



Fingerprints

Fingerprints is a bi-monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * Oct.-Nov. 2010



Coming Up: Hall of Fame, Saturday Science, Halloween Boo Bash, Holiday Gala, Festival of Trees & Lights, Holiday on Main Street!



Children's Museum of History, Science & Technology - serving the Mohawk Valley & CNY - presents our Fall Holiday events/activities/fundraiser!

NEW! Saturday Science - 10:30a-12:30p hands-on: 2nd Sat. - MVCC Engineering Club Nano Technology, Robots, Lasers & more! Other Sat's: Merry Green Lady make water wetter for a healthier planet; Johnny Green Thumb decorate flower pots & plant seedlings; Josh's Kids Computers! take computers apart & learn how the insides of them work!

Sat., Oct. 16th - our 8th Annual Int'l Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This year's inductees come from around the world & here at home. 10:30am-11:45pm. Ck website to read about them!

Sat. Oct. 30th -Annual Halloween Boo Bash! 10a to 1p. Treat Stations; Haunted Hall, Airplane rides; Critters;

and Costume Contests!
Friday, November 19th - 6-10pm Gala /Festival Trees & Lights! Donation \$45. Person, \$75. pair pre-paid, \$50.@ at door. Beverages, Music, Hors D'oeuvres, Laser Show, Gift Baskets, Getaways, Trees & Wreaths - to benefit museum programs.

Saturday, Nov. 20th, 2010 9:30a-2:00p Family Festival of Trees & Lights: featuring musical laser light show with Christmas Village & Lionel Train, Multi-Cultural Go Green Craft Fun, LED Play Dance Floor contests, Feeding Critters, Airplane rides, Hot Wheels, Space & Science exhibits, + visit with Santa & Mrs. Claus!

Saturday, Nov. 27th, 2010 9:30a-2:00p Holiday On Main St: featuring all of the above and more! Special Admission both

Sat's \$5 children 3-17; \$6 seniors, college students, military; \$7 adults; members & children two & under free Ck our group rates & Book your field trips now to get the date you want! Special \$2. off for every child for the first 25 groups booked! We operate on \$150k a yr, with only 2 paid staff & 3 volunteers, yet keep our building clean, exhibits growing, renovation continuing. We keep asking for City, County, State, Fed govt support, believing we're an impt community asset as a quality of life, educational resource, tourism attraction.

How You Can Help! Bring in visitors, book field trips, be a donor. Attend our events, sponsor a festival tree!

NEW! Our *Christmas Village* will be lit up for the holidays, along with a new *HO train exhibit*, so mark your calendar & come visit!

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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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HOW YOU CAN HELP: Donate your services & exhibits, offer talents & time, bring your family or group to this unique one of a kind Museum right here in CNY. Become part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after you're gone! Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



Museum Junior Board being formed for kids from 7 to 15 - let us know if you're interested! **Children's Museum Going Green!** - we're working to secure funding for *Roof Project II*, installation of a green roof. We need your support -contact us, please!

~ Director's Report: Our Museum Growth the Past Decade; Our Future Vision & Plans; Our Funding Requests ~



Our Growth: 2002- opened our 4th floor & became adopted by NASA & Office Science. 2003-installed new HVAC & Int'l Hall Fame. 2004-redid entranceway. 2005-installed energy efficient windows. 2006-Hot Wheels Hall opened. 2007- certified a NYS & Federal Historic building. 2008- installed new lighting throughout + new roof signs, commemorative brick sidewalk; 2009-new LED dance floor & touch-screens; 2010-new roof!

Future Plans: This summer, we replaced our current leaking roof. This fall, we're planning on installing solar panels. Other Goals: finish 4th floor Surround Sound Theatre; put handicapped bathrooms on our 3rd floor; new flooring on 2nd & 4th floors.

Funding Requests: Please check our website's [Future page](#). We currently run our operations on admissions & donations and have

asked the City for CDBG funding; the County for bed tax; United Way so we can reduce admission for residents & school children. We'd appreciate your support.

Admission: \$7. children 3-17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults; members + two years of age & under free. DOWNLOAD \$1. off coupons on our website. 60 pavilions w/100's of interactive exhibits for kids 1 to 101. *Come on in!*



~ 2010 Special Events ~ 8/10 - Come in out of the rain & hot sun into our multi-themed air conditioned museum! ~ 9/10 - Please note our Sept to end of Oct hours (open Monday's, Thursday's & Saturday's 9:15am-1:45pm) ~ 10/16/10-*Int'l Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony* (10:30a-12:30p); 10/30/10 -*Halloween BooBash* (10:00a-12:00p); 11/19/10 -*47th Holiday Gala/Festival Trees & Lights* (6:30p-9:30p); 11/20/10 - *Family Festival of Trees & Lights* (10a to 2p); 11/27/10 - *Holiday on Main Street* (10a to 2p). Honor the Past & Pave the Future Our commemorative brick sidewalk recognizes support from Brick purchasers & the late Roger Sinnott. Only \$75., @ brick holds 3 lines, 14 characters a line.

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, safe, fun, learning environment, CM is an important asset to the MV & CNY, one we all can be proud of. What better place to bring * field trip groups * scouts * family * tourists for great day out? And what a great legacy to be a part of...

The Children's Museum Board Officers & Directors

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We welcome volunteers. to assist with activities in areas of expertise,










help keep our museum shipshape, donate to [Our wish list](#): interactive science exhibits, DVD players, flat screen monitors, LCD's, exhibit items, toys in good shape, art supplies, valuable educational items These give you a renewed sense of pride as *we serve our community.*

Corporate Memberships & Sponsors positively impact the community. Our Fund the Vision Campaign looks to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products/ services. [Check out our Sponsors & Donors page](#) on our website and join them in support!



Oct.-Nov. 2010 Calendar
Check online calendar for updates

We currently receive no funding for operations from the City, County, State, or Federal Govt., or United Way, thus we rely on visitors, donors, sponsors & grantors, who choose to support our Museum's Programs & Exhibits.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday's
						
Sunday's <i>Closed</i>	Sept. 1st to Oct 28th: <i>Open</i> Mon., Thurs., Sat. 9:15-1:45	Office of Science	Wed's <i>Closed</i>	Oct. 29th to Jan. 1st - <i>Open</i> Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. Sat.		9:15-1:45 (four floors of exhibits) Ck online calendar

Oct 16th - Induction: Int'l Hall of Fame (10:30a-12p);
 October 30th - Halloween Boo Bash (10:00a-12:00p);
 Quiz: Who's in the 1980's pix at museum below???



November 19th - Holiday Gala/
 Festival Preview 6:00-10:00pm
 November 20th - Family Festival of Trees & Lights 9:15a-1:15p
 November 27th - Holiday on Main Street 9:15a-1:15p



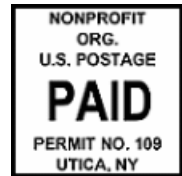
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Come Visit! 1st fl - PlaySpace, Exploration Space, Wooden Train, Robot Room, Saturn, Dentist Office, Grocery Store; 2nd fl - DancePlay Floor, Longhouse w/Kiosks, History Diorama, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; 3rd fl - Critters, Legos, Crafts, Weather/Radio Rooms, Halls Fame: BRCK; 4th fl - Planes, Fire/Police, Hot Wheels, NASA/Rover/Science.

Contact: The Children's Museum of History, Science & Technology,
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End of Oct.-1st of Jan.: Mon.,
Tues,Thurs,Fri,Sat 9:15am-1:45pm;
Check online. Last admission 1 hour
before closing. Admission fee:
\$7.children 3- 17; \$8.seniors; \$9.
adults. Members & children two &
under are Free. Download \$1. off
coupons on our website



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volunteer * Purchase from Gift Shop

Important Info in Oct. - Nov. 2010 Issue

- ☺ Neat Holiday Events are lined up!
- ☺ New Saturday Science activities!
- ☺ Oct & Nov events & hours * Junior Board
- ☺ Funding & Future Vision Sponsors
- ☺ 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 currently receive no City, County, State, Federal, U W funds for Operations.

Corporate Sponsors - Gold Level: Bank of Utica, Dr. Ted & Melva Max; National Grid; Oxford Medical; RigAll; Mack Goldner Found.; George/Pinny Kuckel. **Silver Level:** The Hartford; Sen. James Donovan Fund; Pratt Whitney HMI; Radiology Associates; Wilcor International; Fountainhead Group; Strategic Financials. **Bronze Level:** The Burns Agency; Indium Corp; ConMed; Bonide Corp; The Carbone Group; NBT Bank; Mac Clark; Joe Flihan Co; Dove Laser; JetNet; Earle Reed; Pacemaker Millar; Bill Corrigan; Utica First; N. Utica Walmart; Utica National. **Honorable Mention:** Prevalare Life Science; First Niagara; M & R Heating; The Gold Mine Jewelers; Serianni Signs; Color Ad Signs; ABC Fire Extinguishers; Alice O'Shea; Dave Spoon; Bob Galliher; Bob Almy; Doug Robinson; Barb Shuck.

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Exhibits: NASA; Office Science; Meyda Tiffany; Advantechcny; Regent Broadcasting; Quadsimia; Allen Gilberti; Mike Zarnock; GE Elfun's; John Stephenson; Ed Waszkiewicz; Col. Kurt Hoch; Princeton Lab; Dr. Rosinski; UPD/UFD; Ric Rosero; late Ted Kibiuk; Glenn/Marshall Space Cntrs; MV Astronomy Society; Proctor High; BOCES; Butterfly Wranglers; Kurt Wiehenstroer; Oneida Nation; Stage Music; Big Apple; Mark Crever; Roma Welsh; late Robt LaPorte; Mr/Mrs. Francis DeSantis; Lawrence Giglio, John Graniero.

Events/Activities: John Nogas; Brad Zacek; Mary Cardinale; Josh Glassberg; Jim Williams; Tim Perry.

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