



Fingerprints

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

March 22nd Fundraiser & Special Programs at our continually improving Children's Museum!

What: "Mohawk Valley Trivia" Fundraiser

Where: The Children's Museum, 2nd floor stage area

When: Friday, March 22nd, 5:00pm

Fee: \$25 per adult; \$5 per child (special fun & supper for the children on 1st floor)

Who: Teams headed by several local elected officials, including US Congressman Sherry Boehlert; NYS Senator Ray Meier; NYS Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito; NYS Assem-



blyman Dave Townsend; Oneida County Executive Ralph Eannace, Jr.; Utica Mayor Tim Julian; Rome Mayor Joe Griffo.

Format: A fun event where each of our esteemed teams will try to correctly answer questions on Mohawk Valley Trivia.

During the next few

weeks before the event, visitors coming in to the Museum will be able to leave their Mohawk Valley trivia questions to be included in the game.

Check our website for continued up-to-date information on the event. And check our web calendar for further info on special March programs offered on weekends for families.

Thanks to our elected officials & presenters who are involved in programs & events that benefit our children.

The Children's Museum
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www.museum4kids.net

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Art Contest & Feb Break Programs Great Success & CM Keeps Growing!

Programs, Prizes, Education, Fun!

The month of February saw us offering 24 different programs at the Children's Museum, presented by great community experts volunteering their time & talents. We broke all attendance records, with

programs including: Sports Memorabilia; Learning to Juggle; President's Storytelling; Acid Rain/Clean Air; Train Tours; Dinosaur Science; Ancient Seas; Cooking for Kids; Angelic Voices; Beekeeping; Adorable Animals; Wooden Model Making; NYS Twirlers; Tae Kwondo; Fun with Fos-

sils; Train Travels; Planets & Solar Systems. View pix on our website.

Our Feb. 17th Art Contest, sponsored by Dr. Sanjeev Vasishtha, saw 32 entries. The winning entries are on exhibit all month on the 3rd floor of the Children's Museum.

Our thanks to all those who are joining the ranks of CM Community Heroes!

Other Exhibits:

We'll be working this month on renovating our 4th floor to make it a Transportation Yesterday & Tomorrow floor, which will include the Utica Fire Dept artifact exhibit, an A-V room, space exhibits, & other surprise exhibits!

We hope to have this open for Spring break in April, so keep checking!

Things You Can Count On & Things that are New!

Listed below are the activities that run each week unless noted:

Tuesday's at 10:30am—

STORYTIME FUN, an interactive experience for children, parents & caregivers, learning about letters, colors, numbers, animals, pets, holidays. Appropriate ages 2-5.

Wednesday's at 10:30am—

MUSIC FOR MUNCHKINS, a fun musical program designed for toe-tappin' toddlers. Sing & dance to favorite tunes, march along with

favorite instruments. Appropriate for ages 2-5.

Thursday's at 10:30am—

ARTS & CRAFTS, a hands-on fun and interactive art time at the Museum. Come and create a new craft each week. Appropriate for ages 3-5.

Friday's at 11:00am—

FEEDING OUR ANIMALS, enjoy watching us care for Hank the Snake & Sweetie the Guinea Pig in our Living Science Center.

Saturday's & Sunday's: 1 & 2 pm Train tour programs + other special programs. Check our website!

WEBSITE NEWS: View names of Sponsors who've invested in the community's children by helping the Children's Museum grow. "Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are then more likely to stay and support the community they grew up in".

CONTEST: Ask about our contest of the month!

New \$60 CM Family Membership+ & our Catered Parties great bargains!



Children's Museum memberships make great gifts. Membership includes discounts at the gift shop, discounts on birthday parties, Fingerprints, admission to participating museums, and the ever changing fun of learning. Become a member, renew, or purchase a membership for someone else! Forms are available in our museum and on our website.

A \$45 family membership includes 2 adults & their children. A \$60 family plus membership includes 2 adults & their children, plus grandparents or two guests.

And we're now catering parties & meetings (birthday, corporate, etc.) in the enjoyable Children's Museum surroundings!

CM Board of Directors Officers

Marlene B. Brown, President
David Pendergast, Vice Pres
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Members

Mary Jo Beach, Stacy Butcher,
Ellen Rayhill, Ned Dwyer,
Ralph Froio, Sharon Lis-
Ed Molloy, Jim Nerschook,
Matt Renninger, Joe Ruggerio,
Lynn Shaw, John Stephenson,

Staff

Sherry Bolton, Mary Napoli,
Don Zyga, Michelle Napoli

Become A CM Hero: Volunteers & Corporate Members

We welcome volunteers to help with our many activities. There's no greater reward than helping the children. What can you volunteer for? Helping out with regularly scheduled programs. Or offering a program in your own area of talent or interest. Or helping keep the museum in ship-shape condition, using your area of expertise, donating exhibits, art supplies, other

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. The kids that come to

the Children's Museum are the ones that grow up and shape our community.



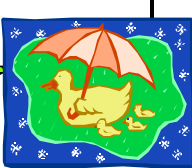
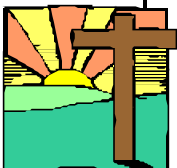

Our levels of corporate sponsors include a \$250 T-Rex, a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, & a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, and we welcome your donations & your support as we continue to grow!

March '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 Herkimer County Youth Bureau to support the Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs.



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

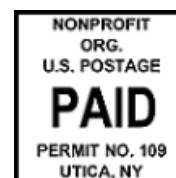
					1 ▶ Open 10 am-4:30pm Explore our educationally fun exhibits	2 ▶ Open 10 am-4:30pm Visit living science, history, & play space
3 ▶ Open 12-4:30pm ▶ Spec Prog 1pm; Train Tour 2pm	4 ▶ Museum Closed	5 ▶ Museum Closed to renovate our 4th floor for Transportation exhibits!	6 ▶ Open 10 am-4:30pm ▶ 10:30am Munchkin Music ▶ 11:00am Storytime Fun	7 ▶ Open 10am-4:30pm ▶ 10:30am Arts & Crafts	8 ▶ Open 10am-4:30pm ▶ 10:30am Feeding our Animals	9 ▶ Open 10 am-4:30pm ▶ Train Tour 12 noon; Special progr 1 & 2pm
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24 ▶ Open 12-4:30pm ▶ Spec Prog 1pm; Train Tour 2pm	25 ▶ Museum Closed	26 Museum Closed to renovate our 4th floor for Transportation exhibits!	27 ▶ Open 10 am-4:30pm ▶ 10:30am Munchkin Music ▶ 11:00am Storytime Fun	28 ▶ Open 10 am-4:30pm ▶ 10:30am Arts & Crafts	29 ▶ Open 10 am-4:30pm ▶ 10:30am Feeding our Animals	30 ▶ Open 10 am-4:30pm ▶ Train Tour 12pm; Special progr 1 & 2pm
31 ▶ Easter Sun; Museum Closed	<p>Check our website for additional information on special Saturday and Sunday programs. Join the many local families & groups who book <i>birthday & event parties</i> the Children's Museum, and the schools who book <i>educational field trips</i> u- seum! Ask about our birthday parties and educational programs. Check our website, -724 6129, visit us in person. <i>H</i> 's some of what you'll find: <i>1st floor</i> Playspace, Exploration, Saturn, Musical exhibit, Trains; - Longhouse, Di rama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; <i>3rd floor</i> Living Science, Arts & Crafts, Weather Station.</p>					



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Museum Hours:
Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am to 4:30pm;
Sunday 12:00pm to 4:30pm
(unless otherwise noted on Calendar)

Admission:
\$3.50 per person, Members plus
children 12 months & under Free.
Special group rates available.



Check our website for up to date info and pictures and special programs offered throughout the month!

Important Info in March 2002 Issue

- ☺ March 22nd Fundraiser—"MV Trivia"
- ☺ Art Contest & Feb. Programs Success!
- ☺ Things You Can Count On & Sponsors
- ☺ School Educational Field Trips
- ☺ Birthday & Holiday Parties
- ☺ Family & Corporate Memberships
- ☺ Our Calendar of Events
- ☺ Welcome New Members, Happy B-days!



Welcome New Members!

Jennifer & Todd Richard
Elaine Kordyban/Victor Carambia
Theresa & Stephen Strassberger
Christine & Robin Robinson
Suzanne & Mark Mannella
Mary Jane & Ted Tottey
JoAnn & Robert Hodkinson
Graceanne & Patrick Quann
Kim & Jim Hartshorne
Isable & A. Duncan Chiquoine
Roderick & Jana McDonald
Stephanie & Erick VanSavage
Jeffrey McArn/Georgia Frank
Richard & Georgene Ambruso

Ruth Meier * Shayla Harris
Ramona Cleary * Jennifer Smith
Roseann Kisei * Ellen & Brett Hull
Mary & Brian Rahn
Rachel & Eric Smith
Kelly & Bill Iannone
Diane & John Roach
Ruth & Russell Ward
Kristen & Anthony Scalise
Melissa & Paul Drejza
Gregory & Joby Roos
Charles & Julie Ferrara
Amy & Fred Heintz
Carol & Paul Ohlbaum
Dennis & Robin Hillpot
Linda & Patrick Quinn
Angel & Richard Woolheater
AnnaMaria & Amer Mirza
Caroline & James Dimbleby

Dawn & Thomas Burke
Patricia & Gavin Meyer
Wendy & Frank Karas
Christine & Ken Caridi
John & Margaret Sperling
Tina & Gordon Bailey
Jill & Bryan Owens
Barbara & Pete Alvanos
Jennifer & James Turnbull

February Birthdays

Gabriella Hobika, 3 yrs old
Leigha Castiello, 4 yrs old
Olivia Robinson, 3 yrs old
Jillian Gray, 6 yrs old
Cheyenne Lavier, 6 yrs old
Lizzy Nelson, 3 yrs old
Jessica Marolf, 6 yrs old
Treylen Borden, 6yrs old