

# ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

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## NEWS

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## ALBANY INSTITUTE TO HOST MUMMY BIRTHDAY

Sunday, November 8, 2015 from 12–4:30PM

ALBANY, NY – The Albany Institute of History & Art invites families in the Capital Region to celebrate the 106<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Albany Institute’s mummies by coming to the museum for a day of fun! Families will sample delicious birthday treats, learn about the mummification process, and discover fascinating stories about Ancient Egypt. In addition, there will also be face painting! This event will take place on Sunday, November 8, 2015 from 12–4:30PM and is free with museum admission.



The museum’s Ancient Egyptian galleries will be staffed with knowledgeable docents– ready to answer questions and talk about the Albany Mummies. In addition, the Albany Institute encourages visitors to bring a stuffed animal or doll from home to learn about and experiment with the mummification process at a plaster “mummification station” in the art studio from 12-4:30PM. (Please note that participants should “dress for mess” and the mummification project is irreversible). From 1-3PM, visitors will have the opportunity to have their face painted by Tina Rodriguez and at 3PM Mary Murphy will tell tales of Ancient Egypt in a special storytelling program.

Throughout the event, guests are invited to enjoy specially-made Egyptian-themed cookies from Crisan Bakery & Edible Art Gallery located on Lark Street in Albany, New York.

This family program is free with museum admission. Admission is free for Albany Institute members; \$10/adults; \$8/seniors and students with ID; \$6/children 6-12; FREE/children under 6. The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in downtown Albany, New York. For more information on upcoming Family Programs, please visit [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) or call (518) 463-4478, ext. 405.

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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 19<sup>th</sup> century Hudson River School landscape paintings by artists like Thomas Cole and Frederic Church, the 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) and be sure to follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute](http://www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute)) and Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute).

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