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Fox Run Art Gallery to host Fashion Illustrator's Past

Original Artwork from The Audrey Barrett Gleason Fashion Illustration Collection, Archives & Special Collections Department, E. H. Butler Library, SUNY Buffalo State, to be Viewed

Orchard Park, NY: Fox Run at Orchard Park CEO Bill Wlodarczyk is pleased to announce a one-of-a-kind historical artist collaboration with Audrey Barrett Gleason and the late Patricia Roberts.

A Fox Run Community Member since Spring of 2022, Ms. Gleason's artistic career spans from 1959–2014. Her notable illustrative career included fashion illustrations and images. The collection on loan from SUNY Buffalo State University contains large hand-drawn fashion sketches of women's clothing, shoes, outerwear, and lingerie primarily for Sattler's Department Store, McCurdy's Department Store, Hengerer's Department Store, and L.L. Berger. According to Mr. Daniel DiLandro, University Archivist & Special Collections Librarian. SUNY Buffalo has over 100 pieces of original artwork of Ms. Gleason's. Ms. Gleason is most thankful for the collection considering most of her hand sketched fashion illustrations she is known for were not achieved at the time. After working directly for the different department stores, Ms. Gleason continued her career as a freelance fashion illustrator.

Another memorable name in fashion illustration and a former member of the Williamsville Artist Society, the late Patricia Roberts' artwork will be on display alongside Ms. Gleason's. Ms. Roberts had an apprenticeship at the Hengerer's Department Store, which led to her full-time career as a fashion illustrator for L.L. Berger in Buffalo. Once established, Ms. Roberts developed her career as a well sought after freelance illustrator. Through pen and ink these two highly talented women became fast friends, and their work significant in the art and fashion world.

Fox Run at Orchard Park Art Gallery will host original paintings, sketches, and written vignettes June 3rd – August 30th. The opening presentation is open to the public on Thursday, June 6th at 6:30pm. Ms. Gleason will be speaking as well as Kerry Roberts Leahy, daughter of Ms. Patricia Roberts.

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