



Fingerprints

Fingerprints is a monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * January 2006



Sat, Dec. 17th Holiday Dinosaur Space Fun w/Santa & Twinkle * Gala Wrapup



Sat. Dec. 17th, 10a-4p, Children's Museum's Annual Holiday Dinosaur/SpaceFun will feature holiday arts & crafts, cocoa & cookies & candy canes, picture taking with Santa, who'll be at the museum to listen to boys & girls wishes from 10:45a to 1:15p. Twinkle the Elf will be at the museum from 1:15p to 3:45p for face painting & balloon making, + kids can deposit a letter in Santa's mailbox!

The \$7. admission includes all the above, plus viewing of and interacting with the 100's of exhibits on our four floors! Spend your day enjoying in a warm safe environment! (under 1yr & members free)

Sat., Dec. 3rd's 42nd Anniversary Gala was a great success, largely due to the efforts of Co-Chairs Joan Shkane Esq. & Noreen Roubian, our Board of Directors, & Honorary Chairs Sen. Ray Meier, Congressman Sherry Boehlert, Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito and D.A. Mike Arcuri.

The evening began on our 1st floor amidst the charm & warmth of our historic turn of the century Romanesque Revival building. Attendees then journeyed up our decorated oak staircase to the 2nd floor to enjoy delicious catered food, full bar, did some holi-

day shopping at our unique auction. At 8:30, they headed to our 3rd floor for dessert & dancing to a live band!

We also honored folks who've contributed to the museum's growth at our "Great Friends to Kids Award". This year's awardees were Sen. Ray Meier, Earl Lewis & Ed Waskiewicz.

View pictures of the event on our website + local restaurants & businesses who donated to this event, helping support the continued growth of CNY's premiere Quality of Life family & tourist attraction, open year round.

The Children's Museum
311 Main Street
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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~ Children's Museum Contributions Tax Deductible

PROUD PARENTS
CONGRAT'S TO
JOHN DOE '03

Join in the Children's Museum Commemorative Brick Sidewalk Project. For only \$75. each, you can purchase personalized engraved bricks for the paved sidewalk in front of the museum, to commemorate your support for our community treasure. Each brick

holds 14 characters on 2-3 lines. Purchase in the museum or on our website.

Following are those who have purchased bricks to date: Joan Shkane Esq, M & R Heating, Dr. Philip Reitz, Steven Genett, Dr. Nancy Shaheen, Northern Safety, Dr. Leo Sullivan, Dr. Anthony & Carol Mandour,

Garro Drug Store, Don & Linda Dresher, Bader Reynolds, Nicholas Calogero Jr, Marlene Brown. =====

It's a good time to do year end tax planning. Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible. We gratefully accept checks, stocks, bonds, mutual funds & goods of value.

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 we're gone! We're proud to be an important asset to our community.



Director's Report: 42nd Anniversary Gala Huge Success! * Commemorative Brick Project Growing * Closed Tues's & Fri's in January for renovations



Huge thanks to Co-Chairs Joan Shkane & Noreen Roubian, along with Roz Lemel & Linda Drescher & our board of directors, for an incredibly successful 42nd Anniversary Gala.

THANKS ALSO TO: Steve Genett & Utica.tv for the great promo piece they ran; The many restaurants & businesses who donated to the event; Honorary Chairs Congressman Sherry Boehlert, NYS Senator Ray Meier, Assemblywoman RaAnn Des- tito, & D.A. Mike Arcuri for their support; Earl Lewis & Walmart &

RigAll for replenishing building & street holiday lights; Kim DesJar- dins Interiors for beautiful museum decorations; John Stephenson & Brian Healey for work on our com- memorative brick sidewalk.

NOTE in January, in addition to Wed's & Sun's, we're also closed Tues's & Fri's for renovations.

We're proud of our 1,000's of exhibits designed for educationally enjoyable experiences for kids 1 to 101 at the only children's museum adopted by NASA & Office Science.

Our dozens of NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators from Pre-K & Day- care to Schools & Scouts. Groups book field trips, grandparents/ families enjoy outings, & parents book children's birthday parties.

Groups gain admission to CM's 4 floors of interactive exhibits & may opt for educator's program. Bag lunches can be eaten in our kitchen & pre-ordered food is available in our Cafe. View more on website: www.museum4kids.com.



There's Always a Fun 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 — a safe, fun, learning environment— is a defi- nite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all residents can be proud of and utilize to its highest capacity. One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, we're continuing renovations and new exhibits.

What better place to bring * your students on a field trip * scouts to earn a badge * family for a great day out * children for a fun time * grandchildren to enjoy * group for a tour * association for a meeting? 1st floor, children 4 & under enjoy PlaySpace & our life-size wooden train, while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration. 2nd floor all enjoy our Longhouse, Karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama. 3rd floor, Our Cute Critters, Interactive Train & Lego exhibits, Int'l Halls of Fame, Radio & Weather Rooms. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/ exhibits, Airplanes, Hot Wheels, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

CM Board of Directors

Officers: Betsy Snyder Esq., Dan Trevisani, John Stephenson, Teresa Jones, Patrick Quinn Esq.

Directors: Linda Drescher, Steve Genett, Brian Healey, Anna Gi- acobbe, David K. Griffith, Jen Herzog, Rosalynn Lemel M.D., Terri Palmiero, Noreen Roubian, Joe Rug- gerio, Joan Teuchert Shkane Esq., John Snyder Esq., Margaret Splain.

CM Director & Staff: Executive Director Marlene B. Brown;

Staff: Christie Hubbard, Dan Kazmierski, Don Zyga.

Volunteer: Exhibits Manager & Birthday Party Host Earl Lewis.

Become A CM Hero: Corporate Sponsor; Donor; Volunteer; Wish List



We welcome volun- teers. There's no greater reward than helping the children.

How can you help? 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, educa-

tional items of value. These will give you a renewed sense of pride as *we continue to serve the children, our future.*

A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the com- munity. Our *levels of corporate sponsors* include a \$250 T-Rex, a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Tri- ceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus,

& a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value your donations & support.

Our 42nd Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes (check back page)*. Please show your thanks by investing in their products/services.

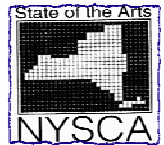
Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website & join them!







Dec. '05 & Jan. '06

Check online calendar for updates

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



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
				12-14 <i>Closed</i>	12-15 11a/2p Puppet Story/ Paint & Design	12-16 11a / 2p Crafty Crea- tions	12-17 Dinosaur / Space Science Holiday Fun w/Santa
12-18 <i>Closed</i>	12-19 11a / 2p Mu- sic for Munch- kins / Craft Fun	12-20 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	12-21 <i>Closed</i>	12-22 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	12-23 11a / 2p Crafty Crea- tions	12-24 <i>Closed</i> for the holiday	
12-25 <i>Closed</i>	12-26 11a / 2p Mu- sic for Munch- kins / Craft Fun	12-27 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	12-28 <i>Closed</i>	12-29 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	12-30 11a / 2p Crafty Crea- tions	12-31 <i>Closed</i> for the holiday	
1-1-06 <i>Closed</i>	1-2-06 11a / 2p Mu- sic for Munch- kins / Craft Fun	1-3-06 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-4-06 <i>Closed</i>	1-5-06 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	1-6-06 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-7-06 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters	
1-8-06 <i>Closed</i>	1-9-06 11a / 2p Mu- sic for Munch- kins / Craft Fun	1-10-06 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-11-06 <i>Closed</i>	1-12-06 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	1-13-06 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-14-06 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters	
1-15-06 <i>Closed</i>	1-16-06 11a / 2p Mu- sic for Munch- kins / Craft Fun	1-17-06 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-18-06 <i>Closed</i>	1-19-06 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	1-20-06 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-21-06 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters	
1-22-06 <i>Closed</i>	1-23-06 11a/2p Munch kinMusic/Crafts	1-24-06 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-25-06 <i>Closed</i>	1-26-06 11a/2p Puppets/ Paint & Design	1-27-06 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	1-28-06 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Critters	

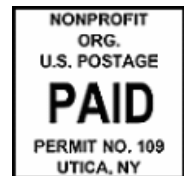
Join the many educators, families & groups who book *birthday parties and educational field trips* at the Children's Museum! Check our website, call us at 315-724-6129, visit us in person. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Musical Stage, Iroquois Longhouse, History Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Science Room, Animals & Insects, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Int'l Halls of Fame; *4th floor* (open 11:30a-12:00p, 1:00-1:30p & 2:30-3:00pm) Airplanes, Fire & Police Dept. exhibits, NASA exhibits, Office of Science exhibits, Carriage & Buggy exhibits, Hot Wheels Hall. **Check enclosed Flyer & Online Calendar for 2006 events: www.museum4kids.net Including Winter School Break activities; Antique & Fine Art Appraisal Fair; Science & Technology Fair; Easter Egg Hunt; Golf Tournament; Folklore Festival; Int'l Halls Fame induction; Luau; 43rd Anniv. Gala**

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Museum Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 9:45am to 3:45pm;
Open Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm
Closed Wed. & Sun. & some holidays + Tues
& Fri's in January-check our online calendar.

Admission: \$7. for adults & children;
Members + under 1 year Free (*reduced
member fee for some events*).



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

- * Congressman Sherry Boehlert * NYS Senator Ray Meier * NASA * Office of Science * Roger Sinnott
- * Herk/Oneida County Community Foundation * Niagara Mohawk Foundation * Oneida Nation Foundation
- * Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito * Utica Mayor Tim Julian * Co Exec Joe Griffo * D.A. Michael Arcuri
- * Councilwoman Teresa Wojnas * Utica Fire & Police Dept's * Dr. Nancy Shaheen * Mark Scheideman
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