

# ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

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## NEWS

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## AIHA ISSUES CALL TO COMMUNITY TO HELP PLAN 2013 EGYPT EXHIBITION

ALBANY, NY— In preparation for the upcoming 2013 exhibition *GE Presents: The Mystery of the Albany Mummies*, the Albany Institute of History & Art has issued a call for input from the community. The museum has partnered with local libraries in order to determine more what people want to learn about mummies and ancient Egypt. Taking place in April and May, these informational feedback sessions are **FREE to attend**.

The Albany Institute will send staff to eleven Capital Region libraries and will host three presentations at the Albany Institute of History & Art. The presentations will feature images of objects that will be included in the exhibition. Afterwards, the audience will be asked for feedback on what they would like to see on display as part of the exhibition. Each program attendee will receive a **FREE admission pass** to the Albany Institute, valid through December 2013. The schedule is as follows:

**THURSDAY, APRIL 12 at 2 PM** ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13 at 2 PM** SCHENECTADY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13 at 6 PM** ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14 at 10 AM** TROY PUBLIC LIBRARY

**SATURDAY, APRIL 14 at 1 PM** LANSINGBURGH BRANCH, TROY LIBRARY

**THURSDAY, MAY 3 at 4 PM** ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY, DELAWARE AVE BRANCH

**THURSDAY, MAY 3 at 6:30 PM** WILLIAM K. SANFORD TOWN LIBRARY- COLONIE

**FRIDAY, MAY 4 at 6 PM** ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART (**For AIHA Members**)

**SATURDAY, MAY 5 at 10 AM** ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART (**For AIHA Members**)

**SATURDAY, MAY 5 at 2 PM** BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

**THURSDAY, MAY 17 at 3:30 PM** ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY PINE HILLS BRANCH

**THURSDAY, MAY 17 at 7 PM** EAST GREENBUSH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**FRIDAY, MAY 18 at 10:30 AM** SARATOGA SPRINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY

**FRIDAY, MAY 18 at 4 PM** SAUGERTIES PUBLIC LIBRARY

Due to limited space, registration will be required for those attending the sessions at the Albany Institute of History & Art. Individuals can sign up online at [www.albanyinstitute.org](http://www.albanyinstitute.org). This program is offered to the libraries without charge supported by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library services as well as the major support from GE.

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*Related Programming:*

**ANCIENT EGYPT**

ONGOING

Three key concepts: "The Nile," "Daily Life," and "The Afterlife," are explored through objects, text, and hands-on activities to give an overview of ancient Egypt. This gallery features the Albany Institute's mummies, along with loan objects from major national museums. *Egyptian Gallery*

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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](http://www.albanyinstitute.org) for more information, and be sure to follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute](http://www.facebook.com/albanyinstitute)) and Twitter ([www.twitter.com/albanyinstitute](http://www.twitter.com/albanyinstitute)).

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