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Find out some of the latest discoveries about artist Thomas Cole!

Cole Fellow Presentations

Friday October 28, 5pm

On Friday October 28 at 5pm the 2016 Cole Fellows will present their latest research about Thomas Cole and the site where he made his home and work. This event will be held in the Visitor Center at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site at 218 Spring Street, Catskill, NY. A reception will follow.

Admission is free.



In 2016 the Thomas Cole National Historic Site selected four Fellows to join us and participate in the research and interpretation of the work, home, and studio of Thomas Cole. Designed for exceptional graduating or recently graduated college seniors, the Cole Fellows program provides an opportunity to conduct significant research and to gain professional museum experience through a combination of research, interpretation, and hands-on projects.

This year's fellows are dynamic, intelligent, and energized. They have been quite busy —welcoming hundreds of visitors and students, launching a video series, leading educational workshops, working with audiences to conduct a site-wide evaluation, expanding the Hudson River School Art Trail, and planning the restoration of the historic interiors and new immersive tour experience for 2017.

The presentations are:

LEILA FARRER / *All Time is Now: Developing Audience Engagement Through Exhibitions and New Media*

KATHLEEN BROUSSEAU / *Empowering Children: The Historical and Cultural Legacy of Thomas Cole and Catskill*

CASEY MONROE / *"Nature is a sovereign remedy": Expanding the Hudson River School Art Trail*

CLAIRE POHL / *Design, Interaction, and the Visitor Experience at the Thomas Cole National Historic Site*

THOMAS COLE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

More about the Cole Fellowship Program: The Cole Fellows program runs from June – November each season, and requires a full time commitment. Applications for 2017 will be accepted this winter. To learn more visit: www.thomascole.org/internships/

About the Thomas Cole National Historic Site: The Thomas Cole National Historic Site preserves and interprets the home and studios of Thomas Cole, the founder of the Hudson River School of painting, the nation's first art movement. Cole's profound influence on America's cultural landscape inspires us to engage broad audiences through educational programs that are relevant today. The Thomas Cole Historic House is an independent non-profit organization and an affiliate of the National Park Service.

Visit: Thomas Cole's home, studios, special exhibitions, and grounds are open May – October, Tuesday – Sunday 9:30 to 5pm. For details see: www.thomascole.org.

DIRECTIONS: The Thomas Cole Historic Site is located in the scenic Hudson River Valley, at 218 Spring Street in Catskill, New York. Located near the western entrance to the Rip Van Winkle Bridge, with easy access from the New York State Thruway exit 21 or Amtrak train service in Hudson, detailed directions and more information can be found at www.thomascole.org or call **518-943-7465**.