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Portuguese “Azulejos” inspire ceramic artist “Pixels, Puzzles and Patterns” exhibit begins November 8

(Sept. 12, 2005 – Palm Beach Gardens, FL) Growing up surrounded by beautifully painted terracotta tiles (“Azulejos”) in Portugal, Palm Beach Community College Professor Nazarè Feliciano carried the tradition to the United States when she became a ceramic artist. Painting on terracotta tiles with powdered clays in natural earth tones, Feliciano creates clay sculptures, installations and paintings.

Professor Feliciano’s unusual work includes a porcelain quilt connected by steel cable threads and a piece with movable clay blocks mounted on magnets. She combines the Portuguese tile image grid with the vast visual landscapes of the United States in her serene minimalist landscapes. Her work will be displayed in the “Pixels, Puzzles and Patterns” exhibit at The Gallery at Eissey Campus from Nov. 8 to Dec. 7. **An artist’s reception is scheduled for Nov. 8 from 5-8 p.m.**

Feliciano is a ceramics professor and the chair of the visual arts department at PBCC. She earned her master’s in fine arts from The Art Institute of Chicago and her bachelor’s degree in fine arts from Marymount Manhattan College in New York. Her artwork is in museums and private collections, and she has been featured in “Contemporary Ceramics,” “Ceramic Tile Art” and “International Ceramic Magazine – Ceramic Art and Perception” magazines, among others.

The Gallery at Eissey Campus is located on the first floor of the BB Building at PBCC in Palm Beach Gardens, 3160 PGA Blvd. Gallery hours are 9 am-6 pm M,W,Th, and 9 am-8 pm Tuesdays, 9 am-4 pm Fridays. To find out more, call the gallery at (561) 207-5015 or Professor Feliciano at (561) 207-5017.

To download images from the exhibit, go to:

<http://www.pbcc.edu/crm/releasepics/feliciano/tempo.jpg>

<http://www.pbcc.edu/crm/releasepics/feliciano/mother.jpg>

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