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ALBANY INSTITUTE OF HISTORY & ART TO HOST REGIONAL CRAFT BEER EVENT

The 7th Annual Hudson Valley Hops event will be on Saturday, May 19, 2018

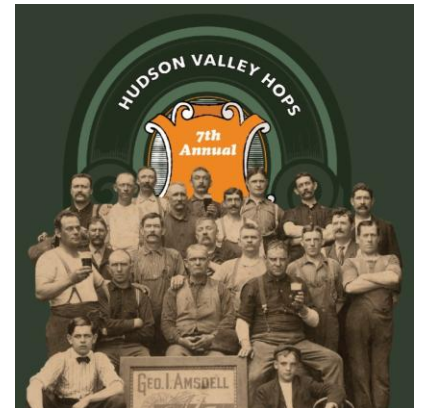
ALBANY, NEW YORK — On Saturday, May 19, 2018 from 4PM—7PM, the Albany Institute of History & Art will host the seventh annual Hudson Valley Hops, a regional craft beer tasting. Located in downtown Albany, it's an opportunity for the community to sample the flavors of Capital Region craft brewers, see brewing and distilling artifacts from the Albany Institute's collection, meet industry experts, and receive a commemorative glass. This year, the fundraiser will feature a session beer invitational contest and more.

"We're excited to partner with regional brewers to host this popular event once again," says Albany Institute of History & Art Executive Director Tammis Groft. "Each year we are able to explore a different part of the Capital Region's rich beer history while at the same time experiencing new trends in the brewing industry. That's what makes Hudson Valley Hops so fun!"

Great local flavors will come from current producers. **Participating brewers** this year include the Beer Diviner, Brown's Brewing, Chatham Brewing, C. H. Evans Brewing, Davidson Brothers, Fort Orange Brewing, Green Wolf Brewing Company, Northway Brewing Company, Rare Form Brewing, S & S Brewery, and Shmaltz Brewing Company.

Hudson Valley Hops 2018 will feature a one-time blind taste test featuring session beers from craft brewers in the Hudson Valley, hosted by Steve Barnes of Times Union Table Hopping, with Jess Briganti, Weekday AM Weather Anchor for News10 ABC; Spectrum News/AlbanyArchives' Matt Malette; and Deanna Fox, local food writer as judges. Members of the public will be able to participate in choosing the People's Choice Award.

"Under one roof for three hours, attendees will be able to drink and compare some of the finest brews turned out by amazingly talented local brewers. I salute the Albany Institute for promoting session-able beers and following what appears to be a national trend," says Bill Newman, who has been an integral part of planning Hudson Valley Hops, and is one of America's earliest pioneer craft beer makers who operated a small brewery in Albany in the 1980's.



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Attendees will hear from David Mulholland, whose family helped shape brewing history in Troy as Stoll's Brewing, during a **program** called *Brewing Beer in a Melting Pot*. Also available this year is a new **specialty pint glass** featuring an historic brewing label from the Albany Institute's collection. It is the fourth in a set that is available for purchase in the Museum Shop.

Tickets are available online at www.albanyinstitute.org, or at the door. Cost in advance is \$35 non-members/ \$30 members. Cost at the door is \$40 non-members/ \$35 members.

The Albany Institute would like to thank American Home and Bath, Morgan Linen, and Yelp Albany for their support of this event.



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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 Museum 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. To learn about 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), Twitter (@AlbanyInstitute), and Instagram (albanyinstitute).