



Fingerprints

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



Come Take Part in our neat CM Spring Events & View Our New NASA Exhibits!



The kids are going to enjoy our *Egg Hunt and Kids Fashion Show* taking place at the Children's Museum on Saturday, April 10th.

Dan Trevisani chairs the event, working with John Stephenson, our director & CM staff.

Egg Hunt times follow: 10:30-10:45am for children ages 1-3; 10:45-11:00am for ages 4-6; and 11:00-11:15am for ages 7-9.

Children will stay on the 1st floor while the other age groups hunt

on the 2nd floor. When each group comes down, the next age group will go up. We might even have an Easter Bunny there!

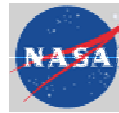
12pm-1pm, Joanne Donaruma will commentate our Kids Fashion Show. Joanne is coordinating the show with several area stores. Kids ages 4-12 years are invited to participate. (*if interested, call the museum.*) It's going to be neat watching kids model down our oak staircase!

The week of April 12-16, we'll be open every day for Special Spring

SchoolBreak Programs. Check our website to see the neat stuff going on all week!

Interact with our 1,000's of exhibits, including new Mars Rover & science stuff, let kids take a ride in our airplane, make Easter cards, do Computer Art, have Karaoke Fun, plant seeds! Check our website for pictures of new NASA exhibits, science fair winners &

Lutheran Care visitors.



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www.museum4kids.net

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Purchase May 8th Spring Fling tickets * Pre-Register for CM Golf Tournament / Get New Car Raffle Ticket



Sat., May 8th, our Annual Spring Fling takes place from 7pm to 11pm at the Children's Museum.

Co-Chairs Betsey Snyder & Patrick Quinn have lined up some cool bands, awesome food & beverages, and some really neat auction items!

Purchase your tickets for this fun event where you can mingle with com-

munity leaders in a spring setting & view our newest NASA exhibits. Donation is only \$50 per person.

Chair John Snyder & Co-Chairs Bruce Davis and Alex Carbone announce CM's Golf Tournament to be held at Valley View Mon. June 28th. Registration starts 12pm, Shotgun start 1:00p, \$75 per person entry fee includes

cart, lunch, dinner, great prizes! \$95 pre-registration includes the above plus a raffle ticket to take a chance on a hole-in-one new car! Car raffle tickets \$25. Hole sponsorships \$75; \$350 Corporate Package; \$1,000 Tournament Sponsor. *Events benefit our museum. More info on our website.*

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. Come see why.



Director's Report: Wrapup of Kids Science & Technology Fair & NASA Visit

March 27th was an exciting day as Congressman Boehlert, NASA's Dr. Jim Garvin & Astronaut Ken Cockrell visited the children's museum, presented us with 2 new exhibits, met our Kids Fair winners - Sauquoit Elementary's Mark Martin, Ryan Stalker, Tess Denton - our Lutheran Care participants & visitors, and got their picture postcards taken at a NASA Mars booth! (View pictures on our website)



We're proud of our 1,000's of exhibits designed for an educationally

enjoyable experience 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, Going on A Bug Hunt, Erie Canal History, Weather Science, Space Exploration, Mars Mission. (View our programs on our 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 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.



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 & Thomas music in PlaySpace while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration Space. 2nd floor enjoy karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama exhibits. 3rd floor, Thomas the Train & Lego exhibits, our Animals, Halls of Fame. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/exhibits, our airplane, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

CM Board of Directors

Officers: Dave Pendergast; Dan Trevisani, John Stephenson; Sharon Hieber; Scott Madonia;
Directors: Alex Carbone, Jeff Daniels, Bruce Davis, Katy Drake, Anna Giacobbe, Jen Herzog, Terri Palmiero, Patrick Quinn, Jen Rota, Joe Ruggerio, Betsy Snyder, John Snyder, Margaret Splain, Gail Scalise, Rhonda Tucker. **Staff and Volunteers:** Marlene Brown, Bruce Phillips, Dan Kazmierski, Don Zyga, Sally Buyea, Jano Nightingale, Earl Lewis, MaryJane Wegrzyn, Amy Rutkowski, Himani Patel, UC & Hamilton College student groups.

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



There's no greater reward than helping children. How can you help? You can volunteer, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum shipshape, donate to the Children's Museum and give yourself a break on taxes - donate stock, or help by donating to our wish list: toys in good shape, ex-

hibit 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 Tri-

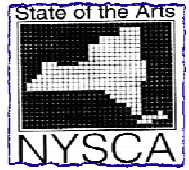
ceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, & a \$10,000 Oviraptor. We value, and welcome your donations & support as we continue to grow!












Our New Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes* (check back page). Please show your thanks by purchasing their products/services.

April '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

								
Train Tour outside museum 12-2p	3-29 11a & 2p Care & Feeding of our Animals	3-30 11am & 2pm Arts & Crafts Fun	3-31 <i>Closed</i>	1 11am & 2pm Puppet Storytime	2 11am & 2p Music for Munchkins	3 Saturday Science; Legos & Karaoke Fun		
4 Train tour outside 12-2p	5 11am & 2pm Care & Feeding of our Animals	6 11am & 2pm Arts & Crafts Fun	7 <i>Closed</i>	8 11am & 2pm Puppet Storytime	9 11am & 2p Music for Munchkins	10 Egg Hunt & Fashion Show; Sat. Science		
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Join the many families & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips & meetings* 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, MusicFun, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Science Room, Animals, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Halls of Fame.

Our *4th floor* features exciting exhibits including: our Airplane, Fire & Police Dept., NASA & Office of Science exhibits. This floor open 11:30am-12:00pm, 1:00-1:30 & 2:00pm-2:30pm.

Mark your calendars: 4/10/04 - Easter Egg Hunt & Fashion Show; 4/12-4/16/04 - Spring School Break; 5/8/04 - Spring Fling Gala (7:00-11:00pm); 6/18-20 & 6/25-27/04 - Thomas the Tank Engine at ASR; 6/28/04 - CM Golf Tournament (12pm on at Valley View); 7/04 - CM Folk Festival; 8/6/04 - Int'l Halls of Fame Induction; 8/27/04 - Friday Night in Baggs Square; 10/30/04 - Halloween Boo Bash; 11/27/04 - Holiday on Main Street; 12/3/04 - Great Friends to Kids Award (12:00pm-1:00pm); 12/4/04 - Annual 5th Day Gala (6:30pm-11:00pm)

Check out our website for updated info on all our 2004 events & programs!

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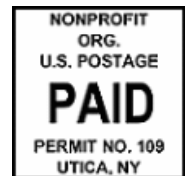
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April Museum Hours:

Open Mon, Tues., Thurs. Fri. 10:00am to 3:30pm; Saturday 10:15am to 3:45pm

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 pictures, programs, hours, events!
Ideas: purchase 2004 Entertainment Book at CM * Buy gift memberships * Purchase toys at our Gift Shop

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



- * NASA's Sean O'Keefe * Office of Science Dr. Ray Orbach * Congressman Sherry Boehlert
- * NYS Senator Ray Meier * Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito * County Executive Joe Griffo * Ted Kibiuk
- * Councilwoman Teresa Wojnas * Met Life Foundation * Gannett Foundation * GE Elfun's * Princeton Lab
- * Utica Fire & Police Dept's * Fire Marshall Dan Trevisani * Chief Russ Brooks * D.A. Mike Arcuri
- * The Community Foundation * Ralph Eannace * Fleet Bank * Zim's Contracting * Matt Chmielewski
- * Oneida Nation Foundation * Dr. Jeff Bassin * RigAll's Patty/Rusty Williams * Roger Sinnott * Adelpia
- * Sen. Donovan Memorial Fund * Dr. Ted & Melva Max * Alice PenderO'Shea * Mackie Kernan * ACW
- * Oxford Medical Imaging * Con Med * Collis & Sons * Utica College CircleK * Hamilton College Habitat
- * Mauro's Glass * Madonia Electric * I.B.E.W.#43 * Marshall Space Flight Center * Carbone Auto Group
- * Zangrilli Engineering * Jay-K Lumber * Sheriff Dan Middaugh * KempoKarate * Bank of Utica * SBU
- * Drs. Anthony Furino/John Hamlin * New Hartford Hannaford's * Fountainhead Group * Ed Waskiewicz
- * Earle Reed, ECR * Evergreen * Bill Corrigan & Wilcor Int'l * H. J. Brandeles * George & Pinny Kuckel
- * The Piano Lab * Dr. Joel Amidon * Vicks Lithograph * CNY LegoUsers * Anthony Garramone * Adelpia
- * Burns Agency * Indium Corp * Frank Gruenewald * Amendolare Magic * J.K.Hage III * Utica National
- * SnowGrass * Gauthier * Joseph Flihan Co * Metzler Printing * NBT Bank * Valley View * Seneca Inn
- * Scalzo, Zogby, Wittig * H.R. Beebe * U.S.P.S. Joe Fraccola/Dave Boardman * The Hartford Ins
- * NY Power Authority * MVCC's Carpentry Class * Pat Putrello * Smiley the Clown * Big Apple Music
- * WKTV * Herkimer Telegram * Joe Kelly * Regent Broadcasting * MV Business Journal * Utica O.D.
- * College & School volunteers * Earl Lewis * The Staff & our Interns * The Board of Directors