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ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART ANNOUNCES FAMILY PROGRAMS FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH 2009

ALBANY, NY—Throughout January, February, and March 2009, the Albany Institute of History & Art is offering a variety of family programs and events designed specifically for children and adult companions. For more information about Albany Institute Family Programs, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or contact **Barbara Collins, education coordinator**, at **(518) 463-4478, ext. 405**.

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Experience a homeschool program in which class subjects relate to the exhibitions on view, and incorporate art and historical references to provide a context for learning. Fee: \$15 for non-members, \$10 for members, includes museum admission and art materials. Select Thursdays and Fridays, drop-off from 1:30–4:30 pm. Registration is required and payment is due at the time of registration. ASL interpretation is offered for this program. Age requirement is 8 years and older.

Thursday, February 12

1:30–4:30 pm

Hudson River Gyotaku

Participants will learn about fresh-water fish from our newest special exhibition, *Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art, and Culture*, and create Gyotaku, an 18th-century Japanese art form that combines three-dimensional fish replicas and printmaking practices.

Friday, March 13

1:30–4:30 pm

Hudson 400 Clay Characters

Learn about stories and legends from objects on view in the exhibit, *Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art, and Culture*. In the studio the instructor will place emphasis on hand-building

WEEKEND ART ADVENTURES

Children ages 3 to 12, and accompanying adults, are welcome to stop by the Albany Institute on select Saturdays and Sundays for gallery activities and art-making. The programs begin in the galleries and are followed by an art-making activity in the studio. Programs are held from 1:00 to 4:00 pm and are FREE with museum admission.

Weekend Art Adventures will be held on the following dates:

Sunday, January 25

Sunday, February 15

Saturday, February 21

Sunday, March 1
Saturday, March 14
Saturday, March 21

VACATION ART BREAK

Take a break from the break. During school vacation weeks, the Albany Institute offers children's art workshops in our studios. The elements of composition and painting will be discussed, while children's technical and creative skills are developed through integration of both color and shape.

Programs are held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 9:00 am– noon for children 6–8 years old; and from 1:00–4:00 pm for children 9–13 years old. **Registration is required: \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members (fee per class).** ASL interpretation is provided.

The next Vacation Art Break will be held:
Wednesday, February 18
Thursday, February 19
Friday, February 20

EGYPTIAN FAMILY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2009, 1:00–4:00 pm

Mission Egyptian: Bring your daddy and bring your mummy to the Albany Institute for a day of Egyptian fun. Learn from Egyptologist, Dr. Peter Lacovara, as he presents stories and facts from his adventures in Egypt. Make your own mummy and sarcophagus in our children's art studios. See the Albany Institute's authentic Egyptian mummies during a tour of our Egypt gallery. FREE with paid museum admission.

HUDSON 400 FAMILY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, March 29, 1:00–4:00 pm

Celebrate the Hudson River's birthday with docent-led tours of the exhibit, *Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art, and Culture*; art-making activities in the Children's Studio, and a performance by storyteller Jonathan Kruk and folk balladeer Rich Bala, who will perform tunes and tales illustrating the Hudson's many-faceted role in forging our nation. Art-making activities in the Children's Studio will include Gyotaku fish prints, a Japanese art form that teaches participants about fresh water fish by using realistic fish replicas made of rubber, rolling the replica with block printing ink and applying it to cloth and paper. FREE with regular museum admission.

GIRL SCOUT BADGE PROGRAM

Quadricentennial Badge

The year 2009 represents an extraordinary opportunity to receive a once-in-a-lifetime badge celebrating 400 years of Henry Hudson's exploration of the river that bears his name. Fee: \$24, includes museum admission, materials, and badge. Two free chaperones per troop; adult admission fee of \$10 each for extra chaperones. **Registration is required. To enroll please contact the Girl Scouts of Northeastern NY, 1-888-4GSNENY, or (518) 489-8110 for more information.**

Quadricentennial Badge dates:
February 8 (Junior Scout level only): 1:00–4:00 pm
March 15 (Junior Scout level only): 1:00–4:00 pm

Art in 3D Badge

Working within a museum setting, Junior Girl Scouts will learn the many ways artists work and are inspired. Participants will receive a highlighted tour of our current exhibition, *Hudson River Panorama: 400 Years of History, Art, and Culture*, as well as the museum's permanent collection. Girl Scouts will learn the basic skills and techniques of three-dimensional design through a series of hands-on activities in our studio. All participants will receive an Art in 3D Badge, a certificate of art appreciation from the Albany Institute of History & Art, and a free family pass to the museum. **Registration is required. Fee: \$18, includes museum admission, materials fee, and badge. Chaperones: Two chaperones per troop admitted free; adult admission fee of \$8 for each extra chaperone. To enroll please contact the Girl Scouts of Northeastern NY, 1-888-4GSNENY, or (518) 489-8110 for more information.**

Art in 3D Badge dates:**February 22: 1:00–4:00 pm****March 22: 1:00–4:00 pm**

The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in downtown Albany, one block from the New York State Capitol. For more information on Family Programs, please visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478, ext. 405.

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Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art (AIHA) is a 501(c) 3 cultural and educational institution dedicated to public service. As a museum, its mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the art, history and culture of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley region from the 17th century to the present. AIHA acquires collections, conducts research, produces publications, and offers a wide range of exhibitions, educational and public programs that appeal to diverse audiences ranging from pre-K to senior citizens. The museum is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. Closed Mondays and major holidays; Tuesdays, registered groups only. Admission is free to members and children under 6, \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, and \$6 for children ages 6-12. The Albany Institute of History & Art is accredited by the American Association of Museums and chartered by the New York State Department of Education.