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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST AUTHOR SUSAN GILLOTTI FOR LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING

Sunday, March 30 at 2PM

ALBANY, NY – On Sunday, March 23, the Albany Institute of History & Art will host author Susan Gillotti for a lecture about her book *Women of Privilege: 100 Years of Love & Loss in a Family of the Hudson River Valley*. In her book, Gillotti recounts the story of three generations of the women at Grasmere, a country estate along the Hudson River in Rhinebeck. Gillotti's grandparents and great-grandparents were neighbors of the Vanderbilts, Delanos, and Roosevelts, and despite their wealth and patrician life style, suffered with issues of mental health and addictions. This event will take place at 2PM and is free with museum admission.

Susan Gillotti is a Jungian psychotherapist. She grew up in Washington, D.C., and lived in London for many years. She holds degrees from Vassar College and Lesley University, and has published articles in the *Journal of Sandplay Therapy*. Gillotti, the great-great-granddaughter of Sarah Minerva Schieffelin, used the resources left in her hands to trace the declines of her once-privileged ancestors of the great Hudson River Valley throughout the span of *Women of Privilege*. She lives in Norwich, Vermont, with her husband, A.F. Gillotti, who is also a novelist.

The lecture and book signing will be held at the Albany Institute of History & Art, located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York on Sunday, March 16 at 2PM. The museum is open Wednesday 10AM-5PM, Thursday 10AM-8PM*, Friday 10AM-5PM, Saturday 10AM-5PM, Sunday Noon-5PM. On Tuesdays, the museum is open to registered groups only. The museum is closed on Mondays and major holidays. Admission is free for Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6–12; FREE/children under 6. *The Institute is now open for FREE on

Thursdays from 5PM-8PM. For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

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