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Press Release

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## **Arkell Museum Celebrates First Anniversary with Pirate Party – Come in Costume for Games, Contests, Food and Shopping, Matey!**

CANAJOHARIE—The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie announces its first anniversary party scheduled for Saturday, September 20 from 12:30 to 5pm, with a full slate of activities inspired by the pirate illustrations of N.C. Wyeth. Several of Wyeth's well-known children's book illustrations are on view through September 21 in the Arkell's temporary exhibition *Wyeth Family Paintings from the Farnsworth Museum*.

Acclaimed storyteller Jonathan Kruk will be "Pirate in Residence" for the day. He has created "Wyeth's Pirates: Tales of Adventure" especially for the Arkell's first anniversary and will perform at 1pm and 3:30pm. Kruk headlined the Arkell's grand opening last year with "Tales of Canajoharie."

A pirate costume contest will be held at 2pm, with adult and children's categories; Kruk will serve as judge. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their finest pirate attire and prizes will be awarded to those in costume.

Local musician Roland Vinyard will perform traditional songs of the sea using a variety of stringed instruments from 1pm to 2:30pm.

Satisfy your belly with hot dogs grilled by local Cub Scout Pack #81 and indulge your sweet tooth with a slice of Arkell Museum birthday cake by Amsterdam's Crowning Touch. Shop the Canajoharie Farmers Market's Autumn Harvest Festival to stock up on fresh produce and baked goods, pay your regards to the fuzzy alpacas, and enjoy candy give-aways by Richardson's Candy Company from its vintage truck.

Families can enjoy lawn games such as volleyball and bean bag toss on the Arkell's lawn, create a pirate hat and shoulder-resting parrot in a hands-on craft activity, and partake in the Museum and Library's treasure hunt to win prizes!

Stop in the Canajoharie Library's autumn used book sale for thousands of selections in paperback and hardcover, as well as VHS tapes and DVDs.

The Arkell Museum's First Anniversary Party events are free and open to the public thanks to funding from the New York State Council on the Arts.

For more information on this or other programs at the Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library, please call (518) 673-2314 or visit [www.arkellmuseum.org](http://www.arkellmuseum.org). The Arkell Museum is located at 2 Erie Boulevard, Canajoharie, NY 13317.

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