



Fingerprints

Fingerprints is a bi-monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * Oct. - Dec. '09

November Multi-Cultural Festival of Trees & Lights



Enter the Children's Museum the 3rd week of November and be enveloped in a winter Luau wonderland! The museum never shines so bright.

It kicks off Friday, Nov. 20th from 6:30-10:30pm with The Anniversary Gala /Festival of Trees & Lights. Celebrate with Honorary Co-Chairs, Congressman Mike Arcuri & Sabrina and NYS Senator Joe Griffo & Laraine. Enjoy beverages & hors d'ouvres set against the backdrop of a festive Holiday décor, along with live music & great raffles.

Be among the first to purchase the original holiday items including trees, wreaths, centerpieces, getaways & neat

gift baskets, reflecting our area's multi-cultural holidays. Donation only \$45 per person or \$75 couple pre-paid by Nov. 1st). \$50 each at door.

Saturday, November 21st Enjoy Family Festival of Trees & Lights from 10am-3pm. Activities & exhibits will celebrate the holiday traditions of Christmas, Chanukah, Diwali, Kwanzaa, Songran, Navidad, in a Winter Luau cultural setting! Santa & Mrs. Claus will be there to hear children's wishes!

Friday, November 27th from 6:00-8:00pm enjoy a Mother/Son & Father/

Daughter Dance. Tickets are \$15 for parent/child pair & \$5. for each additional child.

Saturday, Nov. 28th, our Holiday on Main St w/ Music, Santa, Magician, Balloon Making, Tatoos, Cultural Arts & Crafts




Mark your calendars, & Plan to Attend! *View info/forms on website.*

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VOLUNTEER: Donate your services & exhibits, offer your talents, volunteer your time, bring your family or group to this unique one of a kind Children's Museum right here 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. 

October: Int'l Hall of Fame Inductions & Boo Bash!



Saturday, October 10th, 2009, 7th Annual Induction Ceremony into the Int'l Halls of Fame: BRCK. This year's inductees are: S. U. Rowing Coach Kris Sanford (recruiter of '08 Olympic gold medalist Anna Goodale); 2009 Int'l Canoe Federation World Sprint champion Augusto Perez; 1997 Ottawa Rodeo Expert Class Kayaking winner Mike Duggan; Winner of 3 USA Nat'l Bicycling Championships Glenn Swan.

Saturday, October 31st- Bring the kids to our Halloween Boo Bash, 10am-2pm: Treat Stations; Costume Fun; Face Painting; Balloon Making with Jester; Holiday crafts + our Haunted Hall -all included in admission! *More info on website.*

**~ Director's Report: Hall of Fame Inductions ~ Boo Bash ~
Festival of Trees & Lights ~ Our Growth & Future Vision Requests ~**



October Events: Intl Hall Fame Inductions on Sat. Oct. 10th; Boo Bash / Halloween on Sat. Oct. 31st
November Holiday Extravaganza: Fri. Nov. 20th Gala/Festival of Trees & Lights Preview; Sat. Nov. 21st Family Festival; Fri. Nov. 27th Mother/Son Father/Daughter Dance; Sat. Nov. 28th Holiday on Main St.
Our Growth: 2002- opened 4th floor adopted by NASA & Office Science. 2003- installed new HVAC and Int'l Hall Fame. 2004- redid entranceway. 2005- installed energy efficient windows. 2006- added Hot Wheels

Hall. 2007- were certified a NYS & Federal Historic building. 2008 -installed new lighting throughout, new roof signs, commemorative brick sidewalk; 2009—installed a new LED dance floor & touch screen history exh.
Our Future Plans: We applied for stimulus funds and grants to install a new green solar panel roof (current roof's leaking); 4th floor Surround Sound Theatre, 2nd floor new carpeting, 3rd floor bathrooms, and a Green Butterfly/Eco pond out back.

Our Funding Requests: Please check our website's Future page. We currently run our operations on admissions & donations and have asked the City and County for contributions which we would use to reduce the admission for City & County residents & school children. We'd appreciate your support in these endeavors.
Admission: \$7. children 2-17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults; members & under 2 yrs free. 60 pavilions w/1,000's of interactive exhibits for kids 1 to 101. *Come on in!*



~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~

We keep adding to our beautiful commemorative brick sidewalk. In addition to brick purchasers, NYS Senator Joe Griffo & the late Roger Sinnott deserve recognition for their support. Purchase an engraved brick to add to the paved front, which continues the beautification and renovation of our historic building, supporting our community treasure. Only \$75., @ brick holds 3 lines, 14 characters a line. Forms available in museum or on website.

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. One of the oldest in the country, a safe, fun, learning environment, CM is a definite asset to the MV & CNY, one all of us can be proud of & utilize to its highest capacity. What better place to bring * youngsters on a field trip * scouts to earn badges * family for a great day out * children for a fun time?

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Executive Director: Marlene B. Brown; *Museum Staff:* Theresa Vella, Sarah Babcock, Jeff Sterling. *Volunteer:* Exhibits Manager, Earl Lewis.

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

We welcome volunteers. to assist with activities, program in areas of expertise, help keep museum shipshape, donate to Our wish list: toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, educational items of value. These give you a renewed sense of pride as we serve our community.



A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. Our Fund the Vision Campaign looks 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 and join them!



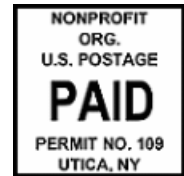
Oct.-Dec. 2009 Calendar
Check online calendar for updates

We currently receive no funding for operations from the City, County, or State, thus we rely on the many visitors, donors, and sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Education Enrichment Programs & many Exhibits.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

Come Visit us! Here's some of what you'll find: 1st floor -Play Space, Exploration Space, Wooden Train, Robot, Saturn, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Micro Room; 2nd floor - Dance Play Floor, Longhouse w/ Kiosks, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; 3rd floor-Critters, Legos, Crafts, Weather/Radio Rooms, Halls Fame:BRCK; 4th floor - Planes, Fire/Police, Hot Wheels, NASA/Rover/Science. Check our website.

Contact: The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * Tel: 315-724-6129 Open: Monday, Thursday, Saturday from 9:30am-2:30pm; Open Friday's during holiday & school break weeks. Check online calendar. We lock front door 1 hr before closing to facilitate shutdown. Admission fee: \$7. children 2- 17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults. Members & children under 2 Free.



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Important Info in Oct. - Dec. 2009 Issue

- ☺ Holiday Festival of Trees & Lights
- ☺ Int'l Hall of Fame Induction / Boo Bash
- ☺ Our Funding & Our Future Vision
- ☺ Your Help: Volunteers, Sponsors, Friends
- ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
- ☺ Calendar of Events & Special Dates
- ☺ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters



CM's Heroes & Heroines: Helping Fund "The Children's Museum's Current Growth & Future Vision."

NOTE: We receive no funding from City, County, State, or Federal funds for Operations costs.

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