



Fingerprints

Fingerprints is a monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 * March 2006



March Events include our Science & Technology Fair!



Winter Break Week in February broke all records! We hosted over 1,000 visitors in those 6 days and brought in several new members! Our thanks to those who volunteered their time and talents to present programs.

A special thanks to Allan Lang, who donated a large-size Meteorite (one that can actually be touched!) found on our 2nd floor's Dino/Fossil Center.

And a special thanks to John DeLooper who donated another specially designed hands-on Science exhibit, "The Flying Ring", which can be found on our 4th floor, along with our other interactive exhibits.

Want to get your children/students more interested in the essential topics of science, math & technology? Register them for our 3/25/06 Science & Technology Fair where they'll get to meet an Astronaut, Congressman Boehlert, NASA officials and our Homogenous Metals sponsors! Registration forms available in museum & on our website

The \$7. admission includes all the day's activities, plus viewing of and interacting with the 100's of exhibits on our four floors! Spend your day enjoying in a warm safe environment! (*under*

1 year & members free)

We are collaborating with Proctor High & CNY Convention for Future. Keep tuned!

Mark your calendars for our 4/15 Easter Egg Hunt, 4/17-21 Spring School Break Programs, and our 4-22 Antique & Fine Art Appraisal Fair!

Sign up for our 6/12 Annual Golf Tournament. Plan to come to our 8/4 Int'l Halls of Fame Induction and our 8/25 Vino/Ale/Art Baggs Square Luau!

View pix & info on our website as we continue growing CNY's premiere Quality of Life family/tourist attraction.

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311 Main Street
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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~ Commemorative Brick Project Debuts this Spring!

PROUD PARENTS
CONGRAT'S TO
JOHN DOE '03

Coming this spring - the initial laying of the bricks in the Children's Museum Commemorative Brick Sidewalk Project. The ceremony will honor the Charter members.

To join this elite group, you can purchase personalized engraved

bricks for the paved sidewalk in front of the museum, to commemorate your support for our community treasure. Only \$75. apiece, each brick holds 14 characters per line, up to 3 lines. Form available in museum or on our website.

To date, the following are our Brick Charter members: Joan Shkane Esq, Mark Bar-

res M & R Heating, Dr. Nancy Shaheen, Dr. Philip Reitz, Steven Genett, Northern Safety, Dr. Leo Sullivan, Dr. Anthony & Carol Mandour, Garro Utica Drug Store, Bader Reynolds, Don & Linda Dresher, Nicholas Calogero Jr, Mukesh Shah, John Stephenson, Marlene Brown.

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: Winter Break Broke Records * Science & Technology Fair * Commemorative Brick Project Growing * Proctor & Hamilton involvement



March 25th we'll host our Annual Science & Technology Fair. Thanks to Congressman Boehlert and Homogenous Metals for their support.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to present programs during Winter Break Week, including John DeLooper (who designed & donated another great interactive science exhibit), Amanda Gabeler, Deanne Balutis, Jen Herzog, Kathy Slocum & Allan Lang (who donated a large Meteorite kids can touch!)

Thanks to those who are support-

ing our Commemorative Brick Project, to Proctor High School's Academy's A & C for the collaborative projects we're doing with them, and to Hamilton College students who come in to volunteer on a monthly basis at the museum.

Thanks to our Board members who continue for their support. 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/Science Office.

Our dozens of NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators from Pre-K & Day-care to Schools & Scouts. Groups book field trips, grandparents/families enjoy outings, & parents book children's birthday parties.

Groups gain admission to CM's 4 floors of interactive exhibits & may opt for educator's program. Bag lunches can be eaten in our kitchen & pre-ordered food is available in our Cafe. View more on web: 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 * scouts to earn a badge * family for a great day out * children for a fun time * grandchildren to enjoy * group for a tour * association for a meeting?
1st floor, children 4 & under enjoy PlaySpace & our life-size wooden train, while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration. 2nd floor all enjoy our Longhouse, Karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama. 3rd floor, Our Cute Critters, Interactive Train & Lego exhibits, Int'l Halls of Fame, Radio & Weather Rooms. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/exhibits, Airplanes, Hot Wheels, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

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CM Director & Staff: Executive Director Marlene B. Brown;

Staff: Christie Hubbard, Dan Kazmierski, Don Zyga, Jen Vivyan.

Volunteer: Exhibits Manager & Birthday Party Host Earl Lewis.

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



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

How can you help? You can assist with scheduled activities, 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, educa-

tional 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 your donations & support.

Our 43rd 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.

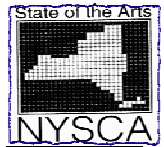
Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website & join them!



March '06 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

Made possible with funds from the NYS Council on the Arts and the many sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs and Exhibits.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2-26 <i>Closed</i>	2-27 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	2-28 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	3-1 <i>Closed</i>	3-2 11a/2p Puppet Story/ Paint & Design	3-3 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	3-4 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters
3-5 <i>Closed</i>	3-6 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	3-7 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	3-8 <i>Closed</i>	3-9 11a/2p Puppet Story/ Paint & Design	3-10 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	3-11 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters
3-12 <i>Closed</i>	3-13 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	3-14 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	3-15 <i>Closed</i>	3-16 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	3-17 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	3-18 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters
3-19 <i>Closed</i>	3-20 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	3-21 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	3-22 <i>Closed</i>	3-23 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	3-24 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	3-25 Science & Technology Fair 10a-3p
3-26 <i>Closed</i>	3-27 11a / 2p Music 4 Munchkins / Craft Fun	3-28 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	3-29 <i>Closed</i>	3-30 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	3-31 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	4-1 Legos, D-Jays, Space Science, Caring for our Critters
4-2 <i>Closed</i>	4-3 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	4-4 Caring for our Cute Critters	4-5 <i>Closed</i>	4-6 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	4-7 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	4-15 Easter Egg Hunt w/ Bunny 10a-2p



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

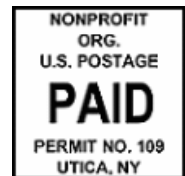
Check enclosed Flyer & Online Calendar for 2006 events: www.museum4kids.net Including our March 25th Science & Technology Fair; April 15th Easter Egg Hunt; Antique & Fine Art Appraisal Fair; Golf Tournament; Folklore Festival; Int'l Halls Fame induction; Luau; 43rd Anniversary Gala

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Museum Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday 9:45am to 3:45pm;
Open Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm
Closed Wed. & Sun. & some holidays. Open
most school holidays - check online calendar.

Admission: \$7. for adults & children;
Members + under 1 year Free (*reduced
member fee for some events*).



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CM's Heroes & Heroines: *they continue to make a difference.*

* Congressman Sherry Boehlert * NYS Senator Ray Meier * NASA * Office of Science * Roger Sinnott
* Herk/Oneida Co Community Foundation * National Grid * Oxford Imaging * Oneida Nation Foundation
* Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito * Utica Mayor Tim Julian * Co Exec Joe Griffo * D.A. Michael Arcuri
* Councilwoman Teresa Wojnas * Utica Fire & Police Dept's * Dr. Nancy Shaheen * Mark Scheidelman
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