instructor Mark Smith and Drawing instructor Vicki Wilson as part of the three day Open Engagement Conference organized by Portland State University’s Social Practice program.  msmith@pcc.edu or Vicki.wilson1@pcc.edu

Attached is more information about the conference and other ways for PCC to be involved. http://openengagement.info/

**PLEIN AIR SMACKDOWN**
**May 17th 1:30PM Portland State University**

*Where: Public Tennis Courts at the south end of campus next to Shattuck Hall and the Visitors parking lot—SW Broadway and College Streets*

This Plein Air painting contest will assume the ritual and urgency of a championship Football game. Collaborative teams of top painters from Portland area art programs have been recruited to compete with one another for bragging rights and an ultimate prize. Facing off against a multi-tiered still life, competing squads will render at their easels in earnest through four quarters of intense observational process including layout, roughing in, materialization and refinement stages. Generally regarded as a meditative and stationary pursuit, the still life discipline will be thrust into the action-based and extroverted context of a major sporting event. Under those circumstances, standard notions of time duration and public entertainment will be aggressively challenged. Pep bands, mascots and rally squads will also be on hand. Half time activities will include an "Anything Goes" parade.

Students and faculty are welcome to participate or come and cheer the painters on.

Those interested in participating are invited to come to the planning meetings which are scheduled for Monday early evenings through April and the first two weeks of May. Dates are April 12, 19, 26 and May 3 and 10 in room CT 230.

Ways to participate
- Try out for the painting team
- Create banners and signs with painting slogans
- Design and paint t-shirts for the team and rally squad
- Make up painting cheers
- Participate on the rally squad
- Be a cheerleader
- Make a scoreboard
- Design and create a championship cup
- March in the half time parade-bring a costume or an instrument