



ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

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### **FAMILY DAY AT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART IS SATURDAY FEB 5**

A Special Project for Kids Will Be Creating Valentines for Assisted Care Residents

**[For Release Jan 28, 2022 – Albany, GA]** — With Valentine’s Day just a few days away, families can enjoy art and activities together on **Saturday, Feb 5** when *Family Day* returns to the Albany Museum of Art. Kids who attend will have an opportunity to create Valentine cards for some special recipients.

“One of the projects kids can participate in will be making Valentine’s Day cards for members of the community who are in assisted care residences,” AMA Director of Education and Public Programming Annie Vanoteghem said. “It’s a great way for the kiddos to brighten up someone’s day!”

The Albany Recreation & Parks Department, as it has since 2009, is again partnering with the AMA on the event. The free event is **10 am-1 pm** at the museum, which is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive adjacent to the Albany State University West Campus.

“We always appreciate our partners at Recreation and Parks,” Vanoteghem said. “They are marvelous partners who have been instrumental in bringing these fun biannual events to families in the community.”

In addition to creating the special Valentines, family friendly activities will include art projects, crafts, outdoor fun and scavenger hunts in the AMA exhibition galleries.

“Everything’s open,” Vanoteghem said. “We want everyone to come in and just have a really great time. And while they’re here, we encourage families to walk through and enjoy our exhibitions.”

Recently exhibitions include *The Way of Life*, works by Southwest Georgia artist Ray Pierotti; *Prismatic*, a multimedia installation by Statesboro artist Melissa Huang, and *Ordo naturalis*, mixed media works by Atlanta artist Eric Mack. Visitors also can see for the first time since the January 2017 storms part of the AMA’s extensive African art collection on display in *African Artifacts of Spirituality and Identity*.

“Family Day is a good time to remind everyone that the AMA is open Saturdays and we always have free admission,” Vanoteghem said. “Families also can enjoy visiting the unusual characters that inhabit

*Escape Plan*, Elinor Saragoussi's exhibition that is popular with kids. That gallery leads to AMAzing Space, where kids can build things with our big blue blocks, play and engage in other fun activities. We also have a small library in AMAzing Space, so parents are free to read while their children enjoy themselves."

## AMA EXHIBITIONS

- *The Way of Life, Works by Ray Pierotti* is in the Haley Gallery Jan 20 -April 23, 2022.
- *Prismatic, Works by Melissa Huang* is in the East Gallery Jan 20 -April 23, 2022.
- *Ordo naturalis, Works by Eric Mack* is in the McCormack Gallery Jan 20 -April 23, 2022.
- *African Artifacts of Spirituality and Identity* is in the Hodges Gallery Jan 20 -April 23, 2022.
- *Escape Plan*, installation by Elinor Saragoussi, is in the West Gallery.

## ABOUT THE ALBANY MUSEUM OF ART

The Albany Museum of Art is located at 311 Meadowlark Drive in Albany, Ga., 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 to the public 10 am-5 pm Tuesdays through Saturdays. Admission is free.

For more information about the AMA please visit our website, [www.albanymuseum.com](http://www.albanymuseum.com) or call 229.439.8400. Be sure to follow the @AlbanyArtMuseum on Twitter, AlbanyMuseum on Instagram and AlbanyMuseumOfArt on Facebook.

## CAPTION INFORMATION

A young artist works on an art project in July 2021 at Family Day at the Albany Museum of Art. The Albany Recreation & Parks Department is partnering with the AMA to bring Family Day to the museum again on 10 am-1 pm on Saturday, Feb 5. The event, which features art projects, crafts, Valentine's card creation, games, activities and gallery scavenger hunts is free and open to everyone. (Photo: Albany Museum of Art/Jim Hendricks)

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