



Fingerprints

Fingerprints is a monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * Aug./Sept. '08



Summer Activities & Exhibits, Folk Art Festival & Fall Events!



The Children's Museum
311 Main Street
Utica, NY 13501

Summer 2008: During July & August, we've been featuring some neat Summer Camp Programs.

Friday, August 22nd, & Saturday, August 23rd, NYS Folklorist Ellen Hale and the Children's Museum Executive Director Marlene Brown will present our annual Folk Art Festival, an exciting cultural event at The Children's Museum.

Sponsored by NYSCA (the New York State Council on the Arts), our annual Folk Art Festival provides an opportunity to learn about the rich diversity of local cultures.

This two day event features demonstrations rep-

resenting different cultures which make up our diverse community.

This year we'll be featuring, among others: Native Americans; the Karen's of Burma; and the Italian-Americans. More info on our website.

September 2008 we'll be open only 3 days a week so we can work on renovations. Check our online calendar.

Saturday October 11th, we'll hold our 5th Annual International Halls of Fame: Bicycling, Rowing, Canoeing & Kayaking Induction Ceremony. This year's inductees will be up on the website soon.

Friday, November 21st, 2008 we'll kick off our Annual *Anniversary Gala & Festival of Trees* weekend community event with a VIP/invitation only reception, followed by our Gala/Festival of Trees for the evening's attendees.

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.

Saturday November 1st will be our Annual Halloween Boo Bash, and **Saturday, November 29th** will be our Annual Holiday on Main Street.

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www.museum4kids.net

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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.



~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~ We Cut the Ribbon on our Commemorative Brick Project!

Friday, July 25th, we officially opened our beautiful commemorative brick sidewalk!

NYS Senator Joe Griffo and 4 year old Samuel Butcher cut the ribbon. Other attendees were Charter members, elected officials, board members, and the media.

Come view the sidewalk and purchase an engraved brick to add to the paved front, which continues the beautification and renovation of our historic building, and supports our community treasure.

Only \$75., each brick holds 3 lines, 14 characters a line. Download form on website & join us.



Board Member Art Rapp Jr., Samuel Butcher, Director Brown, Senator Joe Griffo, Board Member John Stephenson at 7/25 opening

~ Director's Report: Folk Art Festival * End of Summer/Fall Events * Mark Calendars for Anniversary Gala 2008 with Festival of Trees! ~

Folk Art Festival Friday, August 22nd, and Saturday, August 23rd, present another exciting cultural event at The Children's Museum. Sponsored by NYSCA, this year's Folk Art Festival will feature musicians and artists from the following groups: Native Americans; the Karen's of Burma; and Italian-Americans.

Future: Friday night, **November 21st** (6-10p) **Gala/Festival of Trees;** Saturday, **Nov. 22nd**, **Family Festival viewing** (10a-4p) Available for viewing

thru **November 29th's Holiday on Main Street.** Honorary Chairs: *NYS Senator Joe Griffo, Congressman Mike Arcuri, & Mayor Dave Roefaro.*

Our Circle of Champions is asking our community to take advantage of the opportunity to help us Fund the Vision.

We're proud of our 1,000's of interactive exhibits, in 60 pavilions, which create an educationally enjoyable experience for all who

visit. **We're delighted when local visitors & tourists praise our museum & what it offers. *Check our 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 & birthday parties, 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, Joshua Fuller, Myriah Martinez.
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!








Aug/Sept/Oct. '08 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

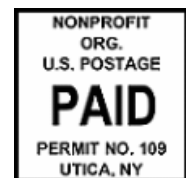
Made possible with funds from NYS Council on the Arts and the many sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs & Exhibits.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
8-3 <i>Closed</i>	8-4 Rocks, Minerals & Fossils	8-5 Rocks, Minerals & Fossils	8-6 <i>Closed</i>	8-7 Rocks, Minerals/Fossils	8-8 Rocks, Minerals/Fossils	8-2 Fun with Water Sports
8-10 <i>Closed</i>	8-11 Scrapbooking A Day at CM	8-12 Scrapbooking A Day at CM	8-13 <i>Closed</i>	8-14 Scrapbooking A Day at CM	8-15 Scrapbooking A Day at CM	8-9 Rocks, Minerals & Fossils
8-17 <i>Closed</i>	8-18 Paper Dolls & our Dollhouse	8-19 Paper Dolls & our Dollhouse	8-20 <i>Closed</i>	8-21 Paper Dolls & our Dollhouse	8-22 CM Folk Art Festival	8-16 Scrapbooking A Day at CM
8-24	8-25 Building Race Cars	8-26 Building Race Cars	8-27 <i>Closed</i>	8-28 Building Race Cars	8-29 Building Race Cars	8-23 CM Folk Art Festival
8-31 <i>Closed</i>	9-1 <i>Closed for holiday</i>	9-2 Activities: Cute Critters	9-3 <i>Closed</i>	9-4 Musical Mayhem	9-5 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	8-30 Building Race Cars
9-7 <i>Closed</i>	9-8 Crafty Creations	9-9 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	9-10 <i>Closed</i>	9-11 Musical Mayhem	9-12 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	9-6 Trains/Lego Space Science
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Join families & tourists at the Children's Museum Summer Camp! Check our website, call us 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 * Nov Gala/Festival Trees

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*Normal Hours: Open Mon., Tues.,
Thurs., Fri. 9:45am-3:30pm; Sat.
10:00am to 3:45pm; Closed Wed. Sun.
& some holidays. Check online calendar.*
Admission: \$9.00 adults; \$8.00 seniors;
\$7.00 for children 2 to 7; Members &
children under 2 years of age Free



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tered by NYS Board of Regents.
Member Museum Assoc. of NY &
Assoc of Children's Museums D.C.
* Be a sponsor, member, volunteer
* Purchase from our Gift Shop

Important Info in Aug./Sept. '08 Issue

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- ☺ '08 Gala/Festival Trees * CM Renovations
- ☺ Executive Director's Report / Our Friends
- ☺ You Can Help: Volunteers & Sponsors
- ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
- ☺ 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.
- * M.V. Business Women * Alice P.O'Shea * Les/Mackie Kernan * Walmart * Proctor High * National Grid
- * GE Elfun's * Quadsimia * advantechcny.com * Northern Safety * Earle Reed * Utica Nat'l * BOCES
- * 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