



Fingerprints

Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology December 2002

Saturday, Dec. 7th CM's Annual 5th Day

Plan to join us on Saturday night, Dec 7th, at our 11th Annual 5th Day Gala black tie event & get to view our 4th floor!

A night to get dressed up in our finery and enjoy each other's company as we support CNY's only Children's Museum; listen & dance to the music of some of the area's best bands: hot brass cool sounds of Classified, plus Mirage playing oldies and current hits, and Carlton Boone playing jazz & Sinatra songs; enjoy fine food & beverages.

Our board committee is acquiring great Silent Auction Items, sure to

provide you with really neat gifts for your holiday shopping. Contact us if you have items you'd like to donate.

We're also in the midst of our corporate campaign, giving local companies and individuals the opportunity to become Charter Members of our 4th Floor opening. Corporate sponsors will have the privilege of attending our Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening event on Friday noon, Dec. 6th. *(we will be closed to the public that wk decorating/setting up)*

Our Honorary Chairs, Congressman Sherry

Boehlert & Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito, will be joined by NYS Senator Ray Meier, Co Exec Ralph Eannace & Utica Mayor Tim Julian.

Attendees at 5th Day will get to view our 4th floor & mingle with celebrities & elected offi-



cials. Join us at this very special annual event, have fun while supporting a great community asset!

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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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It Took a Community to Make our Vision a Reality-What's Next?

In a recent article on The Children's Museum, the MV Business Journal quoted President/Director Marlene Brown "I don't consider anything impossible. You either do or you don't do."

Brown & her husband, Earl, made the decision to keep the doors of the Museum open, renovating & expanding exhibits.

Brown states: "After months of hard work, paying off debts, renovating the existing 3 floors, adding new exhibits, & doubling the business, we decided to open the 4th floor". Brown is quick to add: "This would not have been possible without a dedicated staff & board, elected officials who believed in us, & the many

volunteers and community business people who stepped up to the plate to help".

Those who know her aren't surprised at the progress. "She's a dynamic doer!"

What can you do? Support those who supported us. Come get involved at the Children's Museum.

Take a look around to see where you can donate your services, volunteer your time, offer your talents, make a difference in your community, become a part of a wonderful legacy that will live on long after we're gone! Bring your kids, your family, your group to the only Children's Museum in Central NY, a true asset to our community & find out what's next!



President's Report: Museum Continues to Grow!

As the Children's Museum continues its forward movement, our focus is on several things: getting our 4th floor ready for its Grand Opening & Ribbon cutting, and preparations for our 11th Annual 5th Day, plus programs & exhibits.



Our NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators and children from Preschools & Daycare Centers to Elementary Schools & Scout troops. Included in our lineup

of programs are: Moccasins & Sneakers, Dinosaurs & Fossils, History in the Bag, Dance of the Honeybee, Music on the Move, Amazing Arachnids, Making Tracks, NYS Geology Intro, Going on Bug Hunt, Weather Exploration.

In addition to the half hour program presented by one of our educators, groups gain admission to the museum's three floors of interactive exhibits. Bag lunches can be eaten in our park, our kitchen, or on our 3rd floor. Snacks and

catered food are also available.

In addition to this, we're offering some new after-school programs (*check website for info*)

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 program, birthday, meeting, or special event.



There's Always a Rainbow at CM

"Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in". Central New York's only Children's Museum — a safe, fun, learning environment— is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all residents can be both proud of and utilize to its highest capacity. One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, we're continuing the renovation of our building, opening our 4th floor, bringing in new exhibits, paying off remaining bills, making the Museum more energy efficient.

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 learning time? * your grandchildren to enjoy? * your group for a tour? * your association for a meeting?

No matter what the weather, the sun's always shining at the Children's Museum. Come see for yourself!

CM Board of Directors
Officers: Chair - David Pendergast; Vice Chair - John Stephenson; Secretary - Sarah Kilian; Treasurer - Bob Deschano
Members: Stacy Butcher, Jeff Daniels, Katie Drake, Ralph Froio, Anna Giacobbe, Jennifer Herzog, Sharon Hieber, Terri Palmiero, Jennifer Rota, Gail Scalise, Ed Molloy, Joe Ruggerio, Dan Trevisani.
Staff & Volunteers:
Marlene Brown, Jim Castilla, Don Zyga, Earl Lewis, plus students, interns, members.

Become A CM Hero as a Volunteer or Corporate Member



We welcome volunteers to help with our many activities.

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 ship-shape, or donate toys, exhibits, art supplies, edu-

cational 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 yearly Corporate Campaign has begun &, this year, sponsors have the opportunity to become *Charter Members of the 4th Floor!* If interested, contact us for further information.

Dec. '02 Calendar

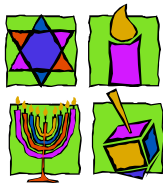
This service is made possible with funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, a state agency. Thank you also to the NYS Office of Children and Family Services for funds provided through the Oneida & Herkimer County Youth Bureaus to support the Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs.



Sunday



Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday

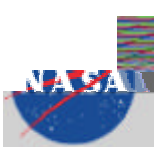








Friday



Saturday



1 ► CM Bldg closed ► Train Tour outside 1:00—2:30p	2 ► Closed for 4th floor & 5th Day setup	3 ► Closed for 4th floor & 5th Day setup	4 ► Closed for 4th floor & 5th Day setup	5 ► Closed for 4th floor & 5th Day setup	6 ► Closed to the public; 4th floor invitation only	7 ► Closed during the day; 6:00 to 11:30p 5th Day Gala!
8 ► Same schedule as the 1st	9 ► Closed for 5th Day cleanup	10 ► 11:00am Arts & Crafts * 3:00p ASP	11 ► 11:00am MusicMunchkins * 3:00p ASP	12 ► 11:00am Feed Animals * 3:00p ASP	13 ► 11:00a Puppet Story * 3:00p ASP	14 ► 11:00am Feeding Animals * 2:00p Train
15 ► Same Schedule as the 1st	16 ► 11:00a Feed Animals * 3:00p ASP	17 ► Same schedule as the 10th	18 ► Same schedule as the 11th	19 ► Same schedule as the 12th	20 ► Same schedule as the 13th	21 ► Same schedule as the 14th, + 4th fl
22 ► Same Schedule as the 1st	23 ► Closed for the holidays	24 ► Closed for the holidays	25 ► Closed for the holidays	26 ► Same schedule as the 5th	27 ► Same schedule as the 13th	28 ► Same schedule as the 14th, + 4th fl
29 ► Same Schedule as the 1st	30 ► Closed for the holidays	31 ► Closed for the holidays	1 ► Closed for the holidays	2 ► Same schedule as the 5th	3 ► Same schedule as the 13th	4 ► Same schedule as the 14th
						

Join the many local families & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips, & meeting events* 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 - Playspace, Exploration, Saturn, Musical exhibit, Trains; Mars Rover; 2nd floor - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; 3rd floor - Living Science, Bee Exhibit, Arts & Crafts, Weather Station.*

Check out our new after-school programs. This month, we're opening our *4th floor*, entitled "Transportation Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow". Check the calendar for days we have the 4th floor open to view our many new exhibits, including: our Airplane, Fire, Police, Railroad, NASA, Dept. of Science. *Volunteer your services* to help us chaperone the 4th floor & have it open more!

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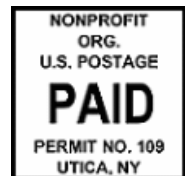
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Museum Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00am to 4:30pm;
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 and special programs offered each month!

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- ☺ Sat., Dec. 7th is our 11th Annual 5th Day
- ☺ It Took a Community: Vision to Reality
- ☺ CM: A Place Where the Sun Always Shines
- ☺ Our President's Report & our 4th floor
- ☺ How You Can Help—Volunteers & Sponsors
- ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
- ☺ Calendar of Events & Holiday Closings
- ☺ CM's Heroes & Heroines & Our Future



CM's Heroes & Heroines

We would not have achieved the successes we have without people who willingly step up to the plate & offer their help. Here are a few we'd like to acknowledge:

- * NASA team & Director Sean O'Keefe * DOE's Office of Science & Dr. Ray Orbach
- * Congressman Sherry Boehlert * NYS Sen Ray Meier * Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito
- * County Exec Ralph Eannace * Utica Mayor Tim Julian * Bill Steppe & the GE Elfun's
- * Bernie Coffey & I.B.E.W.#43 * Utica Fire & Police Dept's * Oneida Indian Nation
- * Frank Gruenewald & Niagara Mohawk * The Donovan Fund * The Fountainhead Group
- * Oxford Medical Imaging * JobReady * Patty & Rusty Williams & RigAll * Piano Lab
- * Pacemaker Millar * Gauthier Fabricating * Mauro's Glass * Cavo * Madonia Electric
- * Zangrilli Engineering * J-K Lumber * SCI Plywood * Dr. Joel Amidon * Earl Lewis
- * The Utica OD * WKTV * WUTR * Regent Broadcasting * The MV Business Journal
- * Ted Kibick * Earle Reed & E.C.R. Int'l * Gail Scalise & New Hartford Hannaford's
- * Lincoln-Davies * Indium Corp * Roger Sinnott * Burns Agency * Rossi Advertising
- * Collis & Sons * Mark & Bronson Construction * Rick Falvo & Brandeles Corp. * BCBS
- * Scalzo, Zogby, & Wittig * H. R. Beebe * Joe Fraccola & the Utica U.S.P.O. team
- * Hamilton College & Perry Jr. High & Temple Emanuel volunteers * NY PowerAuthority
- * Mark Waldrop & the MVCC Escoffier-club * Ric Rosero & the MVCC Carpentry Class
- * The Board of Directors * Barbara Klein * Volunteer Center * ConMed * Hartford Ins
- * Parents, grandparents, teachers, childcare providers, visitors, tourists * CM's Staff



Santa's Mailbox

Bring the children & their *Letters to Santa* down to the mailbox outside the Children's Museum. They will get mailed to Santa, who reads the letters & tries to fill all wishes!

