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**A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS**

The seventeenth annual *Celebration of Women in the Arts* will take place on Thursday, March 25 at Blue Ridge Community College. This event was created to honor women artists by celebrating their creativity and imagination and their diverse contributions to the cultural life of our community.

The *Celebration* includes an exhibition of visual art in the Patton Building Rooms 150 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. as well as an evening presentation at 7:30 pm in the adjacent auditorium.

The exhibit will showcase works from a range of art forms, including photography, watercolor paintings, quilted wall hangings, pottery, unique cloth figures, colorful woven baskets, and silver and precious stones jewelry. Artists in this year's exhibition are Norma Bradley, Patti Quinn Hill, Jennifer Jenkins, Rebecca Kempson, Mary Mikkelson, Linda Muir, Cynthia Walker, and Pat Wellborn.

The evening presentation will be the screening of a film entitled 'The Artist was a Woman' that explores the history of women artists from the 1500s to 1950 and the barriers they encountered.

*Celebration of Women in the Arts* is sponsored by the Community and Continuing Education Division. Admission is free. Seating at the film screening will be available on a first come, first served basis.

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