



Fingerprints

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NASA's Starship 2040 & Ceremony to be followed by Spring Fling 40th Anniversary



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Starship 2040 landed at the Children's Museum on March 27th, School groups, families & visitors excitedly viewed NASA's high-tech "spacecraft" which sent the imaginations of visitors soaring into orbit. *We were one of only 3 cities in NYS to be a part of this exciting nationwide tour!*

Fri & Mon - Mar 28th & 31st, several area school groups took part in field trips that included touring Starship, viewing exhibits & activities, taking part in NASA Lectures on "Building the Highway to Space: The Future of Space Exploration". **Fri PM** we hosted the Starship 2040 VIP/Media

Reception at Children's Museum for business, academic, officials, to meet Marshall Space Flight Center Director Art Stephenson.

Sat & Sun - Mar 29 & 30, Starship tours, exhibits & presentations were open to the public. **Sat PM** our 4th floor Ceremony featured NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, Congressman Sherwood Boehlert, NASA Assoc. Adm. Educ. Dr. Adena Williams Loston, Astronaut Melvin Leland, and Sean McCool—brother of Columbia Capt Willy McCool. **Mon pm** we waved goodbye as Starship departed. What a wonderful experience. **Thank you NASA & Chairman Boehlert!**

Spring Fling - Saturday night, May 3rd, 7:00pm to 11:00pm, **Honorary Chairs Congressman Sherwood Boehlert & Assembly-woman RoAnn Destito** invite you to join them at the Children's Museum for our First Annual "Spring Fling" where we will also celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Museum. **Entertainment** by Classified, Mirage, Carleton Boone. **Catered** by Valley View Country Club including full bar, finger foods, hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, dessert. Neat silent auction & a fun time! **Donation:** Only \$50 per person. Advance tickets available now & at the door.

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Grammy Nominated Kids Folk Singers at Children's Museum 11am Sat. April 12th

At **11:00am Saturday morning, April 12, 2003** *Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer*, nationally known entertainers who have been making music together since 1984 with guitar, banjo, mandolin, dulcimer, and steel drums

will be appearing on our Children's Museum 2nd floor stage area. Well-known for their kids' shows and recordings, they currently appear every morning on national tv and have numerous recordings for all ages of children. They have been featured at MWPAI's

For Kids & Families series. This talented duo was nominated for 3 Grammy awards in 2003, including Best Musical Album for Children.

Bring the whole family while they're in NYS on their tour—they have something for everyone!

VOLUNTEER: Donate your services, volunteer your time, offer your talents, 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 a true asset to our community. Come find out why we're so special!



President's Report: Museum Celebrates & Grows

As the Children's Museum continues its forward movement, our focus was on: securing the exciting lineup for Starship 2040 end of March, the Children's Concert on April 12th, the Spring Fling on May 3rd, & continuing 4th floor 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, & several new Space Science programs. *(check website for info)*

In addition to the half hour program presented by one of our educators, groups gain admission to the museum's four 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 our Museum Cafe.

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 4th floor, bringing in new exhibits, making the Museum more energy efficient & comfortable for visitors.

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 year round 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: Jeff Daniels, Katie Drake, Anna Giacobbe, Jennifer Herzog, Sharon Hieber, Scott Madonia, Terri Palmiero, Jennifer Rota, Gail Scalise, Margaret Splain, Joe Ruggerio, Dan Trevisani.
Staff & Volunteers:
Marlene Brown, Earl Lewis, Sue Perry, Sue Topi, Don Zyga, students, interns.

Become A CM Hero as a Volunteer or Corporate Sponsor



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 Spring Fling Corporate Campaign is underway to bring new sponsors on board as *CM Heroes*. Show your thanks by taking advantage of their products & services.

April '03 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 ► 11:00am Care & Feeding of our Animals	2 ► 11:00am Music for Munchkins	3 ► 11:00a Feeding our Animals	4 ► 11:00am Puppet Storytime	5 ► 11:30 - 12:30 & 2:30-3:30 4th Floor Open *12:00p - 2:00p TrainTour
6 ► Museum closed, train open 12-2	7 ► 11:00a Arts & Crafts	8 ► Same schedule as the 1st	9 ► Same schedule as the 2nd	10 ► Same schedule as the 3rd	11 ► Same schedule as the 4th	12 ► Same schedule as the 5th
13 ► Same Schedule as the 6th	14 ► Same schedule as the 7th	15 ► Same schedule as the 1st	16 ► Same schedule as the 2nd	17 ► Same schedule as the 3rd	18 ► Same schedule as the 4th	19 ► Same schedule as the 5th
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27 ► Same Schedule as the 6th	248 ► Same schedule as the 7th	29 ► Same schedule as the 1st	30 ► Same schedule as the 2nd			

Join the many families & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips & meetings* 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, ExplorationSpace, Saturn, Musical exhibits, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Living Science, Animals, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Station.

Our *4th floor*, entitled "Transportation Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow" features exciting new exhibits, including: our Airplane, Fire & Police Dept., NASA & Dept. of Energy Office of Science exhibits. This floor is open from 11:30am-12:30pm & again from 2:30pm-3:30pm Monday—Saturday. *Volunteer your services* to help as chaperone/guides for 4th floor & special programs!

Mark your calendars for special upcoming programs & activities. 11:00am Saturday April 12th, Cathy Fink & Marcy Marker will be here for a Children's Concert. 11:00am Saturday April 19th will be our Easter Egg Hunt, then Earth Day activities. 7-11pm Saturday May 3rd Spring Fling & 40th Anniversary Celebration! Tickets for Concert & Fling can be purchased now or at the door.

Contact Info:

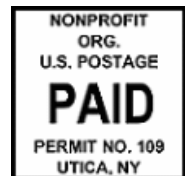
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April Museum Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm;
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, programs, hours, special events !

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CM's Heroes & Heroines: they made a difference.

- * Director Sean O'Keefe, NASA * Dr. Ray Orbach, DOE's Office of Science
- * Congressman Sherry Boehlert * NYS Senator Ray Meier * Mayor Tim Julian
- * Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito * County Executive Ralph Eannace * The Beeches
- * Princeton Plasma Physics Lab * Fermilab Accelerator Lab * Affordable Computer
- * Utica Fire & Police Dept's * Chuck Fougner, Oneida Indian Nation * GE Elfun's
- * Frank Gruenewald * Sen. Donovan Memorial Fund * Community Foundation * SBU
- * Oxford Medical Imaging * RigAll's Patty & Rusty Williams * Mitch & SnowGrass
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- * Lincoln-Davies * Indium Corp * Roger Sinnott * Burns Agency * Wilcor Int'l
- * Fred Collis & Sons * Mark Bronson Construction * Rick Falvo, Brandeles Corp.
- * Scalzo, Zogby, Wittig * H.R.Beebe * Joe Fraccola/U.S.P.S. * Dave Boardman
- * Ric Rosero & MVCC's Carpentry Class * Jos Flihan Co * Nimo * Metzler Printing
- * Mark W./MVCC Escoffier-club * NY Power Authority * Earl Lewis * Utica O.D.
- * Herkimer Telegram * WKTV * WUTR * Regent Bdcstg * MV Business Journal
- * College & School volunteers * Earl Lewis * OC Sheriff Middaugh * Hartford Ins
- * OC College Corps * Volunteer Center * Board of Directors * Ed Waskiewicz
- * Parents & grandparents, teachers & child providers, visitors & tourists, staff



New & Renewed Members:

Julia & John Brouillette, Eldon Burlingame, Amy & Ted Clairmont, Caroline & James Dimpleby, Mary & Joseph Hamlin, Judith & Mark Kowalczyk, Jana & Rod McDonald, AnnaMaria & Aamer Mirza, Dr. Steven & Barbara Ohlbaum

March Birthdays:

Alex Lallier, 9 yrs old; Carryn Williams, 7 yrs old; Isabella Morell, 2 yrs old; Grant Jackson, 3 yrs old; Carryn Williams, 7 yrs old; Andrew Sandoch, 6 yrs old; Lucas Van Riper, 8 yrs old.