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## **Arkell Museum Hosts Catskill Puppet Theater November 11**

CANAJOHARIE, NY—The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie announces its Catskill Puppet Theater Family Discovery Day on Sunday, November 11 from 1 to 4pm.

“The Catskill Puppet Theater is undoubtedly one of the best family acts in the region,” said Andy Albertson, Curator of Education & Public Programs. “Their performances are world class.”

Albertson said Family Discovery Days will be scheduled for the second Sunday of each month at least through the end of 2007 during the museum’s regular operating hours.

From 1 to 3pm, visitors are invited to create their own puppets in one of two age-appropriate workshops. “For the older kids, we’ll have a sock puppet workshop,” said Albertson. “And for the younger set we’ll have a puppet activity that they, too, can participate in.”

At 3pm, the Catskill Puppet Theater will present its renowned production of Hiawatha using “full sets, exquisitely crafted puppets and accompanied by Native American flute and drum,” said John Potocnik of the Catskill Puppet Theater. “This enchanting play is based on the life of the great Iroquois hero, Hiawatha.”

October’s Family Day featured Tom Hanford’s Chimneyside Tales. The December event will be a holiday celebration with music and ornament workshops for families, as well as hand-selected high-quality art and craft vendors, a library book sale and a bake sale by the Palatine Literary Society. It is scheduled for December 9 from noon to 5pm.

Arkell Museum Family Discovery Days are free with museum admission which is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens; children 11 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Admission is always free to local library patrons and museum members.

The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie just completed a major addition which features new galleries, a classroom and program spaces. The exhibitions include paintings by Winslow Homer, American Impressionists, and The Eight. Mohawk Valley history and Beech-Nut Packaging Company advertising are also featured in exhibitions. The museum presents temporary and permanent exhibitions, concerts, films, family activities, and school programs. The Arkell Museum is open Monday-Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm, Saturday–Sunday 12:30 -5:00 pm. For information call 518-673-2314 or visit [www.arkellmuseum.org](http://www.arkellmuseum.org)