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ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART TO PARTICIPATE IN MUSEUM DAY

Museum Day is September 22, 2018 and is organized by Smithsonian Magazine

ALBANY, NEW YORK— Museum Day is an annual nationwide event hosted by Smithsonian Magazine in which participating museums across the country open their doors for free to anyone presenting a Museum Day ticket. The Museum Day downloaded ticket provides free admission for two people on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The Albany Institute of History & Art is one of the participating museums in this year's event.

In addition to the current exhibitions *A Menagerie of Whimsey: The Art of William B. Schade, Birds and Beasts: The Scary, Magical, and Adorable Animals of the Albany Institute, Thomas Cole's Paper Trail, The Hudson River School: Landscape Paintings from the Albany Institute*, and more, the Albany Institute of History & Art is hosting **Family Fun Day at the Moo-seum** on Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 10AM-4:30PM. Activities include storytelling, facepainting, sing-a-longs, art making, and more. This event is included with museum admission. Attendees can take advantage of the Museum Day downloadable ticket and use a ticket for free admission for two on September 22, 2018.

To learn more, please visit <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday/museum-day-2018/>.

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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 museum is open Wednesday 10am-5pm, Thursday 10am-8pm, Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday noon-5pm. The Museum Café and Museum Shop are also open Wednesday- Sunday and the hours are available on our website. 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

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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. To learn about other discounts and free admission days, please refer to the Visit section of www.albanyinstitute.org

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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 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), Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute), and Instagram ([albanyinstitute](https://www.instagram.com/albanyinstitute)).

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