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SPACE IS SELLING OUT QUICKLY FOR AMA *WINE & DESIGN: MONET*

Albany Museum of Art Painting Party Is Set for Thursday Evening, Aug 11

[For Release June 16, 2022 – Albany, GA] — Space is selling quickly for the Albany Museum of Art's second *Wine & Design* acrylic painting workshop, set for **5:30-7:30 pm** on **Thursday evening, Aug 11.**

"Demand is already high for *Wine & Design: Monet*, in which participants will give their interpretations of a Claude Monet painting of water lilies," Annie Vanoteghem, AMA director of education and public programming, said. "Our first *Wine & Design Paint Party* sold out in March, and we expect this one will too."

The *Wine & Design* series debuted with a celebration of the birthday of Vincent van Gogh. Participants re-created one of his sunflower paintings.

The Aug 11 session will focus on the Impressionist work of Monet. Participants 21 and older will be guided on how to create the painting in a relaxed setting with background music. Snacks, wine, and soft drinks will be served, and participants are free to bring a favorite beverage or snack as well.

"Re-creating a famous painting while enjoying a glass of wine and good company is proving to be a popular way to spend an enjoyable evening," Vanoteghem said. "You can paint solo, bring a friend, or make it a date night. You might make some new friends during the evening. Everyone is welcome!"

The workshop is designed for all levels of skills, she said. "Even if you have never picked up a paintbrush before, you will go home with an original work of art that you will be proud of," Vanoteghem said. "There is no pressure, just an evening of contagious creativity!"

Monet (1840-1926) was a French painter who founded Impressionism, which was named for his 1872 painting *Impression, soleil levant (Impression, Sunrise)*. Impressionism, originally a sarcastic label coined by a critic of the 19th-century art movement that violated the rules of academic painting, is characterized by small, thin, visible brush strokes with an open composition that emphasizes an accurate depiction of light. Impressionist painters emphasized the changing qualities of light as they

captured realistic scenes of modern life, often painted outdoors, with works in which freely brushed colors and open composition took precedence over lines and contours.

While the movement first met resistance from the art community, that hostility gave way to the view that Impressionist painters had created a fresh, original visual art that steadily gained popularity with the public.

Registration for *Wine & Design: Monet* is \$25 for Albany Museum of Art members or \$30 for non-members. A secure online registration link may be found at **www.albanymuseum.com/wine-and-design**.

AMA EXHIBITIONS

- *Homecoming*, which features works from the Albany Museum of Art Permanent Collection, is in all galleries May 12-Aug 13, 2022.

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.

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