

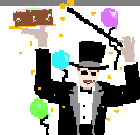


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Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology October 2004



Special Events Coming Up & New Exhibits Coming in to Children's Museum



October 30th, the Children's Museum will once again hold its annual Halloween Boo Bash.

November 27th, the Children's Museum will once again be involved with the Annual Holiday on Main Street.

December 4th our annual 5th Day Gala Event will take place in the Children's Museum. It will feature catered food & beverages, live music, silent holiday auction. Donations are \$63.pre-paid or \$75. at the door. Tickets are available now at the Children's Museum or on

our website. Further event info found on our website www.museum4kids.net

New Exhibits: New this year are some exciting exhibits for kids of all ages.

We are hard at work preparing for the grand opening of Mike Zarnock's World Famous Hot Wheels Collection coming soon to The Children's Museum. Mike writes articles & Collector Guides about Hot Wheels® toy cars and has been labeled one of the worlds leading authorities on the subject. With more than 15,000 toy cars in his collection, he was awarded a Guinness World Record™

for his Hot Wheels® collection of 3,711 Different Model Cars.

Our new Weather Station and Science Room lets kids interact with Science programs and test skills on our interactive web page. Coming soon: a Surround Sound Theatre with educational DVD's; a Mission Control Center where kids work as teams on a mission; and a Planetarium!

Visit our website to see how you can help!



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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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September Brought New Heroes & Great Renovations to CM

During September, we continued our CM energy efficiency renovation by installing new windows throughout the building.

Grants secured from Senator Ray Meier, the Community Foundation & the Niagara Mohawk Foundation are making this possible. Our thanks to these great community

leaders for their support in making this goal a reality for the children and families we serve.

42 Hamilton College students spent an afternoon volunteering at the Museum. HAVOC encourages students to put desire for social change & caring together in the community. Students

gave a fresh coat of paint to our Living Science Room, cut down weeds out back, worked on new NASA and Hot Wheels exhibit rooms.

Thanks also to ongoing support from Congressman Sherry Boehlert, new NASA exhibits are coming soon! Pictures & more info on our website

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. Come see why.



Director's Report: Wrapup of Sept. events & Info on Fall Programs

Thanks to Sen. Ray Meier, the Community Foundation & the Nimo Foundation for funding our window renovation. Thanks to the Hamilton College HAVOC group for their volunteering efforts at the Children's Museum, and to Mike Zarnock, who's setting up his Hot Wheels exhibit at CM. It's supporters like this that make a difference! *View info & pictures on our website.*

We now turn our attention to fall field trips and other new exhibits. Read more about them in the at-

tached flyer and on our website.

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

Our NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators and children from Pre-K & Daycare to Elementary & Middle Schools & Scout troops.

Our 36 educational programs include: Moccasins & Sneakers, Dinosaurs & Fossils, Bug Hunt, Erie Canal History, Archeological Dig,

Space Exploration. *(View more on website's Program page)*

Groups gain admission to the museum's 4 floors of interactive exhibits, and may opt for a program presented by our educators. Bag lunches can be eaten at the museum & pre-ordered food is available in our Cafe.

Along with Saturday Birthday Parties, we offer meeting space and tours of our historic Main St Sq building & historic Baggs Sq. Park. Call us at 315-724-6129 or fill out our easy online form.



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 definite 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? * your scouts to earn a badge? * your family for a great day out? * your children for a fun time? * your grandchildren to enjoy? * your group for a tour? * your association for a meeting? 1st floor, children under 5 years of age enjoy our life-size wooden train in PlaySpace while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration Space. 2nd floor enjoy karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama exhibits. 3rd floor, Our Animals, Interactive Train & Lego exhibits, Int'l Halls of Fame. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/exhibits, our airplanes, Hot Wheels, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

CM Board of Directors

Officers: Betsy Snyder, Dan Trevisani, John Stephenson, Sharon Hieber, Patrick Quinn.

Directors: Alex Carbone, Jeff Daniels, Bruce Davis, Katy Drake, Steve Genett, Anna Giacobbe, Dave Griffith, Teresa Jones, Jen Herzog, Terri Palmiero, Dave Pendergast, Jen Rota, Joe Ruggerio, Gail Scalise, John Snyder, Margaret Splain, Rhonda Tucker.

Staff: Exec Director Marlene Brown, Education Director Sally Buyea, Educator Dan Kazmierski, Docent / Maintenance Don Zyga, *Volunteer:* Earl Lewis.

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



There's no greater reward than helping children. How can you help? You can volunteer, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum shipshape, donate to the Children's Museum and give yourself a break on taxes -donate stock, or help by donating to our wish list: toys in good shape, ex-

hibit items, art supplies, educational 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 community. Our levels of corporate sponsors include a \$250 T-Rex, a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Tri-

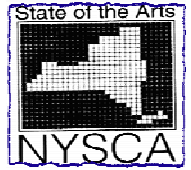
ceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, & a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, and welcome your donations & support as we continue to grow!

As part of our 41st year, our Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as CM Heroes (check back page). Please show your thanks by purchasing their products & services.



Oct. '04 Calendar

This service is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. Thank you also to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for funds provided through the Oneida & Herkimer County Youth Bureaus to support the Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

3 Train tour outside 12:30-2:30	4 Closed for renovations	5 Closed for renovations	6 <i>Closed</i>	7 Closed for renovations	8 Closed for renovations	9 Saturday Science, Legoes, Weather, Trains
10 Train tour outside 12:30-2:30	11 11a / 2p CraftyCreations /CulturalKettle	12 11am / 2pm Cute Critters /Dino Digs	13 <i>Closed</i>	14 11am / 2pm Musical Mayhem/ Sculpture Pots	15 11a/2p PuppetTheater /Rocket Bldg	16 Saturday Science, Legoes, Weather, Trains
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Join the many families & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips & meetings* 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, Living Science Animals, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Int'l Halls of Fame; *4th floor* - our Airplane, Fire & Police Dept., NASA & Office of Science exhibits. This floor open 11:30am-12:00pm, 1:00-1:30 & 2:30pm-3:00pm.

Mark your calendars:

- 10/30/04 - Halloween Boo Bash (10am-12pm) ;
- 11/27/04 - Holiday on Main Street (10am-4pm);
- 12/3/04 - Great Friends to Kids Award (11:00am-12:00pm);
- 12/4/04 - Annual 5th Day Gala (6:30pm-10:30pm)

Check our website for updated calendar information, events & programs! www.museum4kids.net

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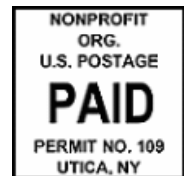
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October Museum Hours:

Open Mon, Tues., Thurs. Fri., Saturday
9:45am to 3:45pm; Closed Wed. & Sun.

Admission:

\$6. adults & children; Members + under
age 1 Free (except for special events).
Special group rates available.



Check our website for up to
date pictures, programs, events!

Ideas: Become a sponsor or
volunteer * Purchase toys at our
Gift Shop * Buy gift memberships

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



- * Congressman Sherry Boehlert * NYS Senator Ray Meier * The Community Foundation Inc.
- * The Niagara Mohawk Foundation * NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe * The Oneida Nation Foundation
- * Office of Science Director Ray Orbach * Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito * County Executive Joe Griffo
- * Mayor Tim Julian * Councilwoman Teresa Wojnas * Fire Chief Russ Brooks * UPD * D.A. Mike Arcuri
- * Fire Marshall Dan Trevisani * Met Life Foundation * Gannett Foundation * Con Med * Roger Sinnott
- * Ralph Eannace * Fleet Bank * Princeton Lab * SCI Plywood * Connie Grube * Ted Kibiuk * Bob Malara
- * Mauro's Glass * RigAll's PattyRusty Williams * Marshall Space Center * Glenn Research Space Center
- * Senator Donovan Fund * Dr. Ted/Melva Max * Alice PenderO'Shea * Les/Mackie Kernan * Mike Zarnoch
- * Collis & Sons * Adelpia * GE Elfun's * Quadsimia * WKTV * Matt & advantechcny.com * SBU * NBT
- * Madonia Electric * I.B.E.W.#43 * Junior League * Thermal Industries * Kalex Energy * Bank of Utica
- * Zangrilli Engineering * Jay-K Lumber * Drs. Anthony Furino/John Hamlin * Earle Reed * Ed Waskiewicz
- * Fountainhead Group * H.J. Brandeles * Bob Mundrick * John Cleary * Piano Lab * Wilcor International
- * Charles Higgins * Dr. Joel Amidon * CNY LegoUsers * Anthony Garramone * Seneca Inn * Bremer Wine
- * Allen Gilberti * Indium Corp * Hannaford's * Utica First * Garro Pharmacy * Gaffney Communications
- * Metzler Printing * Valley View * J.K. Hage III * WKTV * The Hartford * Carbone Auto * F.X. Matt
- * Scalzo, Zogby & Wittig * Utica Postal Service * Jim Oakey * Burns Agency * Pinny & George Kuckel
- * NY Power Authority * MVCC's Carpentry Class * Smiley the Clown * Big Apple Music * H. R. Beebe
- * HerkimerTelegram * RomeSentinel * RegentBroadcasting * MV BusinessJournal * UticaO.D. * WUTR
- * Hamilton College * School volunteers * Earl Lewis * The Staff & our Interns * The Board of Directors