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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHERS NANCY AND ANTON DE FLON FOR LECTURE & BOOK SIGNING

ALBANY, NY– On Sunday, April 27 the Albany Institute of History & Art will host regional photographers Nancy and Anton de Flon for a lecture and book signing about their book, *Historic Hudson Valley*. Explore the history, architecture, landscapes, and landmarks of the Hudson Valley and go on a stunning visual journey that includes some of the same pastoral scenes Hudson River School painters found so inspiring in the nineteenth century. This event will take place at 2PM and is free with museum admission.

Nancy de Flon is an award-winning photographer of editorial and fine-art scenic images, primarily in the Hudson Valley and Catskills, Rhode Island, the Adirondacks, and New Hampshire, as well as Sweden. Her photography strives to capture the beauty or the drama of a place, whether via a landscape or seascape, historical architecture, or the delicacy of the inside of a flower. Nany was studied with Jim Zuckerman, Rob Sheppard, William Neill, and other master photographers. Her artistic inspirations also include the 19th-century Hudson River artists, above all Thomas Cole and Asher Durand.

Anton de Flon is a largely self-taught photographer who was inspired at an early age to use photography to bring his experiences of nature home for others to see. His goal is to create photos that give a sense of place, communicate a sense of wonder about the natural world, and elicit an emotional response from the viewer. Anton enjoys portraying the mountain regions of the Northeast, especially the Catskills and Adirondacks and the White Mountains of New Hampshire.

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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. Thursday evenings (5PM-8PM) are now FREE at the Albany Institute! For more information and a listing of our upcoming events, please visit 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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