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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO OFFER FREE ADMISSION ON COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 12, 2015 from 10AM-5PM

ALBANY, NY- The Albany Institute of History & Art will offer FREE admission to the museum on Monday, October 12, 2015 from 10AM-5PM. This Holiday Monday free admission day is sponsored by M&T Bank.

Guests of all ages are invited to spend the day viewing our current temporary exhibitions, including the The Capital Region in 50 Objects and Seeing Double: The Anaglyphs of Eric Egas. Additional exhibitions include, Abraham

Lincoln: The Albany Connections (small library exhibition); Ancient Egypt; Traders and Culture: Colonial Albany and the Formation of American Identity; Nineteenth-Century American Sculpture: Erastus Dow Palmer and His Protégés Launt Thompson, Charles Calverley, and Richard Park; and A Gather of Glass: Selections from the Museum's Collection. A Gallery Talk, led by a museum docent, will start at 1PM and is also free. There is also an interactive education gallery offering hands-on activities for children of all ages.



The museum will also be hosting the third day of competition for its Lego® Building Challenge on Monday, October 12, 2015. People are invited to bring family, friends, and colleagues to work together to create sculptures that reflect this year's theme- Buildings, Bridges, and Boats. Teams from across the Capital Region will compete to win prizes. Building sessions are at 11AM and 2PM. The Lego® Building Challenge registration fee is \$5 per person and teams may have 1-4 people. (The Lego® Challenge is not included in the free admission day). Space is limited and pre-registration is required. Register online at www.albanyinstitute.org. Please note: basic building blocks will be supplied; however, contestants may also bring their own.

The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. 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 some holidays. Admission is free for Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors; \$8/students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. *We are now offering free admission on Thursdays from 5PM-8PM. For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

Founded in 1791, the Albany Institute of History & Art is New York's oldest museum. Its collections document the Hudson Valley as a crossroads of culture, influencing the art and history of the region, the state, and the nation. With more than 35,000 objects and one million documents in the library, it is an important resource for the region, giving our community a sense of the part the Hudson Valley played in the American story, and our own place in history. Permanent and temporary exhibitions are open year-round and create a sense of place, allowing visitors to meet the people who helped shape this region. Among the museum's best-known and most-loved collections are the 19th century Hudson River School landscape paintings by artists like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, the 19th century sculpture collections, and, of course, the famous Albany Mummies that came to the museum in 1909 and have been on view ever since. For more information, please visit www.albanyinstitute.org and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute) and Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute).

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