

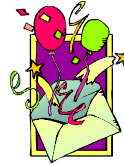


# Fingerprints

**Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology November 2003**



## Get your tickets now for our 15th annual 5th Day Gala Holiday event



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

Mark your calendars & purchase your tickets for our annual 5th Day Gala, being held this year on Saturday, December 6th, 2003 from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm at the Children's Museum.

One of the oldest children's museums in the country, we invite you to join us for a fun filled holiday event as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary with the Junior League founders & our Honorary Chairs

Congressman Sherry Boehlert & District Attorney Mike Arcuri.

Entertainment will be provided by Classified & Devon Garramone Bands; Catered by Mohawk Valley's finest restaurants; Full bar by Valley View; with a fun holiday auction, plants & surprises!

Donation is only \$63 per person or \$120 per couple (\$75 @/\$140 couple at the door).

Tickets are available

from Board members & in the Children's Museum.

Come join other community leaders and supporters in a gala fun event that's also a fundraiser for the only children's museum in Central New York, a premiere family & tourist attraction for kids of all ages.



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

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## Holiday on Main Street returns on Saturday, November 29th



A favorite event for families and tourists, each year the Saturday after Thanksgiving, we have a day of celebration on Main Street in Utica.

A special \$3. @ admission to the Children's Museum includes viewing our exhibits & taking part in

the following: Kindermusik Music; Smiley the Clown balloon making, Thomas the Train interactive exhibit & videos; Puppeteer Dinosaur Storytime; Oneida Indian Nation Storytellers & Dancers; Karaoke Holiday Fun; Face Painting; Lego Building; Holiday arts & crafts; meeting our Children's Museum animals;

Inventor's Fun with Brett Truett; Bee Talk with Bob Evans & Ken Stone; Space & Weather Science Fun; Toy Soldier Casting; Meet our Robots; Enjoy Cider & Doughnuts (by New Hartford Hanna-ford's). Meet Santa in Union Station; take part in Caroling, tree lighting, & Fireworks at dusk.

**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: Museum's New Science Programs & Continued Renovations

The Children's Museum forward movement focuses this month on: our new Science room with interactive exhibits & programs; new Weather Room programs; NASA exhibits, 4th floor Space Science Education Center, continued renovations & grants to acquire an Erie Canal working exhibit for kids to interact with.



Our NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators and children from Preschools & Day-

care Centers to Elementary & Middle Schools & Scout troops. Our lineup of educational programs includes: Moccasins & Sneakers, Dinosaurs & Fossils, Going on A Bug Hunt, All Powered Up, Harvest Festival, Erie Canal History, Weather Exploration, Dance of Honeybee, CNY Trivia, Candle Chemistry, Erie Canal History, Space Science Exploration.

Groups gain admission to the museum's four floors of interactive exhibits, and may opt for a pro-

gram presented by one of our educators. Bag lunches can be eaten in our park, kitchen, or on our 3rd floor. Pre-ordered food is available in our Museum Cafe.

Along with our ever-popular weekend Birthday Parties, we also offer meeting space and tours of our historic Main Street Square building, our trains, and of historic Baggs Square Park.

Call us at 315-724-6129 or fill out our easy online form to book your field trip program,



### 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 & Thomas music in PlaySpace while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration Space. 2nd floor enjoy karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama exhibits. 3rd floor, Thomas the Train & Lego exhibits, our Animals, Halls of Fame. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/exhibits, our airplane, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

#### CM Board of Directors

*Chair:* Dave Pendergast; *Vice Chairs:* Dan Trevisani & John Stephenson; *Secretary:* Sharon Hieber; *Treasurer:* Scott Madonia

*Members:* Jeff Daniels, Katherine Drake, Anna Giacobbe, Jennifer Herzog, Sarah Kilian, Terri Palmiero, Patrick Quinn, Jen Rota, Joe Ruggerio, Margaret Splain, Gail Scalise.

*Staff & Volunteers:* Marlene B. Brown, Melissa Britton, Sally Buyea, Colleen Martin, Don Zyga, Earl Lewis, MaryJane Wegrzyn, Hamilton College Habitat group.

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



*We welcome volunteers.* There's no greater reward than helping the children.

How can you help? You can assist with regularly scheduled programs, 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,

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 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus,

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



Our 5th Day 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.

# Nov. '03 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

							<b>1 Sat. Science Making Rainbows &amp; Creating Tornadoes; Thomas Train &amp; Lego Fur</b>
<b>2</b> Traintour outside museum 12-2p	<b>3</b> 11am & 3pm Care & Feeding Animals - meet our BunnyRabbits	<b>4</b> Kids Science 11am Rub-A-Dub Dub; 3pm Making Clouds	<b>5</b> Music for Munchkins 11a; Sing along with Karaoke 3pm	<b>6</b> Arts & Crafts 11am Handprint Turkey; 3p Making Scarecrows	<b>7</b> 11am Thomas Train Stories; 3pm SciFi Stories	<b>8</b> Sat. Science Rub-A-Dub & Making Clouds; Thomas & Legos	
<b>9</b> Train tour outside museum 12-2p	<b>10</b> 11am & 3pm Care/Feeding of Animals - meet Hank the Snake	<b>11</b> Kids Science 11am Vortex in a Jar; 3pm Different Strokes	<b>12</b> Music for Munchkins 11a; Sing along with Karaoke 3pm	<b>13</b> Arts& Crafts 11a Magic Leaves 3pm Veterans Day card	<b>14</b> 11am Turkey Puppet Story 3pm SciFi	<b>15</b> Sat. Science Vortex in a Jar/ DifferentStrokes Thomas & Legos	
<b>16</b> Train tour outside museum 12-2pm	<b>17</b> 11am & 3pm Care & Feeding Animals -meet Gerby the Gerbil	<b>18</b> Kids Science 11am Electro Magnetism; 3pm All Wound Up	<b>19</b> Music for Munchkins 11a; Sing along with Karaoke 3pm	<b>20</b> Arts& Crafts 11am Handprint Poem; 3p Thanks giving Card	<b>21</b> 11am Thanksgiving-Story 3p Na-tive Americans	<b>22</b> Sat. Science ElectroMagnetism & All Wound Up; Thomas & Legos	
<b>23</b> Train tour outside museum 12-2pm	<b>24</b> 11am & 3pm Care & Feeding Animals -meet Hammy Hamster	<b>25</b> Kids Science 11am Measuring; 3pm Measuring Relativity	<b>26</b> Music for Munchkins 11a; Sing along with Karaoke 3pm	<b>27</b> Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday	<b>28</b> 11am Holiday Time Puppets 3pm Ghost Stories	<b>29</b> Holiday on Main Street (see front page for activities)	
<b>30</b> TrainTour outside museum 12-2pm	<b>12-1</b> 11a & 3p Care & Feeding of our Animals	<b>12-2</b> Kids Science 11a Rub A Dub; 3pm Ro-	<b>12-3</b> Music for Munchkins 11a; Karaoke	<b>12-4</b> Closed for 5th Day cleanup/setup	<b>12-5</b> Closed for 5th Day decoration	<b>12-6</b> Closed day; Open 6-11 for 5th Day Gal.	

Join the many families & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips & meetings* at the Children's Museum! Check our website, call us 315-724-6129, visit us in person. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, MusicFun, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Living Science, Animals, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Halls of Fame.

Our *4th floor*, entitled "Transportation Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow" features exciting new exhibits, including: our Airplane, Fire & Police Dept., NASA & Dept. of Energy Office of Science exhibits. This floor is open 11:30am-12:30pm & again from 1:30pm-2:30pm Monday-Saturday.

*Saturday, November 29th*, don't miss Holiday on Main Street; *Saturday, December 6th*, mark your calendars for our 5th Day Holiday Gala, a special fundraising event held at Children's Museum. Join area's movers & shakers in a fun-filled night. Check our website for updated info!

## Contact Info:

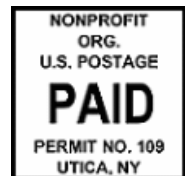
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### November Museum Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm;  
Saturday 10:30am to 4:00pm (Closed Sun)

### Admission:

\$4.00 per person, Members + children 12 months & under Free (*except for special events*). Special group rates available.



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

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## CM's Heroes & Heroines: they make a difference.



- \* NASA's Sean O'Keefe \* Office of Science Dr. Ray Orbach \* Congressman Sherry Boehlert
- \* NYS Senator Ray Meier \* Ralph Eannace \* Met Life Foundation \* Gannett Foundation \* GE Elfun's
- \* Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito \* County Executive Joe Griffo \* Mayor Tim Julian \* Roger Sinnott
- \* Princeton Plasma Lab \* Fermi Lab \* Dan Trevisani \* Oneida/Herkimer Co's Community Foundation
- \* Fleet Bank \* Affordable Computers \* Adelphia \* Ted Kibick \* Big Apple Music \* Hamilton College
- \* Utica Fire & Police Dept's \* Chuck Fougner, Oneida Indian Nation \* RigAll's Patty & Rusty Williams
- \* Sen. Donovan Memorial Fund \* SBU \* Dr. Ted & Melva Max \* Alice Pender O'Shea \* Mackie Kernan
- \* Oxford Medical Imaging \* Pacemaker Millar \* Paulette Desimone \* Con Med \* Fred Collis & Sons
- \* Gauthier Fabricating \* Mauro's Glass \* Madonia Electric \* I.B.E.W.#43 \* Genesis Young Professionals
- \* Zangrilli Engineering \* Jay-K Lumber \* Sheriff Dan Middaugh \* Marlene Letner \* Smiley the Clown
- \* Drs. Anthony Furino & John Hamlin \* New Hartford Hannaford's \* Judge Anthony Garramone
- \* Earle Reed, ECR \* Evergreen \* The Beeches \* Wilcor Int'l \* Brandeles Corp.\* Debbie Composto
- \* Piano Lab \* SCI Plywood \* Fountainhead Group \* Dr. Joel Amidon \* CNY LegoUsers \* Ed Waskiewicz
- \* Lincoln-Davies \* Indium Corp \* Frank Gruenewald \* Burns Agency \* Amendolare Magic \* Pat Putrello
- \* SnowGrass \* Bronson Construction \* Joseph Flihan Co \* Metzler Printing \* Valley View Country Club
- \* Scalzo, Zogby, Wittig \* H.R. Beebe \* Joe Fraccola/U.S.P.S. \* Dave Boardman \* Hartford Ins
- \* MVCC's Carpentry Class & Escoffier \* OC Work Release \* MV Business Journal \* Carbone Auto
- \* NY Power Authority \* Herkimer Telegram \* WKTV \* Joe Kelly \* Regent Broadcasting \* Utica O.D.
- \* College & School volunteers \* Earl Lewis \* The Staff & our Interns \* The Board of Directors