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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA FLOWER SHOW

May 21, 2014 and May 22, 2014

ALBANY, NY – The Fort Orange Garden Club invites guests of all ages to see “Fine Points”, a Garden Club of America Flower Show at the Albany Institute of History & Art on May 21 and May 22, 2014. The Fort Orange Garden Club, a member of the Garden Club of America, presents the two day event which will demonstrate the area’s finest talents in horticulture and floral design. There will be **free admission** to the museum and the flower show on Wednesday, May 21 from 3PM-5PM and Thursday, May 22 from 10AM-8PM.

The “Fine Points” Flower Show includes sections on floral design, botanical jewelry, horticulture, photography, as well as an educational exhibit and a conservation exhibit. The show will be exhibited in the public and gallery spaces of the Albany Institute, giving visitors the opportunity not only to observe the Fort Orange Garden Club members’ knowledge and expertise as they compete for recognition but also the opportunity to see the temporary and permanent collections presently on display at the museum.

The purpose of the Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening; to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence and publications; and to restore, improve and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement. A Garden Club of America Flower Show intends to set standards of artistic and

horticultural excellence; to broaden knowledge of horticulture, floral design, conservation and related disciplines; to share the beauty of a show with fellow club members and with the public. Some of the basic criteria used by Flower Show judges are to consider the quality and condition of the plant material; creativity and interpretation of the Class; construction and presentation of design.

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The Albany Institute of History & Art is located in downtown Albany at 125 Washington Avenue. There is limited parking available in the museum's parking lot and additional parking available on nearby streets. 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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