



## Milford, CT Chapter

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**Honored**  
Valerie A. Cooper, Founder of Picture That LLC  
**with ARTS Award**  
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Valerie Cooper, A native of Stamford, CT and President of Stamford-based Picture That LLC, was honored for her exemplary service to the greater community in the area of the Arts, by the Milford, CT Chapter of The Links, Incorporated on Saturday, May 12, 2012 during their 8th Annual Mother's Day Luncheon.

The event was held at the Trumbull Marriott, Trumbull, CT and the 2012 theme was "A Tribute to Women Who Serve". Cooper shared the platform with three honorees who excel in their respective fields including Attorney Marilyn W. Ford, Esq.; Dr. Marcia Tejada-Smith, MD; and Connecticut's Honorable State Senator Toni N. Harp.

Ms. Cooper, a Corporate Art Consultant, Fine Art Appraiser, and an Associate of the Appraisers Association of America, has provided expertise in the Arts to local communities, hospitals, universities and corporate clients for over 20 years.

"Art crosses all boundaries," says Cooper, "Regardless of age, gender, culture, or ethnicity, art is an expression that reflects the heart and soul of the artist. It reflects the places, people and things that have made an impression on that artist; and that's what I love about bringing art into our communities. I am deeply honored to be recognized by The Links of Milford for doing what I love."

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**About The Links, Incorporated:**

The Links, Incorporated is a national public service organization of women who render collective services in our respective communities. The Milford, CT Chapter, one of six in the state, serves the Greater Milford Community through five programmatic facets: The Arts, Health and Human Services, International Trends and Services, National Trends and Services, and Services to Youth.

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**About Valerie A. Cooper and Picture That LLC:**

Valerie A. Cooper is the founder of **Picture That LLC**, a fine art consulting firm established in 2002. The Stamford-based company supplies fine art, curates cultural exhibitions, and provides art management, advisory & appraisal services. A partial list of Picture That's clients include American Express, Boehringer Ingelheim, DIAGEO, Day Pitney LLP, Deloitte, General Electric, Goldman Sachs, IBM, Northeast Utilities, Pitney Bowes, Thompson Hospitality, Travelers, UBS, University of Bridgeport and Yale University Health System. National awards include the "2010 Outstanding Entrepreneur of the Year" by the National Association of Female Executives (NAFE); and the 2008 NMSDC National Supplier of the Year Award - Northern Region, by the National Minority Supplier Development Council; where both designations are given to companies that exceed expectations in service, delivery, product quality and overall value.

Prior to establishing Picture That, Valerie spent 15 years leading global risk management technology teams on Wall Street with Goldman Sachs. Her final appointment at Goldman Sachs was Vice President of Global Diversity for the Technology Division, worldwide. Prior to Goldman Sachs, Valerie held positions at PepsiCo in Purchase, NY and The Travelers in Hartford, CT.

Valerie received the "2011 GNEMSDC MBE Empowerment Award" for supporting other Minority Entrepreneurs by doing business with them, and consequently, helping them to develop business opportunities. She was also a 2010 recipient of the Boy Scouts of America "Good Scout" Award. Since 2007, Valerie has proudly served on the board of Norwalk Community College Foundation where she currently holds the office of Secretary. Additional volunteerism includes directing Curatorial Services for the Palace Theatre Sackler Gallery, serving on the Stamford Old Town Hall Museum Art Committee and partnering with the Greater Fairfield County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated to participate in The Links National Poster Art Competition.

Valerie's education includes a Master of Business Administration from Columbia University Business School; an Appraisal Studies in Fine and Decorative Arts Certificate from New York University; an Executive Entrepreneur Education Certificate from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, and a Bachelor of Science from Morgan State University. Valerie is an Associate of the Appraisers Association of America (AAA). She has lifetime memberships in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Morgan State University Alumni Association and the National Black MBA Association.

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