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FREE Presidents' Day at the Institute

The Albany Institute of History & Art will be open for FREE on February 18th, 2013 from 10am to 5pm.

Come celebrate Presidents' Day at the Albany Institute! Guests of all ages are welcome to spend the day viewing new exhibitions, *The Making of the Hudson River School: More than the Eye Beholds*; and the *Legacy of Currier and Ives: Shaping the American Spirit*, as well as the permanent exhibitions, *A Sense of Place, Traders & Culture*, and *Ancient Egypt*, and enjoy an interactive education gallery.

Visitors can also participate in winter-themed art activities and create unique hand-decorated snowflakes to take home or be displayed at the Institute. There will also be a reading corner where families can enjoy popular children's books courtesy of the Albany Public Library, perfect for children ages 6-12.

FREE admission and parking

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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 performances, lectures, and festivals, to its outstanding educational and family programming, 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. Visit www.albanyinstitute.org for more information, and be sure to follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/albanyinstitute).

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