

THE EYE by Sarah Duncan

SISTER TO SISTER



Yvonne Reed, Audrey Stripling

THE EXCLAMATION "Hey, girlfriend!" rang out time and again at the "Sisterfriends" reception held on Betty Shabazz Day at the home of CSX executive (and former Folio Weekly columnist) Mike Tolbert.

Women of all ages and backgrounds gathered to celebrate the publishing of "Betty Shabazz: A Sisterfriends' Tribute in Words and Pictures," a book featuring stories about Shabazz by Maya Angelou, Whitney Houston, Patty LaBelle, Gloria Steinem and many others.



Laura Davis, Betsy Favorito

The guest of honor was Von

Alexander, an assistant to the president of Edward Waters College, who



Karen Okie, David Tolbert

conceived of and organized the Shabazz tribute. Alexander gave a brief speech, saying she hoped the "diverse backgrounds, different ideas, but same values" represented at the reception and in the book promoted the spirit of

"sisterfriendship," which Shabazz extolled throughout her life.

Jacksonville's Kai Hodge, who will be releasing a single later this year, sang an inspirational song as the evening drew to a close.

Seen making new sisterfriendships were Lois



Terri Anderson, Tonya Weatherstone

Chepenik, Celeste Rice, Elaine Brown, Kathy Burns, Beverly Fenwick,



Von Alexander, Dr. Faleese Jenkins

Suzanne Teate, Lisa Strange, Beth Alpert, Jane Covington, Carol Tolbert, Linda Frictioso, Tricia Booker and Dolly Hinkle. ♦