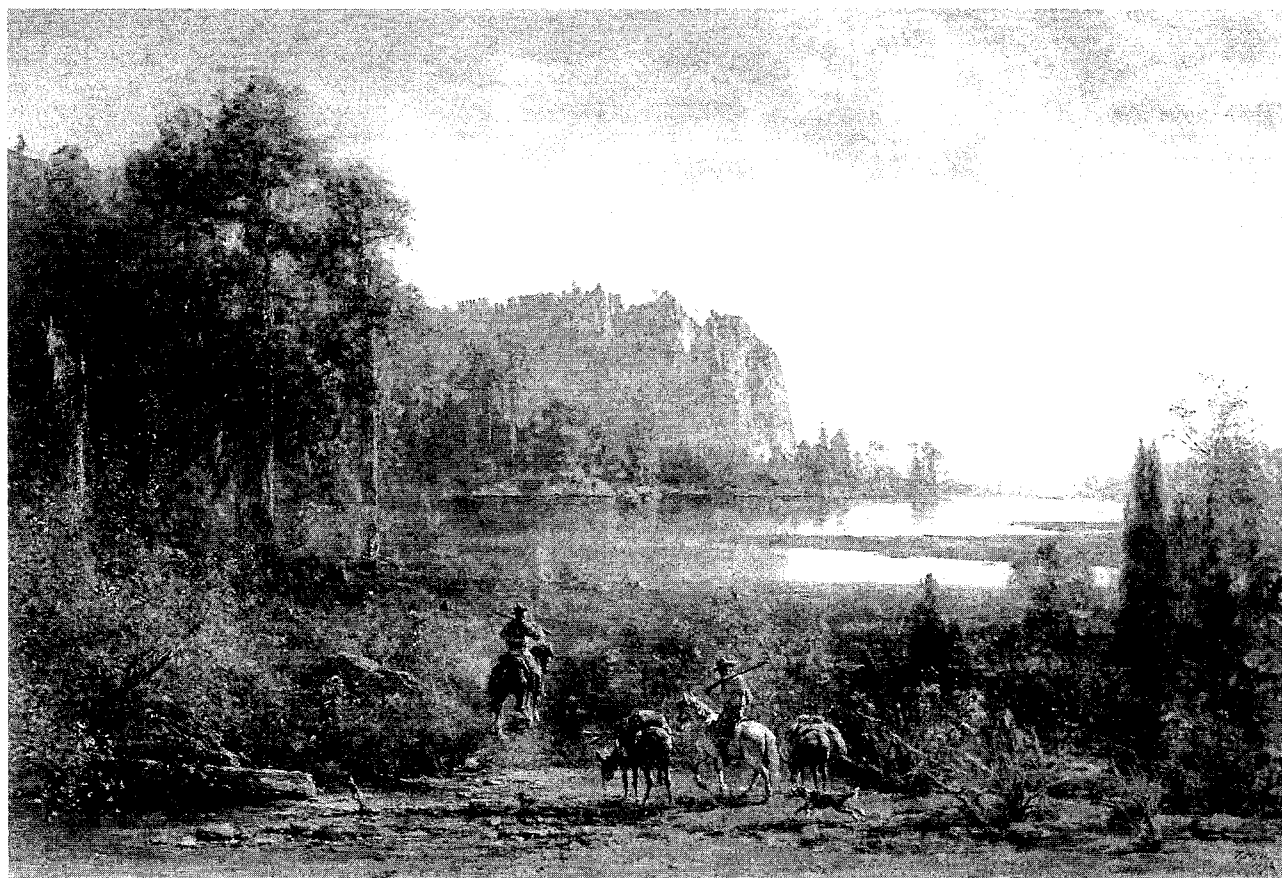


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FOCUS ON: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Inspiration Internationally

by Dina Batlivala

The International Trade Club of Chicago, International Visitors Center of Chicago and the Club came together to sponsor the event of International Women's Day, March 8.

"For the fourth consecutive year, we are honored to host this event ... as we celebrate—and seek to sustain—the extraordinary achievements of women worldwide," Club President, Richard E. Moore, said at the event.

Each year the event continues to grow, consisting of an informational international fair and a luncheon that includes speakers touching upon topics regarding international issues, concerns and triumphs.

Monica Eng, feature writer for the *Chicago Tribune*, led the roughly 260 audience members through the inspirational program that immediately followed the fair of more than 30 exhibitors.

Speakers included: Zahra Lalani, a member of Girl Scout Troop 462; Iuliana Musteata, a law student born and raised in Moldova; and keynote speaker, Connie K. Duckworth, president and chairman of the board of Arzu, Inc. Duckworth, retired partner and managing director of Goldman Sachs, founded this non-

profit to provide income to Afghan women by sourcing and selling handmade rugs.

International Women's Day began as a remembrance and celebration of the struggle faced by women around the world in the name of equality, justice, peace and development. Though the role of women around the world has continued to evolve in the nine decades since the inception of International Women's Day, women in the 21st century still face many obstacles in the advancement of their status worldwide. Regardless of ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, the desire and need for progressive change is universal. Chicago is host to dozens of organizations focused on women's issues, both domestic and international.

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- 1 IWD fair had more than 30 exhibitors.
- 2 Club President, Richard E. Moore (L) and keynote speaker, Connie K. Duckworth
- 3 Connie K. Duckworth, Laura Meyer, Zahra Lalani, Iuliana Musteata, Debbie Nawara, Marsha Pender and Peggy Parfenoff (L to R)

