



Fingerprints

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Int'l Halls Fame, Boo Bash, Gala, Festival of Trees, Holiday Main



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Saturday Oct. 11th, from 10:30am to 12:00pm, our 5th Annual Int'l Halls of Fame: Bicycling, Rowing, Canoeing, Kayaking Induction Ceremony takes place on our 3rd floor. Inductees are: Olympian Jen Kaido; Dr. Leroy & Jan Cooley; world kayaker Nigel Foster, Ward Daley; Dr. Michael Fries, Clete McLaughlin. Visitors may get autographs after! Bios on our website.

Saturday, November 1st, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, our Annual Halloween Boo Bash will take place in the museum. Featured will be treat stations; costume fun, washable tattoos, & our Haunted Hall!

Saturday, November 29th will be our Annual Holiday on Main Street, with Santa & Mrs. Claus, Kindermusik for kids, Juggler lessons, live holiday music; balloon making & face painting.

Admission for these events (& to all four floors) is: \$9. for adults; \$8. seniors; \$7. children 2 to 17; members and children under 2 free.

Circle of Champions: Helping Fund Children's Museum's Future Vision. Friday, November 21st, 2008 we'll kick off our Annual Anniversary Gala & Festival of Trees with a VIP sponsor reception,

followed from 6:30 to 10:30pm by our Gala/Festival of Trees for the evening's attendees.

Our beautiful historic building, transformed into a holiday wonderland, will be adorned with uniquely designed & decorated trees, holiday gift baskets, wreaths, & centerpieces, all available during the silent auction! \$45 pp donation includes cocktails/hors d'oeuvres.

Saturday, November 22nd, the Festival will be open to visitors to view the Holiday Wonderland, bid on items left, & visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus. More info on website.



~ Honor the Past & Pave the

Our beautiful commemorative brick sidewalk, opened on July 25th with our founders present!

In addition to those who purchased bricks, the following deserve special recognition for helping make this happen: NYS Senator Joe Griffo

and Roger Sinnott.

Purchase an engraved brick to add to the paved front, which continues the beautification & renovation of our historic building, and supports our community treasure. Only \$75., each brick holds 3 lines, 14 characters a line. Forms are available in the



museum or on our website.

L. to R.: Director Brown, Les Kernan (Mackie's husband), Alice

VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your kids, family, your group to the only Children's Museum in Central NY. Help make a difference in your community by becoming part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after you're gone! Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



**~ Director's Report: New Pricing Structure * Request to City/County *
 Boo Bash * Anniversary Gala/Festival of Trees * Holiday on Main Street ~**

Admission Prices We've instituted a new pricing structure, as follows: \$9. for adults; \$8. for seniors; \$7. for children 2 to 17; free for members and children younger than two yrs of age. In order to do this, we're closing a bit earlier.

Request - Original founders never expected the museum would grow the way it has. We've never received any funding from the city or county for operations, but with our Board's recommendation, we have requested

this. In exchange, we'll provide special lowered admission for city & county residents. Our Circle of Champions asks our community to help Fund our Future Vision.

Future: Sat., Nov. 1st (10a-2p) Halloween Boo Bash; Fri. night, **Nov. 21st** (6-10p) Gala/Festival of Trees; Sat., **Nov. 22nd**, Family Festival viewing (10a-4p) Sat., Nov. 29th Holiday on Main St.

We're proud of our 1,000's of

interactive exhibits, in 60 pavilions, creating an educationally enjoyable experience for all who visit. *Check exhibits page to read a neat blog on CM.*

NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered Pre-K, Day-care, Schools & Scouts. Groups book field trips, families enjoy outings & bdays, tourists enjoy exhibits. Bag lunches can be eaten in our kitchen. **Come on in!**



Want to Help us w/a CM History Book?

We frequently hear from/about people who have been involved over the 45 + years of our Children's Museum existence, and often get asked why we don't have a book on our history.

So we're going to begin one & need your help! Please call or email Director Marlene Brown with any information you may have about the formation/growth of the museum, exhibits, and/or people involved.



There's Always a Rainbow at CM!

Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. CNY's only Children's Museum, one of the oldest in the country -a safe, fun, learning environment -is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all of us can be proud of & utilize to its highest capacity. We continue renovations and new exhibits. What better place to bring * youngsters on a field trip *

Children's Museum Board

Dan Trevisani, Joe Ruggiero, Arthur Rapp Jr., Mark Crever, John Stephenson, Cisco Piersma, Joanne Palumbo-Mozloom; Michael Pilawa, CPA Vin Gilroy
Museum Executive Director:
 Marlene B. Brown



Museum Staff: Sarah Babcock, April Hance, Steve Quakenbush.
Volunteer: Exhibits Manager, Earl Lewis. *More info on web.*

CM Heroes Serve our Children: Corp Sponsors; Donors; Volunteers; Wish List

We welcome volunteers. There's no greater reward than helping the children. **How?** You can assist with scheduled activities, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum shipshape, or help by donating to **Our wish list:** toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, educational items of value.

These will give you a renewed

sense of pride as we continue to serve. We value your support.

A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. Levels of corporate sponsors are: a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, a \$10,000 Oviraptor, and \$25,000 T-Rex.

Our Fund the Vision Campaign

is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes* (check back page). Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services.

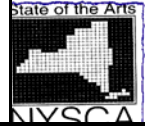
Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website & join them!



Oct./Nov. '08 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

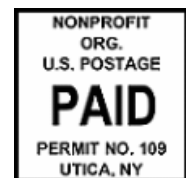
Made possible with funds from NYS Council on the Arts and the many sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs & Exhibits.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
							9-20 Legos/ Space Science
9-21 <i>Closed</i>	9-22 Crafty Creations	9-23 <i>Closed</i> <i>for renovations</i>	9-24 <i>Closed</i>	9-25 Musical Mayhem	9-26 <i>Closed for</i> <i>renovations</i>	9-27 Trains/ Legos / Radio DJ	
9-28 <i>Closed</i>	9-29 Crafty Creations	9-30 Cute Critters	10-1 <i>Closed</i>	10-2 Musical Mayhem	10-3 Puppet Theatre	10-4 Trains/ Legos / Radio DJ	
10-5 <i>Closed</i>	10-6 Crafty Creations	10-7 Cute Critters	10-8 <i>Closed</i>	10-9 Musical Mayhem	10-10 Puppet Theatre	10-11 Trains/ Legos / Radio DJ	
10-12 <i>Closed</i>	10-13 Crafty Creations	10-14 Cute Critters	10-15 <i>Closed</i>	10-16 Musical Mayhem	10-17 Puppet Theatre	10-18 Trains/ Legos / Radio DJ	
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Visit the Children's Museum! Check our website, call 315-724-6129, come in! Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Micro Room, Trains; *2nd floor* - Musical Stage, Iroquois Longhouse, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Animals/Insects, Legos, Arts/Crafts, Weather & Radio Rms, Halls Fame; *4th floor* - Airplanes, Fire/Police, NASA/Office Science * Oct. Boo Bash; Nov. Gala & Festival Trees; Holiday on Main Street

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Normal Hours: Open Mon., Tues.,
Thurs., Fri. 9:45am-3:30pm; Sat.
10:00am-3:45pm; Closed Wed. Sun.
& some holidays. Check online
calendar. Admission: \$9.00 adults;
\$8.00 seniors; \$7.00 children 2-17;
Members & children under 2 Free



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* Be a sponsor, member, volunteer
* Purchase from our Gift Shop

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- ☉ Calendar of Events & Special Dates
- ☉ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters



CM's Heroes & Heroines: they continue to make a difference.

- * NYS Senator Joe Griffo * NASA * Community Foundation * Judge Anthony Garramone * Roger Sinnott
- * Congressman Mike Arcuri * Mayor Dave Roefaro * Mark/Melissa Crever * Roma Welsh * Dan Trevisani
- * Pratt Whitney HMI Metal Powders * Prevalare Life Science * Sherwood Boehlert * Joanne P. Mozloom
- * Princeton Lab * Utica Fire/Police Depts * Mike Pilawa * Bill Morehouse * Tim Perry * John Stephenson
- * Met Life Foundation * RigAll: Patty & Rusty Williams * Bank of Utica * Fountainhead Group *
- * Dr. Nancy Shaheen * M & R Heating * Burns Agency * Ted/Melva Max * Kurt Wiehenstroer * Indium
- * MVCC Ric Riccardo * Office Science * Partners Trust * Con Med * Mohawk Valley Astronomy Society
- * Marshall & Glenn Space Centers * Rocketdyne * K&K Trains * Ted Kibiuk * Bob Malara * Vin Gilroy Jr.
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- * Madonia Electric * The Junior League * Col. & Mrs. Kurt Hoch * NYSERDA * Dr. Rosinski * Ray Meier
- * Zangrilli Engineering * Drs. Anthony Furino/John Hamlin * Ed Waskiewicz * Oneida Nation Foundation
- * H.J. Brandeles * Wilcor/Your Store * Hannaford's * Garro Drugstore * Wendy Leach * National Grid
- * McQuade & Bannigan * Pacemaker Millar * Surgical Associates * Mike Zarnock * Dr. Patricia Laino
- * Charles Higgins * Dr. Joel Amidon * NBT Bank * Utica First * F.X. Matt * Smiley the Clown * APAC
- * Allen Gilberti * Mark Andrello * Time Warner * HCCC * C.O.P.P.S. * JayK * Bonide * The Hartford
- * Scalzo, Zogby, Wittig * Utica P.O. * H. R. Beebe * Pinny/George Kuckel * Piano Lab * SUNYIT
- * Big Apple Music * Ralph Eannace * WUTR * Utica.tv * WKTV * Utica O.D. * Regent Broadcasting
- * Herkimer Telegram * Rome Sentinel * MV Business Journal * Fox 33 * Hamilton College * Tourists
- * Child Care Providers * Earl Lewis & Volunteers * Staff & Interns * Board of Directors * Visitors