[NOTE: I will be on vacation for four days this week and next, so this column covers the next two weeks of arts and events in and around Boca.]

Thursday, July 18

**Quilted Artist Books lecture at Delray Beach Center for the Arts**, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach; 2 p.m.; museum admission of $10 adults, $6 seniors and students and $3 children; 561/243-7922 or delraycenterforthearts.org

All summer, the Delray Beach Center for the Arts’ Cornell Museum has been showcasing nearly 100 traditional and art quilts from the Gold Coast Quilters Guild as part of its “Quilting Evolution” exhibition. Designed to elucidate the breadth and talent of this underrated art form, the two-pronged exhibition also introduces Delray museum-goers to one of Boca Raton’s best-kept secrets: The Jaffe Center for the Book Arts, the FAU-nestled sanctuary for books as art objects. Today’s lecture will focus on the selected quilted books from the Jaffe Center collection and will be hosted by John Cutrone, the center’s current director, and its founder Arthur Jaffe, who happens to be 92 years old—and who has a problem staying retired.