

Women of the arts

Event highlights women artists & musicians

St. Patrick's Day came more than a week early for those who saw the Irish band Cú Roí close out last Friday's 'A Celebration of Women in the Arts' in SRC 2800.

Showcased were 30 visual artist, dancers, musicians and a poetry reading by Community Development Specialist Cynthia Johnson.

This is the second year that

the college has featured a women's art event.

Proceeds from the event will go to the college's American Association of Women in Community College Scholarship Fund and the Women's Wisdom Project at the People's Resource Center.

"We had modest expectations of raising a few hundred dollars but managed to raise

roughly \$1000," said Jackie McGrath, co-chair of the college's Women's Studies Committee. "And with tuition rising, certain women need help paying for school more than ever."

Women's History Month concludes with the Woman of Distinction Award presentation and program on Wednesday Mar. 23, in SRC 2800.



Community Development Specialist Cynthia Johnson reads an original poem.



Colette Byrne of the band Cú Roí performs. Cú Roí, who also performed at last year's event, play traditional Irish music as well as modern arrangements.



Shirts that are part of the Young Women's Christian Association's Clothesline Project were on display. The clothing was designed by survivors, family and friends of victims of women and children violence. One shirt read 'Survivor- This is the shirt I wore when you raped me, I will never wear it again.'



Amy Dixon-Kolar, who has been playing guitar for over thirty years, plays her own blend of acoustic folk as well as a few covers.



There were 30 vendors selling different works of art. There was also a silent auction to benefit the Women's Wisdom Project and the college's American Association of Women in Community College Scholarship.



Middle Eastern dancer Shania showcased her skills. She also read poetry describing her influences for dancing.

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