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Heritage Museum Receives Grant to Create Virtual Gallery *Gallery a valuable display of 18th, 19th and early 20th century images*

The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida (NWF) has received a grant from the Florida Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities to digitize historic photo collections and make them accessible in a series of new virtual galleries on its website www.heritage-museum.org. In an attempt to foster community involvement in this project, we are hosting a series of **Volunteer Training Meetings**, beginning **Friday, November 7, at 9:00 a.m.**

Volunteer training will take place at the Heritage Museum of NWF and will be provided by curatorial staff. "Volunteers are the backbone of museums, and often bring their own history and stories to our museum," says Museum Director Michelle Severino. This project will provide valuable interpretation to many 18th, 19th and early 20th century images pertaining to local and regional history which will be made easily accessible for education and research for the very first time.

Please call the museum at **850.678.2615 to RSVP**. Also, indicate if you are unable to attend these meetings but are interested in participating on occasional evenings or weekends. We hope you will make history part of your future!

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