

***Celtic Women International-Chicago Records
1998-2022
Preliminary Finding Aid***

Creator: Celtic Women International-Chicago

Extent: 5 linear feet (3 boxes)

Language: English

Repository: Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago. Please contact WLAarchives@luc.edu regarding use.

Administrative Information

Access Restrictions: None

Usage Restrictions: Copyright for materials in the collection created by Celtic Women International-Chicago was transferred to the Women and Leadership Archives.

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Provenance: Materials were donated to the WLA in 2020 and 2022 by Maureen Smith (WLA2022.32).

Processing Information: This collection is unprocessed. Information in the preliminary finding aid was gathered through an initial inventory. Preliminary finding aid created in 2024.

Separations: <0.25 author postcards and bookmark duplicates were discarded.

See Also: Dana McDermott Papers, Women and Leadership Archives.

Administrative History

Celtic Women International (CWI) is a global non-profit whose mission is to honor, celebrate, and promote the cultural contributions of women in the Celtic diaspora. The first annual conference of CWI was hosted in Milwaukee in 1998.

The Chicago branch of Celtic Women International was formed in the spring of 2004 by CWI members Maureen Smith and Dana McDermott and is the oldest CWI regional branch. In the following years, the group established regular meetings featuring events like book clubs and Celtic culture presentations. CWI Chicago sponsors a collection of different annual events: a Brigid's Day/Imbolc Celebration, the Revolutionary Irish Women Series, and the CWI "Literary Salon" at the Irish Books, Arts, & Music Fest.

As of May 2024, Celtic Women International and the Chicago CWI Branch are active organizations.

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Scope and Content

The Celtic Women International-Chicago records consist of 5 linear feet spanning the years 1998-2022. Materials include photographs, brochures, books, calendars, event programs, newsletters, photo boards, scrapbooks, and textile wall hangings.

Subjects:

Celtic Women International

Irish/Celtic Heritage

Irish/Celtic Women

Chicago cultural organizations

Chicago history

Irish Books, Art, and Music Celebration [iBAM]

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Box	Folde r	Title	Dates
1	1	[CWI Chicago: Brief History]	undated
1	2	[CWI Timeline by Maureen Smith]	circa 2004
1	3	[Ireland Trip: St. Brigid's Day]	2010-2011, 2016
1	4	CWI Brigid Trip	2010-2011
1	5	[CWI Chicago: Events]	2008, 2014, 2019-2020
1	6	[Events/Programs] [1 of 2]	1998, 2006-2022, undated
1	7	[Events/Programs] [2 of 2]	1998, 2006-2022, undated
1	8	[CWI brochure]	undated
1	9	[CWI brochure]	undated
1	10	[Tartans: Thistle Studio: Marjorie Warren brochures]	undated
1	11	[CWI Tartan: luggage tags]	undated
1	12	[photographs] [June 4, 2005]	2005
1	13	[photographs: printed]	2013
2	1	[Newsletters, meetings, clippings] [binder]	2003-2006, 2008, 2013-2014, 2016-2020
2	2	[CWI Newsletters] [binder]	2010-2014, undated
2	3	CWI iBAM 2010	2008-2018, undated
2	4	[CWI Chicago updates: November 2019, 2022]	2019, 2022
2	5	[Celtic Calendar]	undated
2	6	[Perpetual Celtic calendar]	2011

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2	7	[loose papers]	2012, 2016, 2019, 2021
2	8	[CWI mousepad]	undated
2	9	[imPerfect Balance: bookmarks]	2007
2	10	[How to Establish CWI Local Branch]	2007
2	11	[CWI Raffle Tickets]	undated
2	12	<i>Mary: A Life in Verse</i> , by Patricia Monaghan	2014
2	13	<i>No Ordinary Women: Irish Female Activists in the Revolutionary years 1900-1923</i> , by Sinead McCoole	2003
3	1	[Celtic Women International scrapbook]	2001-2003
3	2	[Three CWI branded tote bags]	undated
FF1	1	Quilted poem tapestry	undated
FF1	2	Quilted poem tapestry	2012
FF2	1	Trifold foam picture board	undated
FF2	2	Trifold foam picture board	undated
FF2	3	CWI picture board	undated
FF2	4	CWI Brigid's Day Tour picture board	undated
FF2	5	CWI framed picture board	2017