



HURRICANE — Florence Woodbury, seated, and Louis Woodbury are both individual exhibitors in the Washington County Fair. She will show five of

her many quilts and a table of hand-painted porcelain plates. He is a classical violinist who makes his own instruments.

At Washington Co. Fair

Woodburys' creations on display

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HURRICANE — Louis and Florence Woodbury of Bloomington each have entered individual exhibits in the 1984 Washington County Fair.

But not just odds and ends.

Their creations demand superior skill and dedication and except for quilt-making, which Florence has done all of her life, their hobbies were adopted past the age of 70.

The couple has been retired since 1975, but that doesn't mean they haven't kept busy and learned to do new things.

Louis, a native of Hurricane, oldest son of R.B. Woodbury, learned to play the violin during his childhood. As well as reading the notes, he has an "ear" for music, and can pick up and play anything he hears. He has been compared to a country fiddler.

He left home as a young adult and spent most of his working years in Southern California as a stationary engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad. He was generally stationed and maintained a home in San Bernardino. The Woodburys had no children, so they spent their

time with church work, modest socials and doing community service.

When he was past age 70, Louis said he made the friendship of a neighbor who repaired base violas. While in the friend's workshop, he came across a few boxes of violin materials and woods, left by a partner who had died. They were given to Louis, and there his hobby started. He finished his violin in 1966.

He has made nine violins since that first effort, the latest finished this year. Two of his instruments are in possession and on display at Brigham Young University. Two others have been given to talented relatives. The other five are on display at the this year's fair in Hurricane.

Florence has been doing needlework all of her life and especially enjoys quilt-making. She displays five intricately cut and designed quilts at the fair.

She started design, firing and painting porcelain plates as a senior citizen hobby in 1971, and very soon discovered that her latent talent exceeded that of the teacher. She began teaching the art to friends and other seniors.

The Woodburys' hobbies are displayed in Room 4 at the Hurricane High School.