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College of Saint Mary to present exhibition by local artist Linda Garcia

The artwork of Chicana artist Linda Garcia will be featured in an exhibition in the Hillmer Art Gallery, March 25 – April 26. A reception from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 25, will kick off the exhibition as part of "An Evening of Art & Music" at College of Saint Mary (CSM). The reception will be followed by a performance of *Tres Vidas* – a musical theatre production celebrating three Latin women – at 7 p.m. in the Gross Conference Center.

A 1964 graduate of Papillion High School and a 1971 graduate of CSM, Garcia has been creating, teaching and exhibiting Latino arts and culture for more than 35 years. A native of South Omaha's Mexican barrio, she teaches Latino folk arts and her work reflects her cultural heritage. Some of the folk art she creates includes papel picado (Mexican paper cutting), amate (bark) painting, murals, Mexican tin works, milagros (votive offerings), cascarrones (Mexican Easter eggs), and calaveras (paper mache and wire skeletons). Garcia and her husband, José, also founded the Las Artes Cultural Center in Omaha.

For more information about the exhibition, please contact Jeffrey Spencer, director of the Hillmer Art Gallery, at 399-2621 or jspencer@csm.edu.

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