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## **Arkell Museum and Canajoharie Library Plan First Holiday Art & Craft Fair**

The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie and the Canajoharie Library announces its first Holiday Art & Craft Fair slated for Sunday, December 9 from noon to 5pm.

The fair will showcase approximately a dozen craftspeople and will also feature a library used book sale, a baked goods sale, seasonal music and traditional ornament workshops for families.

“We are thrilled to provide this opportunity to the community to view and purchase high quality crafts from local vendors,” said Andy Albertson, Curator of Education and Public Programs at the Arkell Museum. “We have specially selected all the craftsmen in the hopes of providing a variety of goods ranging from dolls to all-natural foods to wool products.”

Selected artisans will demonstrate their craft, according to Leah LaFera, the Librarian at the Canajoharie Library. “Attendees can expect to see candle dipping, spinning, doll making, quilting, rug hooking, and other heritage arts,” said LaFera. “In addition to celebrating the holiday season we’re hoping to entertain and educate participants.”

In addition to the arts and crafts sale and demonstrations, the Canajoharie Library will hold its first book sale since the June 2006 flood. “We’ll have a good selection of movies, popular fiction titles and children’s books, among many other genres,” said LaFera. “And all our offerings are affordably priced.”

Families are invited to create their own seasonal ornaments during the event at a holiday workshop.

“Since this is the second Sunday of the month, which is when we hold our Family Discovery Days, we’ll have traditional ornament workshops for families,” said Albertson. “Our emphasis is on using natural materials such as bay leaves, dried thistles and berries to provide a more historically-based activity.”

Admission to the Arkell Museum Holiday Fair is free with a suggested \$2 donation at the door.

For more information on participating vendors or to volunteer for the event, please contact Albertson or LaFera at (518) 673-2314.