

# ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

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## NEWS

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## ARCHAEOLOGIST TO PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO ALBANY MANSION'S HISTORY OF SLAVERY AT SPECIAL LECTURE

ALBANY, NEW YORK- Recent excavations and research on the grounds of Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany have revealed outbuildings likely used as summer kitchens and/or slave quarters. On Sunday, December 7 at 2PM, the Albany Institute of History & Art will host Matthew J. Kirk, Principal Investigator and Cultural Resource Specialist at Hartgen Archeological Associates, for a special lecture focused on these findings and the insight they provide into slave/master relationships shortly before abolition. They suggest we reconsider our modern concepts of slavery in the north at the end of the eighteenth century. This lecture is part of the museum's *Making it American* lecture series and is co-sponsored by Partners for Albany Stories (PAST). This event is open to the public and free with museum admission.

The *Making it American* lecture series takes a broad look at what art, artifacts, objects, manuscripts, and other primary source materials can teach us about the development of American history, culture, the arts, and our national identity. Invited scholars analyze the construct of American values and ideals through our collections and exhibitions. Experts in their fields create presentations illuminating the development of our culture and international trends influences. These lectures are an exciting opportunity to learn from scholars recognized in their field who make their expertise and our collections accessible.

This series has been supported by a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities. To learn more about the Council, please visit their website: <http://www.nyhumanities.org/>

The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. There is limited parking available in the museums lot, located at the corner of Dove and Elk Streets

in Albany (just behind the museum). There is also on street parking available. The Albany Institute is open Wednesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM, Thursday until 8PM\*, and Sunday Noon-5PM. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and some holidays. Admission is FREE for Albany Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. The museum is now offering free admission on Thursdays from 5PM-8PM. For more information, visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) or call (518) 463-4478.

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Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art is New York's oldest museum. Its collections document the Hudson Valley as a crossroads of culture, influencing the art and history of the region, the state, and the nation. With more than 35,000 objects and one million documents in the library, it is an important resource for the region, giving our community a sense of the part the Hudson Valley played in the American story, and our own place in history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions are open year-round and create a sense of place, allowing visitors to meet the people who helped shape this region. Over 25,000 people visit the Albany Institute of History & Art every year, enjoying the collections, workshops, school programs, and lectures, helping to build an understanding of the history and culture of our region. Among the museum's best-known and most-loved collections are the 19<sup>th</sup> century Hudson River School landscape paintings by artists like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, the 19<sup>th</sup> century sculpture collections, and, of course, the famous Albany Mummies that came to the museum in 1909 and have been on view ever since. For more information, please visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) and be sure to follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute](http://www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute)) and Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute).

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