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## **John G. Riley Museum opens new exhibit featuring vivid works of art by Tallahassee-native Eluster Richardson**

**TALLAHASSEE** – The John G. Riley Center/Museum is pleased to feature the spectacular work of renowned artist Eluster Richardson in their newest exhibit *“Of Hearth and Home.”* The Tallahassee native is known for his unique and expressive paintings that focus on both cultural and familial connections and his latest collection is no different!

“Of Hearth and Home” illustrates the quilting tradition through vivid oil and watercolor pieces that pay tribute to southern cultural legacies. This exhibition emphasizes the value of heritage preservation for past, present and future generations. Richardson’s brilliant works of art will be exhibited alongside antique quilts evocative of heart-warming traditions that take you on a journey back in time to the sense of home and tradition that crosses all boundaries. Be sure to catch a glimpse of this exceptional art exhibit that will be on display through April 30, 2015.

Richardson’s works are known for distinctive, powerful and opulent images, soulfully conveying culture and tradition. A master of both oils and watercolors, Richardson’s artwork includes customized reflections of life intended to enrich and educate.



*“Pondering Dreams”*

The artistic renderings focus special interest on personages and sites in the North Florida region. “People are such a challenge,” says Richardson as he especially enjoys children as his subject. His daughter, Jasmine, has been a source of inspiration for many of his paintings. Mr. Richardson has won numerous awards in Florida and throughout the southeast region of the United States. He has exhibited in Bethune-Cookman University’s Fine Arts Gallery and the Zora Neale Hurston Museum in Eatonville, FL and numerous other galleries. His career also includes serving as the Visual Arts Director of Tallahassee’s Harambee Festival and a member and Chairman of the Board at the Gadsden Art Gallery in Quincy Florida. For more information on Eluster Richardson and his paintings, visit his website at [www.elusterart.com](http://www.elusterart.com).



*“The Quilt Exhibit”*

The Riley Museum's regular hours of operation are Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Fridays Saturdays 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. The museum will be closed December 22, 2014 through January 30, 2015. For more information on the exhibit or to schedule a group tour, please contact the Riley Museum at (850) 681-7881 or log onto [www.RileyMuseum.org](http://www.RileyMuseum.org).