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MACEDONIAN COSTUMES ON DISPLAY AT THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUM

Lecture and reception planned to open the exhibit on August 1

The Springfield Museum is honored to announce that Ron Wixman, Professor of Cultural and Political Geography at the University of Oregon, has agreed to display authentic women's folk costumes, and a number of magnificently hand embroidered women's blouses from **August 1st thru September 4th** at the Springfield Museum, 590 Main Street. The display will kick-off with a lecture and reception on Friday, August 1 beginning at 5 p.m.

A special addition to this exhibit will be stunningly hand crafted silk embroidery and basket weaving works of art from the private collection of Leonard Tarantola, a well traveled and respected businessman of Eugene. Leonard expressed "I now realize what I appreciate most are the wonderful things created by hand, skilled in diverse mediums". "Silk embroidery and basket weaving are obvious examples of skilled hands and years of experience."

Background:

For the past 40 years Ron Wixman has collected museum quality folk costumes in Romania, Macedonia, Croatia, and other lands as a hobby. These costumes are made of hand spun threads and are completely hand woven and beautifully embroidered. Wixman's collection of Balkan costumes is one of the largest and finest in the United States and Canada. His display of late nineteenth and early twentieth century Macedonian costumes at the University's Museum of Natural History was one of the most popular in the Museum's history.

Free parking is available next to the Museum.

What: Macedonian costume display to open at the Springfield Museum

When: The collection will be on display from August 1 – September 4.
A kick-off event is scheduled for August 1 at 5 p.m.

Where: Springfield Museum at 590 Main Street, next to City Hall

Visuals/Media: Members of the media will be given access to the collection for video purposes.

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