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ALBANY INSTITUTE TO OFFER FREE ADMISSION ON VETERANS DAY

Friday, November 11, 2016 from 10AM—5PM



ALBANY, NEW YORK —The Albany Institute of History & Art will offer **free admission** to the museum on Friday, November 11, 2016 from 10AM—5PM. This free admission day is sponsored by M&T Bank.

Current exhibitions include The Art of Seating: 200 Years of American Design, Rock & Roll Icons: Photographs by Patrick Harbron, Spotlight: Alexander Hamilton, Hudson River School, Ancient Egypt, and Traders & Culture: Albany and the Formation of American Identity.

The Museum Shop and Crisan Café will also be open for guests to enjoy.

This week, a special **LEGO® Drum Kit** was installed in the museum's atrium. This life size sculpture was designed and built by Brian Melick in 2015 and includes over 8,000 bricks. It will be on view through the end of the year.

Friday is also the first day of the museum's **LEGO® Building Challenge**. There is a \$5 per person fee to participate in the contest which will have building sessions on Friday from 11:00am-1:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm, Saturday from 11:00am-1:00pm and 2:00pm-4:00pm, and Sunday from 1:00-3:00pm. This year's theme is rock and roll and ties to the museum's exhibition **Rock & Roll Icons: Photographs** by Patrick Harbron. Registration is required for this event. Please call (518) 463-4478 or visit www.albanyinstitute.org.

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The Albany Institute of History & Art is located at 125 Washington Avenue in Albany, New York. Free parking is available in the museum's lot at the corner of Elk and Dove Streets.

The exhibition galleries, Museum Shop, and the new Crisan Café at the Albany Institute are open Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday noon-5pm. In addition, the café and museum shop are open Tuesdays from 10am-5pm. The Research Library is open on Thursdays from 1pm-4:30pm and by appointment.

Current admission rates are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students with ID, \$6 for children aged 6-12, and free for children under 6. Albany Institute members are admitted for free. There is no charge to visit the café or museum shop. The museum offers free admission to the galleries on Thursdays from 5pm-8pm and on the First Fridays of the month from 5pm-8pm. In addition, in 2016 admission will be \$2.25 on Saturdays as part of the museum's 225 anniversary celebration. To learn about other discounts and free admission days, please refer to the Visit section of www.albanyinstitute.org.

For more information, visit www.albanyinstitute.org or call (518) 463-4478.

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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 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).