

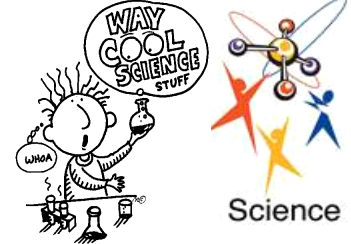


# Fingerprints

**Fingerprints is a bi-monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 \* Dec. 2010-Feb. 2011**



**CM named 1 of 3 finalists in Chamber Business of the Year! *Coming Up:* HO Train Ribbon Cutting; GSA Lego League; Free Educator STEM workshops**



CM's popular **Musical Light Show** is available for viewing until Thurs., Dec. 30th!

**HO Train Exhibit Grand Opening!** - at 11:00am on **Thursday, December 9th**, the Children's Museum will cut the ribbon on our newly setup HO Train exhibit! Left in the will of a Verona man, exhibit includes numerous HO trains & engines, artifacts, paintings, and 'real' train lanterns, with visitors able to operate the trains with a foot pedal!

**Children's Museum selected a Finalist** - The Mohawk Valley Chamber of Commerce & the Mohawk Valley Business Journal selected the Children's Museum as 1 of 3 finalists for the 2010 "Business of the Year Awards" in Not For Profit category. The event takes place Dec. 16 at Twin Ponds, with Congressman-elect Richard Hanna keynoting.

**Reduced Field Trip Group Rates** in place to make visits to our unique museum more affordable. **Check our website for group rates & Book now!**

**Coming in February-** The Children's Museum & NYPENN Girl Scouts will be offering **First Lego League workshops**. Watch our website for details on how you can get involved!

CM will also be hosting **free NYSERDA workshops** for K-12 educators for **"Energy Smart Students"**. Check our website for the various topics and dates.

**Saturday Science** - 10:30a -12:30p hands-on: *MVCC Engineering Club Nano Technology; Merry Green healthier planet; Johnny Green Thumb decorate & plant flower pots; Josh's Kids Computers take them*

*apart./see insides work!*  
**Original museum founders** - Mackie Kernan, Melva Max, Betty Murray & Duffy Matt attended our Gala! 47 yrs ago, they & Alice Pender O'Shea founded the museum, never expecting it to grow as it has!

**To continue our growth**, we're once again applying for funding from the City, County, State, and Federal government, as an important community asset: quality of life, educational resource, & tourism attraction.

Operating on \$150k a year, with only two paid staff & four volunteers, we keep our building clean, our exhibits growing, renovation continuing.

**How You Can Help!** Bring in visitors, book field trips, attend our events, spread the word of all that we uniquely offer, become a donor or a museum sponsor!

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

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**Visit us on the web:**  
[www.museum4kids.net](http://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.

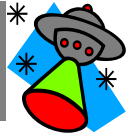


**Children's Museum Going Green!** - help us secure funding for completion of our green roof! We received a grant from NYSERDA which we need to match by March—please help!  
**+ Museum Junior Board** is being formed for kids from 7 to 15 - let us know if you're interested!





## ~ 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-replaced our

leaking roof with a light weight new energy efficient roof.

**Future Plans:** Install solar panels on our roof; handicapped bathrooms on our 3rd floor; finish 4th floor Surround Sound Educational Theatre; install 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.

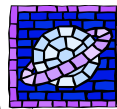
**Admission:** \$7. children 3-17; \$8. seniors; \$9. adults; members + two years of age & under free. **DOWNLOAD \$1. off coupons** on our website. 60 pavilions w/100's of interactive exhibits for kids 1 to 101. *Come on in!*

**~ 2011 Events ~** Come visit our fully handicapped accessible, climate controlled, multi-themed museum! ~ Note hours: open Monday's & Thursday's 9:15a-12:45p, Saturday's 9:15a-1:45p  
~ February 2011 - Winter School Break Programs (10am to 1pm) + NYSEDA Energy Smart Students Teacher Workshops at CM & NYPENN Girl Scouts First Lego League Workshops at CM  
March 2011 - Science & Technology Fair (11am-1pm)  
April 2011 - Easter Egg Hunt (10am to 12pm w/Easter Bunny)  
April 2011 - Spring School Break Programs (10am-1pm)  
July 2011 - Hosting Erie Canal & Christmas in July (10am-1pm)  
August 2011 - CM Summer Break Activities (9:30am to 1:00pm)  
Ongoing... Field Trips to our museum (2 to 3 hours in length)  
October, 2011 - Halloween Boo Bash (9:30am-12:30pm)  
November, 2011 - 48th Holiday Gala/Festival Trees (6p-9pm)  
Nov, 2011 -Family Festival Trees/Lights & Holiday on Main St Honor the Past & Pave the Future on the late Roger Sinnott commemorative brick sidewalk. Only \$75., @ brick holds 3 lines.

**Always a Rainbow at CM!** Happy children grow up to be happy adults, more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in. One of the oldest in the country, a safe and enjoyable educational 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?

*We welcome volunteers* to assist in areas of expertise, help keep our museum shipshape, donate to Our wish list: interactive science exhibits, DVD players, flat screen TV's, LCD's, toys in good shape, art supplies, valuable educational items, giving 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 back page of our newsletter, on our website, in our museum foyer, and join them in support!



### The Children's Museum Board Officers & Directors

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**Executive Director:** Marlene B. Brown  
**Staff:** Theresa Vella, Selma Skrgic; Intern: Trinh Truong. **Volunteer Exhibits Manager:** Earl Lewis. **CPA:** Vin Gilroy



# Dec. 2010/Jan. 2011 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

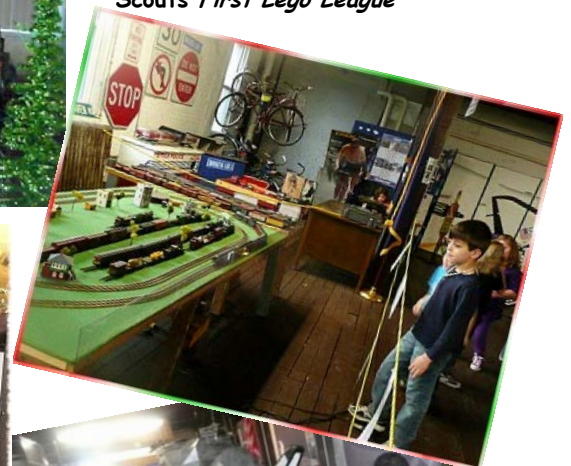
We currently receive no funding for operations from City, County, State, Federal, or United Way, thus we rely on visitors, donors, sponsors & grantors, who choose to support our Museum & Exhibits.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday's
Open Monday & Thursday 9:15am to 12:45pm	Open Saturday 9:15am-1:45pm	No admission 1 hr prior to closing	Open more days mid-Feb CK online calendar!	Four floors with 60 Pavilions & 100's of interactive exhibits!		

Dec. 9th - Ribbon Cutting:  
HO train exhibit (11:00am);  
December 30th - Last day  
to view Musical Light Show  
Quiz: Who's in the 1980's  
pix at museum below???



February - Winter Break Week  
Activities 21st-26th  
February - CM & NYSDA  
educator's Energy Smart Students  
February - CM & NYPENN Girl  
Scouts First Lego League



The Children's Museum of  
History, Science & Technology  
located at 311 Main Street, Utica NY  
~ serving Utica, Rome, The Mohawk Valley,  
CNY & beyond - [www.museum4kids.net](http://www.museum4kids.net)



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

Contact: The Children's Museum of History, Science & Technology,  
311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501  
Open: Monday & Thursday 9:15a-12:45p + Saturday 9:15a-1:45p  
(open more dates mid-Feb.) Check our online calendar. (last admission 1 hour before closing - call ahead as we may close early when all visitors have left). Admission fee:  
\$7. children 3- 17; \$8. seniors/vets; \$9. adults. Members & children two & under Free. Download \$1. off coupons on our website



Return Address Requested



**Info in Dec. 2010 - Jan. 2011 Issue**

- ☉ Musical Light Show up until Dec. 30th
- ☉ February Lego League & STEM Wksp
- ☉ Neat Saturday Science activities!
- ☉ 2011 events & hours \* Junior Board
- ☉ Funding & Future Vision Sponsors
- ☉ Board Directors, Staff & Volunteers
- ☉ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters



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

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**Corporate Sponsors - Gold Level:** Bank of Utica; Dr. Ted & Melva Max; National Grid; Mack Goldner Foundation; George/Pinny Kuckel. **Silver Level:** The Hartford; Sen. James Donovan Fund; Pratt Whitney HMI; Wilcor International; Fountainhead Group; Strategic Financials. **Bronze Level:** The Burns Agency; ConMed; Bonide Products; Carbone Group; NBT Bank; Mac Clark/McDonald's; JetNet LLC; Indium Corp; Pacemaker Millar; Utica First; Capraro Technologies; Oxford Medical; Radiology Assoc; N. Utica Walmart; Utica National. **Honorable Mention:** Prevalare Life Science; RigAll; Bill Corrigan; The Gold Mine Jewelers; Turning Stone Resort; Vernon Downs Hotel Casino; Liberty Travel; Mirror Lake Inn; Riverside Greenhouse; The Yahnundasis; ABC Fire Extinguishers; Utica Symphony; Laser Spa; Bremer's Wine; Brewery Shop; Tiny's Grill; DeIorio's; Alice O'Shea; Mackie Kernan; Dave Spoon; Bob Galliher; Bob Almy; Barb Shuck.

**Grant Sponsors - Gold Level:** Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Co's. **Silver:** Met Life; NYS Senator Joe Griffo. **Bronze:** Nat'l Grid Foundation; NY Power Authority; Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito.

**Exhibits:** NASA; Office Science; Quadsimia; Meyda Tiffany; Advantechcny; Regent Brdcstg/Tim Perry; 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; Proctor High; BOCES; Butterfly Wranglers; Kurt Wiehenstroer; Stage Music; Big Apple; Oneida Nation; Roma Welsh; Mark Crever; Larry Giglio; John Graniero; Mr/Mrs. Francis DeSantis; late Robt LaPorte; Leif Willson. **Activities:** John Nogas; Mary Cardinale; Josh Glassberg; Brad Brown; Jim Williams. **Media:** Metzler Printing; YNN; WKTV; CNY homepage; Time Warner; Utica OD; Rome Sentinel; Herk Telegram; Townsquare Media; MV Biz Journal; Daily News; OC Courier; **Staff;** **Vol** Earl Lewis; **Board** of Directors.