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The Purcellville Arts Council Announces Artwork Exhibit by Lillian Miller and Meet the Artist Reception

PURCELLVILLE, Va. August 29, 2016 — The third in a series of art exhibits in Purcellville's Town Hall features the works of local artist Lillian Miller. The show runs from August to September 30. 2016. The first floor corridors of Town Hall have a gallery-caliber hanging system which creates an opportunity for local artists to exhibit their work. Art exhibitions in Town Hall also ensure that all members of the public have access to art.

With the Olympic Games recently held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, it was merely coincidental that Town Hall's art exhibition schedule included Lillian Miller who is originally from São Paulo. Miller grew up in Evanston, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, where she started studying art at an early age. Miller went from the Chicago Art Institute on to the University of Wisconsin where she majored in Art and Languages.

In 1960, Miller returned to Brazil where she broadened her painting technique by studying with an international array of artists. She participated in numerous exhibitions in Brazil and in Italy. Miller returned to the United States in 2005 (California before arriving in Purcellville in 2010). She is a member of the Loudoun County Sketch Club, an organization that arranges weekly outdoor painting sessions for its members at historic or otherwise attractive sites. Miller says, "I think I have gained a lot by painting in different environments…the landscapes in Brazil have more vivid colors than the blue lakes and soaring mountains of Northern Italy and they are both different from the more subdued, subtle shades of a Virginia landscape."

Miller believes an artist cannot help but be inspired by the beauty of Loudoun County. "Since moving here six years ago, I find myself constantly surrounded by attractive wooded areas, lovely green and gold hills, and stretches of both wild and tilled fields that contain picturesque houses, quaint cottages and farm buildings - a virtual bonanza of pastoral scenes that just beg to be painted."

A selection of Miller's lifelong work is currently on exhibit at Purcellville's Town Hall (221 S. Nursery Avenue). A Meet-The-Artist reception will take place there on Wednesday, September 14 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. The public is welcome to join Lillian Miller and the Purcellville Arts Council in a celebration ("uma celebração!") of Miller's work. The show

may otherwise be seen according to regular Town Hall office hours (Mon - Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm except holidays).

Art exhibits are currently booked through the beginning of 2017 with the Arts Council accepting submissions for future shows. All artwork is decided upon by an outside jury. Please send inquiries to the Town of Purcellville, attention: Melanie Scoggins at mscoggins@purcellvilleva.gov.

The Town of Purcellville, Virginia

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,500 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer's markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at www.purcellvilleva.gov.

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