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ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART TO HOST TEA PARTY FOR KIDS AND DOLLS

American Girl Winter Tea Party is 2-4 pm on Saturday, Jan 18

[For Release Jan 10, 2020 – Albany, GA] — The social event of the season for kids is coming **Saturday, Jan 18, 2020** when the Albany Museum of Art hosts an *American Girl Winter Tea Party*.

"We all enjoyed pretend tea parties with our dolls when we were growing up," Annie Vanoteghem, director of education and public programming for the AMA, said. "I think this real-life tea party will be a special event that your child will remember fondly for years to come."

Set for **2-4 pm**, the event is "a tea party for girls, boys, their dolls and even stuffed animals," Vanoteghem said. "We're calling it an 'American Girl' tea party, but any girl or boy is welcome to come and to bring their best friend, whether it's a doll or a teddy bear."

Kids can dress up for the tea party, but it's not required. "They can dress however they choose," she said. "We will have some doll clothes on hand, so they'll have the opportunity to play dress-up with their dolls."

Tea will be served in teacups and children will have treats to go with it.

"The kids will have the opportunity to enjoy time with their friends and make new friends as they play with their dolls in a happy, safe environment," Vanoteghem said. "It's going to be a lot of fun and a friendly, playful atmosphere."

The creativity of play will be augmented with fun projects tailored for the event.

"The kids will be able to create accessories like bracelets not only for themselves, but for their dolls," Vanoteghem said. "We'll also have other engaging projects and crafts for them to enjoy."

The cost to attend is \$15 for AMA members and \$20 for future members.

“Of course, it’s free for dolls and parents,” Vanoteghem said. “Parents can drop-off their child if they like, or they can stay for part or all of the tea party.”

Space is limited. To register a child, contact Vanoteghem at **229.439.8400** or email **annie.vanoteghem@albanymuseum.com**.

CURRENT AMA EXHIBITIONS

- *Origami Variations*, works by Gloria Garfinkel, is in the Haley Gallery through Feb 8, 2020.
- *Looking at America and Painting How I Want, What I Want and How I See It*, works by Dean Mitchell, is in the East Gallery through March 28, 2020.
- *Do Not Hand Me Over to the Impure Whiteness of Noon: A Hemings Elegy*, works by Yanique Norman, is in the West Gallery through March 28, 2020.

ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

The Albany Museum of Art is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive in Albany, Georgia, adjacent to Albany State University West Campus just off Gillionville Road. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums. The Albany Museum of Art is open 10 am through 5 pm Tuesdays through Fridays and noon until 5 pm on Saturdays. Admission is free.

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