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## Heritage Museum *Flying Needles* Quilt Exhibit Begins August 8

On **Friday, August 8**, the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida opens *Flying Needles*, an exhibit of old and new Florida quilts, presented in cooperation with the Flying Needles Quilt Guild.

Quilts and quilt making are a reflection of the life and times of those who make them. The *Flying Needles* exhibit provides a history of quilting and the development of this craft in Florida. Included in the vibrant exhibit are historic quilts dating from the late 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Also on view are contemporary quilts on loan from area collections including several created by the skilled members of the Flying Needles Quilt Guild.

A members' reception is planned for Saturday, August 9 from 4-6 p.m. Guild demonstrations and hands-on activities for all ages are planned for August 14 from 12- 1 p.m. and August 23 from 2-4 p.m.

The exhibit runs through September 27 and tours are available by appointment. For more information, call (850) 678-2615 or go to [www.heritage-museum.org](http://www.heritage-museum.org).

Since 1971, the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida has been preserving our region's rich history. Today the museum maintains historic collections and makes them accessible through exhibits, tours, education programs, publications and research.

HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

ADMISSION: \$2; Free Admission for Heritage Museum members and children under 4.

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