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Heritage Museum Need Volunteers for Expanding Archives *Interactive Website Soon to be Launched*

VALPARAISO, FL – How about this for a New Year's Resolution – Make saving our history part of your plan. Florida Heritage 2010 is a historic preservation and digitization project that will provide valuable interpretation of archival collections including photographs, documents, and audio/visual recordings. In our effort to involve the community, we are asking for the public's help. Museum staff will provide necessary training. Please call 850.678.2615 today and volunteer.

These historical materials will be made accessible for education and research for the very first time in a series of virtual galleries. It will introduce people from inside and outside the region to the fascinating story of Northwest Florida's place in the development of this country. "The new website gallery makes history accessible to all residents, not to mention student information and teacher aids, with a click of a mouse," exclaimed Heritage Museum Director Michelle Severino.

Florida Heritage 2010 documents the complex history of the region from an industrial and fishing hub to an advanced technology military nexus and tourist destination. It documents the rise of a region that moved from a sparsely population forest to tourist destination visited by millions of people annually.

Since 1971 the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida has collected and preserved material culture pertaining to the region. The museum is located at 115 Westview Avenue in Valparaiso. Hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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NWF Heritage Museum Upcoming Events:

Jan. 27, 9AM, Museum: Niceville: A Fish Story film screening

Jan. 29, 7 PM evening presentation of film at the museum.

Jan. 1-May 31 – Membership Drive, call 850-678-2615 to join!