

EXHIBITION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Acadian Brown Cotton: The Fabric of Acadiana

Exhibition Dates: September 11, 2020 – June 30, 2021

The Hilliard Art Museum is pleased to announce the forthcoming exhibition *Acadian Brown Cotton: The Fabric of Acadiana*. This exhibition will explore and analyze the history of handwoven brown cotton textiles. Using genealogy, historic maps, photographs, audio and video components, furniture, tools, and brown cotton textiles, *Acadian Brown Cotton* will demonstrate the historical significance and cultural impact of the Acadian brown cotton tradition. It will also seek to educate regional audiences about an aspect of their culture they may be unaware of, casting new light on the “itchy, brown blankets” in people’s attics by demonstrating their artistry and value, as well as the tradition’s continued vitality and relevancy.

Drawing from the expertise of several highly respected cultural authorities, this exhibition will also delve into the high value Acadian culture places on self-sufficiency played an important role in the development of the Acadian brown cotton tradition. The exhibition will highlight the process by which Acadian brown cotton textiles were created and the domestic context in which they were used by

including a full suite of weaving tools alongside an installation of mid-19th century Acadian furniture, all handmade by the Acadians using native materials.

Funding for this exhibition comes from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

Upon request, press and media kits are available that include high resolution images and selected literature.

Museum Hours, Admission & General Information

The Hilliard Art Museum is located at 710 East Saint Mary Boulevard, on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Museum Hours are: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM; Wednesday, 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM; Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; closed Sunday and Monday. General Admission: \$5 Adults, \$4 Seniors (62+), \$3 Students (5-17). FREE for Members, UL Students/Staff/Faculty with identification, and visitors under 5. For general information, please visit HilliardMuseum.org or call 337-482-2278.

About the Hilliard Art Museum

The Hilliard Art Museum operates on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette and was originally founded in 1964 as the Art Center for Southwestern Louisiana. Featuring a state-of-the-art modern facility that was erected in 2004, the museum houses more than 2,200 objects in its permanent collection, and is the largest art exhibition space between New Orleans and Houston. The Hilliard serves a wide range of educational and cultural needs by fostering cross-disciplinary intellectual discourse on campus, and throughout the region. At the core of the Hilliard's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and exhibit the art of our time, while celebrating the great diversity of Louisiana's heritage.

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