

FKCC Library Gallery Exhibits Miller's "Silver Jubilee"

KEY WEST, FL, June 14, 2011—Florida Keys Community College's Library Gallery will exhibit "Silver Jubilee," a 50-piece show created by long-time resident artist Florence M. Miller from June 20 through August 29. An opening reception will be held to celebrate the collection on Thursday, June 23 at 6:00p.m. The event, sponsored by The Friends of the FKCC Library and the FKCC Foundation, is free and open to the community.

"Silver Jubilee" includes a range of multimedia art using charcoal, watercolor, oil, and acrylic paints. Most pieces in the collection will be available for purchase, with the proceeds to benefit the college's library.

Born in Virginia and raised in Florida, Miller has been drawing and painting ever since she could hold a pencil, according to the artist. Although a research bacteriologist by profession, Miller has been very prolific and active in the arts for most of her life. She has painted with the Art Students' League of New York and the Royal College of Art in London before she moved to Key West in 1974 with her late husband Jerry Miller.

"I like to encourage young artists and students who like to paint and draw," said Miller, who began volunteering in the 1970's to produce art shows in FKCC's Library Gallery.

Miller's art has been featured in museums, galleries, and art centers throughout the United States. She also created illustrations for books and publications, including *Solares Hill*.

FKCC's Library Gallery hosts local and visiting artists and writers throughout the year as part of their ongoing efforts to provide culturally enriching, educational experiences for FKCC students, faculty, staff, and the Keys community at large. For more information, please contact the FKCC Library Gallery at 305-809-3194 or library@fkcc.edu.



Florence M. Miller's "Sewing Days," inspired by the local artist's former hobby, will be a part of the "Silver Jubilee" collection on display at the FKCC Library.