



# Fingerprints

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



Get your tickets now for our 17th annual 5th Day Gala Holiday event, preceded by our Great Friends to Kids Award at CM!

Mark your calendars & purchase your tickets for our annual 5th Day Gala, being held this year on Saturday, December 4th, 2004 from 6:30 pm to 10:30 pm at the Children's Museum.

Preceding the gala, from 6:00pm to 6:30pm in the Museum, our 2nd Annual Great Friends to Kids Award Ceremony will take place where we honor those who help the museum grow.

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 41st Anniversary with our Honorary Chairs Congressman Sherry Boehlert & District Attorney Mike Arcuri.

Entertainment by Don Cantwell's Cleff Dwellers & Blue Star Duo; Catered by Seneca Inn; Refreshments by F.X. Matt & Bremer's Wines with a fun holiday auc-

tion and viewing of our latest exhibits!

Donation is only \$63 per person or \$120 per couple (\$75 @/\$140 couple at the door). Tickets are available at The Children's Museum, from board members, or on our website at [museum4kids.net](http://museum4kids.net)

Come join other community leaders & supporters in a gala fun event to benefit our children.

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

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[www.museum4kids.net](http://www.museum4kids.net)

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## Hot Wheels Exhibit Opens + Saturday, November 27th Holiday on Main Street



Nov. 19th, Mayor Tim Julian officiated at the opening of Mike Zarnock's World Famous Hot Wheels® Collection at The Children's Museum in Utica. Come see his CM 4th floor exhibit!

Saturday, November 27th, tourists & families take part in the

Children's Museum's annual Holiday on Main Street. A special \$5. admission includes viewing our 4 floors of interactive exhibits, + Piano Lab Kindermusik, Jim Okey magic show, Smiley the Clown face painting & balloon making, washable tattoos, holiday arts & crafts (Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa). Union Sta-

tion free events include Santa's Adirondack Express arrival, refreshments, live entertainment, horse-drawn wagon rides on Main St.

At 4:30, Scrooge leads caroling on City Bandstand outside, followed by a tree lighting ceremony in Baggs Square & a gigantic fireworks display. A favorite yearly tourist/family event.

**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 Exhibits, Programs & Continued Renovations

Thanks to Mike Zarnock for his Hot Wheels collection & to Mayor Tim Julian. 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 for 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, Archeo-

logical Dig, Space Exploration. *(View 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. visit, birthday, meeting, special events. [www.museum4kids.net/](http://www.museum4kids.net/)



### 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, Educ Director Sally Buyea, Educators Dan Kazmierski & Nancy Wheeler, Docent Don Zyga, *Volunteer:* Exhibit Manager Earl Lewis

## 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,

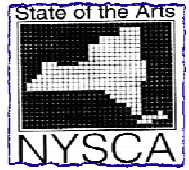
& a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, and welcome your donations & support as we continue to grow!



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.

# Dec. '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

			1 Closed	2 Closed for 5th Day Gala & Great Friends Award setup	3 Closed for 5th Day Gala Great Friends Award setup	4 Closed during day; 5th Day Gala & Great Friends Award 6:00-10:30pm
5 Closed	6 11a / 2p Craft Creations /Culture Kettle	7 11am / 2pm Cute Critters / Dino Digs	8 Closed	9 11am / 2pm Munchkin Music/ Arts & Crafts	10 11a/2p PuppetTheater /Rocket Bldg	11 Saturday Science, Legoes, Weather, Crafts
12 Closed	13 11a / 2p Craft Creations /Culture Kettle	14 11am / 2pm Cute Critters / Dino Digs	15 Closed	16 11am / 2pm Munchkin Music/ Arts & Crafts	17 11a/2p PuppetTheater /Rocket Bldg	18 Holiday Di- nosaur / Hot Wheels / Space
19 Closed	20 11a / 2p Craft Creations /Culture Kettle	21 11am / 2pm Cute Critters / Dino Digs	22 Closed	23 11am / 2pm Munchkin Music/ Arts & Crafts	24 9:45am to 2:45pm Open for holiday	25 Closed for Christmas Day Holiday
26 Closed	27 11a / 2p CraftyCreations /CulturalKettle	28 11am / 2pm Cute Critters / Dino Digs	29 Closed	30 Closed for Holiday	31 9:45am to 2:45pm Open for holiday	1-1 Closed for New Year's Day Holiday
1-2 Closed	1-3 Closed	1-4 Closed	1-5 Closed			

Join the many educators, families & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips & tours* 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., NASA, Office of Science, Hot Wheels exhibits.

**Mark your calendars:** 11/27/04 - Holiday on Main Street (10am-4:30pm at CM);

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

12/18/04 - Holiday Dinosaur/Hot Wheels/Space Fun (at CM)

Check our website for updated calendar information, events & programs! [www.museum4kids.net](http://www.museum4kids.net).

## Contact Info:

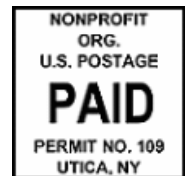
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## December Museum Hours:

Open Mon, Tues., Thurs. Fri., Saturday  
9:45am to 3:45pm; Closed Wed. & Sun. &  
some holidays (*check our calendar*)

## Admission:

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



Check our website for up to  
date pictures & events! *Ideas:*  
Become a sponsor or volunteer  
\* Purchase toys at our Gift  
Shop \* Buy gift memberships

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- ☺ Hot Wheels & Holidays on Main Street
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- ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
- ☺ Calendar of Events & Special Dates
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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 \* Utica Mayor Tim Julian
- \* Co Exec Joe Griffo \* 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
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- \* 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 \* NBT \* Bremer Wine/Liquors \* F.X. Matt Brewery \* Seneca Inn
- \* Allen Gilberti \* Hannaford's \* Utica First \* Garro Pharmacy \* Gaffney Communications \* Indium Corp
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- \* Hamilton College \* School volunteers \* Earl Lewis \* The Staff & our Interns \* The Board of Directors

