



Fingerprints

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



Fri., Nov. 19th, Hot Wheels Exhibit at Children's Museum & Sat., Nov. 27th, Holiday on Main Street

Fri. Nov. 19th, Mayor Tim Julian will officiate at the grand opening of "Mike Zarnock's World Famous Hot Wheels® Collection at The Children's Museum in Utica." A leading authority on the subject, Mike writes Collector Guides & books about Hot Wheels®. 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 Models. Come see them!

On Sat., Nov. 27th, the Children's Museum will once again be in-

volved with the Annual Christmas on Main Street at Union Station. Activities there include Santa's arrival on the Adirondack Express, visits w/ he & Mrs. Claus, free entertainment & refreshments plus free horse-drawn wagon rides out on Main Street.

Holiday on Main Street at the Children's Museum (for a reduced fee of \$4.) includes clowns, magicians, live musical entertainment, face painting, balloon making, multi-cultural holiday crafts, cider & donuts.

At the end of the afternoon, Scrooge will lead the kids in singing on the City Bandstand across from the

museum, to be followed by a tree lighting ceremony in Baggs Square & a gigantic fireworks display.

Sat., December 4th our annual 5th Day Gala & Great Friends to Kids Award Ceremony will take place in the Children's Museum. It will feature catered food & beverages, live music, & a silent holiday auction. Donations are \$63. pre-paid or \$75. at the door. Tickets are available at The Children's Museum, from board members, or on our website at www.museum4kids.net

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*Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net*

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October Brought New Heroes & Great Renovations to CM

October 30th, our Annual Boo Bash was a fun event for kids, families, staff & volunteers, with trick & treat stations, donuts & cider, a costume party, holiday crafts, and our haunted house!

The Oneida Nation's Foundation donated \$15k to renovate our longhouse (our very 1st exhibit).

The GE Elfun's installed a new oak front door.

We continued new CM windows installation for our energy efficiency renovation, with the help of grants from Senator Ray Meier, the Community Foundation & Niagara Mohawk Foundation.

Congressman Sherry Boehlert continues his on-

going NASA & Science exhibits support.

Hamilton College students spent several Saturday's volunteering at the Museum, helping w/ renovations and exhibits.

Our thanks to all these wonderful folks for their support for our community. 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 October events & Info on Holiday events

Thanks to the Oneida Indian Foundation for their \$15 donation to renovate our longhouse. Thanks to Mike Zarnock for his Hot Wheels collection. Thanks to the GE Elfun's for our new front door. Thanks to Sen. Ray Meier, the Community Foundation & Nimo Foundation for funding our window renovation. Thanks to the Hamilton College groups for their volunteering efforts at the Children's Museum. It's supporters like this that make a difference! *View info & pix on website.*



Fall field trips and new exhibits abound. Read about them in the attached flyer & 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, Di-

nosaurus & 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.



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, Joe Ruggerio, John Snyder, Margaret Splain, Jen Rota, 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!

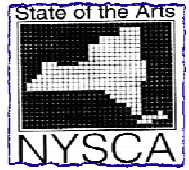


As part of our 41st year, our Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes (check back page).*

Please show your thanks by purchasing their products & services.

Nov. '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
(Saturday 10/30, CM Boo Bash)	11-1 11a / 2p CraftyCreations /CulturalKettle	2 11am / 2pm Cute Critters / Dino Digs	3 Closed	4 11am / 2pm MunchkinMusic/ Sculpture Pots	5 11a/2p PuppetTheater /Rocket Bldg	6 Saturday Science, Legoes, Weather, Crafts
7 Train tour outside 12:30-2:30	8 11a / 2p CraftyCreations /CulturalKettle	9 11am / 2pm Cute Critters / Dino Digs	10 Closed	11 11am / 2pm Munchkin-Music/	12 11a/2p PuppetTheater /Rocket Bldg	13 Saturday Science, Legoes, Weather, Crafts
14 Train tour outside 12:30-2:30	15 11a / 2p CraftyCreations /CulturalKettle	16 11am / 2pm Cute Critters / Dino Digs	17 Closed	18 11am / 2pm Munchkin-Music/	19 Hot Wheels Ex-hibit opening	20 Saturday Science, Legoes, Weather, Crafts
21 Train tour outside 12:30-2:30	22 11a / 2p CraftyCreations /CulturalKettle	23 11am / 2pm Cute Critters / Dino Digs	24 Closed	25 11am / 2pm Munchkin-Music/	26 11a/2pm PuppetTheater /Rocket Bldg	27 Holiday On Main Street at CM & Union Sta.
28 Train tour outside 12:30-2:30	29 11a / 2p CraftyCreations /CulturalKettle	30 11am / 2pm Cute Critters / Dino Digs	12-1 Closed	12-2 Closed for 5th Day Setup	12-3 Closed for 5th Day Setup	12-4 Great Friends to Kids Award & 5th Day Gala 6p-10:30p



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) ;

11/19/04 - Hot Wheels Exhibit Opening;

11/27/04 - Holiday on Main Street (10am-4pm);

12/4/04 - Great Friends to Kids Award & Annual 5th Day Gala (6:00pm-10:30pm)

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

Contact Info:

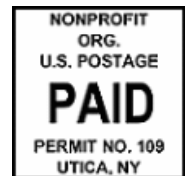
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November Museum Hours:

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
- * RigAll's PattyRusty Williams * Marshall Space Center * Glenn Research Space Center * Temple Inland
- * 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