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Arkell Museum Seeks Contemporary Views of the Mohawk Valley

Canajoharie, NY—The Arkell Museum at Canajoharie asks people to submit their images of the Mohawk Valley that match or are similar to views on display in the new museum's Great Hall. The theme is the Mohawk Valley and the museum wants to display works by both amateur and professional photographers who are interested in locating lost or preserved buildings and landscape views.

People interested in submitting their images should visit the Arkell Museum and look at the illustrations of farms, homes and businesses illustrated in the Great Hall. All of the images on display came from the History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties, NY published by F. W. Beers & Co. in 1878. The prints that illustrate the History of Montgomery and Fulton Counties were made from original sketches by a variety of artists whose names were not recorded. The styles and skills of these artists differ, but the images of the Mohawk Valley landscape are all domesticated and idealized views. The landscape depicted in these images can still be found along the Mohawk River and the roads that link area towns and villages.

People are invited to pick up a packet that includes all of the 19th century Mohawk Valley views in the display, as well as instructions and an entry form for submission. All photographs and entry forms must arrive at the museum on or before November 15, 2007 to be considered for display at the museum. It will not be possible to return photographs submitted for consideration. Works accepted for exhibition will be placed on display in December and anyone who is selected will receive free membership with all its benefits for a year. For more information please visit the museum or call Andy Albertson, education curator, at 518-673-2314 ext. 109.