

Biographic Sketch

C.V. Rosemary E. Reed Miller, Business Owner, Author, Community Activist

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In 1966, Rosemary E. Reed Miller established Toast and Strawberries, a unique gift and fashion boutique in DuPont Circle, the culturally rich and internationally varied area of Washington, DC. Ms. Miller managed the store with staff, but she is also committed to a role in the betterment of Washington: aiding community organizations, fundraising for groups, participating in educational programs and being an advocate for women in business. Toast and Strawberries closed October, 2005. The store still operates from a website.

Articles featuring this Washington institution appeared in the Washington Post -Afro-American Newspaper, Washington Informer, Washington Times, the Daghens Neyeter {Sweden}, and more. The store has been profiled in periodicals such as Black Enterprise, The Washingtonian Magazine, Seventeen, Mademoiselle, Ms. Magazine, Glamour, among others.

Television and radio programs often call on Ms. Reed Miller to be an informational speaker. She participates with local schools and higher educational institutions to conduct career panels, fashion shows and self esteem workshops.

Born in Yeadon, Pennsylvania [a suburb of Philadelphia], daughter of two teachers, Ms. Miller graduated from Temple University, majoring in history and art. She spent 3 years in Jamaica, W.I. as a model, jewelry designer, and journalist. She wrote for the Miami Herald, NY Herald, Afro-American newspapers, Women's Wear Daily, and Jamaica's largest newspaper, The Daily Gleaner.

Reed Miller manages the Toast and Strawberries business and writes for various newspapers and magazines, such as: The Washington Informer. Afro-American, Intowner, DC Current, Washington Post, the East of the River and Hill Rag magazines.

Ms. Reed Miller is listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans and in various Who's Who of Women in America.

Ms. Reed Miller's community service and professional associations include:

Board Member:

Interracial Council on Business Opportunities
Presidential Task Force of Education & Training for Minorities in Business
DC Economic Development Commission
Woodley house, independent living for mental health patients
ACTCO-African Continuum Theatre Coalition
Washington Ethical Society School

Membership:

DuPont Circle North Business Association
Jack & Jill of America, parent/child organization
African Travel Association, Vice President.

Delegate:

White House Conference on Small Business

Founding Member: National Association of Women Business Owner; First Vice President of Washington. DC area

President:

Immediate Past Neighbors.Inc., a civic group which sponsors and promotes libraries, schools, business development in the Shepherd Park area of DC.
Howard University Faculty Wives

Neighbors, Inc. supports interracial diversity in NW Washington

Ms. Miller has been recognized with numerous awards. Partial list:

For service: Washington Black Economic Development Corporation
Business Award: Century Club
Business Women of the Year, Nat'l Council for Small Business Eastern region
Honoree: Alpha Kappa Sorority; Founders Day Event
Honoree: Iota Phi Lambda Sorority; Nat'l Business Week
Member: Small Business Administration Advisory Committee, 2002

Reed Miller, widow of Paul E. Miller, Dean of Howard University Law School. She has two children: **Paul D.** and **Sabrina E. Miller-Ford**.

Checkout **Paul's** entertainment career at the following web sites:

- DJ SPOOKY that subliminal kid (<http://www.djspooky.com>)
- DJ Spooky - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DJ_Spooky)

Sabrina Miller-Ford is proud of her two boys, Kerwince and Hakim. She dabbles in real estate, but her love is theatre production, costuming. She has worked on Les Miserables and is currently traveling with the show, 'If This Hat Could Talk,' which salutes Dorothy Height, who is past president of the National Council of Negro women.

- ["If This Hat Could Talk"](http://www.nccusa.org/news/060216hat.html) - National Council of Churches (<http://www.nccusa.org/news/060216hat.html>)
- [Vanjo Productions](http://www.vanjoproductions.com/ht_dates.php) - 2007 Tour Schedule (http://www.vanjoproductions.com/ht_dates.php)

Articles about Rosemary

"Living Black History: Noted Fashion Historian Rosemary Reed-Miller an Accidental Pioneer"
Date: Friday, February 02, 2007 - By: Jackie Jones, BlackAmericaWeb.com
View article - <http://www.blackamericaweb.com/site.aspx/bawnews/reedmiller202>

The commercial Appeal, April 22, 2007,
http://www.commercialappeal.com/mca/style/article/0,1426,MCA_530_5497507,00.html

Other articles that profile Ms. Reed Miller,, please request.

Other Articles by Rosemary

"A D.C. Boutique Goes Out in Style" - By Rosemary E. Reed Miller, Special to The Washington Post
Monday, November 21, 2005; C10

"Nationwide Insurance Office Opening" – Neighborhood News - By Rosemary E Reed-Miller

"Church Street Block 'Reborn' With a New Urban Look and Feel" – The Intowner, March 2006 – By Rosemary E Reed-Miller

"Buyer's Delight in Fort Washington" – Hill Rag, East of the River, May 2006 – By Rosemary E Reed-Miller

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