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## Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center Hosts "Food for Thought - Imagery Inspired by Food" Exhibit

New art exhibit is a feast for the eyes

**Albany, NY –** The Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center is proud to host a new exhibit, "Food for Thought - Imagery Inspired by Food," featuring a variety of work from the talented students of the Living Resources Arts Program.

"Food for Thought" is composed of artwork in a myriad of mediums that will get your taste buds buzzing. Inspired by food, the work on display varies from colorful still life paintings to mouth-watering artistic pieces of delicious bites. The food-inspired art exhibit is a feast for the eyes!

"We hope that this exhibit will give viewers some food for thought," says instructor/artist Rebecca Peters, Instructor/Artist at Living Resources. "We hope that viewers will gain some perspective about the artistic abilities of people with disabilities and enjoy the artwork completed by our students."

Living Resources is dedicated to providing life-enhancing services to people with disabilities. The <u>Living Resources Arts Program</u> has been providing quality art instruction to artists with developmental disabilities and acquired brain injuries since its inception. Creative teens and adults are exposed to a variety of artistic disciplines weekly, ranging from jewelry making to the graphic arts, at one of three studio locations in Albany, Schenectady, and Malta. The Arts Program has been highly recognized not only in the Capital District, but nationally as well, and students continue to win awards at numerous art shows.

The art exhibit aligns with Discover Albany's <u>"Tastes and Traditions"</u> theme, a year of programming focused on all things food. Throughout 2018, Albany visitors can enjoy unique events, talks, demonstrations, and exhibits celebrate Albany's culinary accomplishments.

"Food for Thought - Imagery Inspired by Food" will be on display at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center, located at 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany, from July 7 – August 29. Opening reception will be held on Saturday, July 28 from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## **ABOUT Discover Albany**

The Albany County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. was established in 1976 to promote the civic and commercial progress of the community through increased development of conventions and tourism. Today, the organization is known as Discover Albany. Discover Albany currently represents more than 300 member businesses and assists each year in hundreds of



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