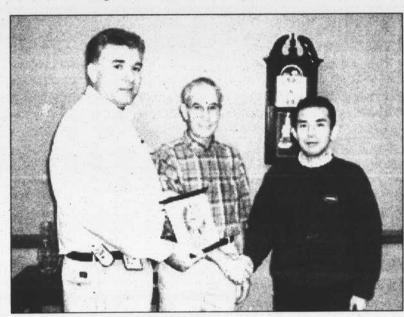


ERVIN SIGMON, who recently retired from ASMO North Carolina, Inc., was honored for 13 years of service. Presenting Sigmon with a clock representing his dedication are, from left, Jeff Stutts, human resource manager; Karl Ageishi, CEO of ASMO North Carolina, Inc., Ervin Sigmon; and Randall Brown, departmental assistant manager.



HOMER DAVIS, recent retiree from ASMO North Carolina, Inc., was honored for his 12 years of service. Presenting Mr. Davis with a clock to commemorate his dedication and loyalty are, from left, Jeff Stutts, human resource manager, Mr. Davis, and Toru Tokuda, controller.

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Full Circle Arts Hosts Exhibit

HICKORY - Full Circle Arts of Hickory is once again hosting Art About Women, a juried art exhibition open to all visual artists over 16. The purpose of Art About Women is to give area artists a means of exhibiting their artwork featuring women and women's issues in all visual media.

Part of the proceeds from Art About Women will benefit the First Step Program of the family Guidance Center, a multi-services agency that gives support to those in need. They provide specialized services for women victimized by domestic violence (through its First Step Program) including domestic violence counseling, court advocacy, 24-hour crisis assistance and support groups.

Full Circle Arts will donate three percent of the commission from each work sold from the exhibition and requests participating artists to pledge three percent of their share, also.

To receive a prospectus mail info@fullcirclearts.org or send a self addressed stamped envelope to Full Circle Arts P.O. Box 3905 Hickory NC 28603. Registration member and \$35 for non-members. Each artist may submit up to three pieces of artwork. Entries should be hand delivered to and picked up from Full Circle Arts. Artwork should be for sale.

An Opening Reception will be held Thursday, February 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Full Circle Arts, Suite 101 of the Glassworks Building in downtown Hickory. For more information call 828-322-7545.

Mitchell Community College Plans Walk-In Messiah

The 21st Annual "Walk-In Messiah" at Mitchell Community College will be held Sunday, Dec. 5, at 3 p.m. in the College's Shearer Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

The annual event offers community members who enjoy singing the opportunity to join with talented musical artists in a presentation of Handel's Messiah. Featured vocalists will perform selections from the musical while walk-in members of the community participate in the choir.

Dan Pardue, director of the College's chorus and minister of music at First Baptist Church, is directing the performance. Pianist Jane Pardue will accompany him. For more information, contact MCC at 704-878-4321.

Fundraiser Set

Special Olympics of Iredell County will hold a fundraising event Saturday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Statesville Civic Center. Crafts, collectibles, home baked goodies and the popular Special Olympic North Carolina Cookbook A Pinch of Gold will be available. The cookbook is \$19.95 and proceeds will benefit the local Special Olympics program.

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