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## TIMESUNION.COM/TABLEHOPPING PRESENTS HUDSON VALLEY HOPS 2014

Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 4PM-7PM

ALBANY, NY— On Saturday, April 12 from 4PM-7PM, the TimesUnion.com/TableHopping and the Albany Institute of History & Art will host the third annual Hudson Valley Hops. This event is a celebration of the strong history of brewing in Albany and today's craft beer industry. Guests can sample the finest local craft beers, hear talks by beer historians and brewery experts, enjoy tasty food, and take home a commemorative glass. There will also be a special exhibition with artifacts that tell the history of brewing in Albany and the capital region. Historic photographs, advertisements, and packaging from local brewers will be on view for this event.

"Beer festivals are one thing, but Hudson Valley Hops is so much more than just a beer festival. The Albany Institute of History & Art does a great job of highlighting the history of brewing in and around Albany, while at the same time showcasing the area's best beer and breweries. Where else can you hoist a pint while looking at a one hundred year old brewing log? The Albany Ale Project couldn't be happier to support the Institute and Hudson Valley Hops," said Craig Gravina.

Other items on display will be an early twentieth-century Beverwyck Brewing Company Serving Tray (pictured below). Of special interest is the door from the Royal Orb Inn of Wetzlar, Germany, the building where the Schaefer family began brewing beer. Brothers Frederick and Maximillian Schaefer immigrated to the United States and began the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Company in 1842. Schaefer Brewing Company is just one of the region's breweries with items in the Albany Institute's collection.

The event costs \$25 for Albany Institute members and \$30 for general public. Participants must be 21 and over (IDs will be checked at the door). Reservations for Hudson Valley Hops 2014 can be made by calling (518) 463-4478 or online at [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org). Limited parking is available in the Albany Institute of History & Art's parking lot off of Elk Street.

Participating breweries include: Adirondack Brewery, Brewery Ommegang, Brown's Brewing Co., Chatham Brewing, C.H. Evans Brewing, Druthers, and Olde Saratoga Brewing Co.

Guest speakers include: Craig Gravina and Alan McLeod from the Albany Ale Project; Dietrich Gehring from Indian Ladder Farms; Roger Savoy from Homebrew Emporium; and Sam Filler from the Craft Beer Initiative at Empire State Development.

Additional sponsors include: Hilton Albany; Lion Heart Pub; Mazzone Hospitality; The Restaurants of the Desmond; Spectrum Theatres; Times Union; The Ginger Man; The Hollow; and Washington Tavern.



IMAGE: Beverwyck Brewing Company Serving Tray, printed and painted sheet iron, c. 1901-1910, Albany Institute of History & Art, Gift of Ivan C. and Marilyn Karp, 2005.18.6

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The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue, near the New York State Capitol. The museum is open Wednesday-Saturday 10AM-5PM, Thursdays until 8PM and 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 Albany Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. Admission is free on Thursday nights (5PM-8PM). For more information, visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) or call (518) 463-4478.

The Albany Institute's distinguished collections and acclaimed exhibitions comprise the definitive expression of the cultural, historical, and artistic heritage of Albany and the upper Hudson Valley. From its world-renowned Hudson River School collection, to the famous Albany Mummies, to the wide range of lectures, outstanding educational and family programming, and special events, this distinctive and engaging institution provides visitors of all ages and interests with a splendid museum experience. One of America's oldest museums, the Albany Institute of History & Art was founded in 1791, during the presidency of George Washington, making it older than the Louvre, the Smithsonian, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

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