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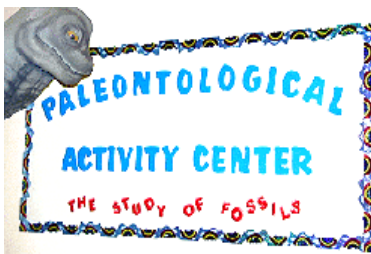
Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History,
Natural History, Science & Technology May 2002

Baby Brach Welcomes You to the Paleontological Activity Center at the Children's Museum!

Thanks to the continued wonderful work by the GE Elfuns at the Children's Museum, we've got another new exhibit for you!

Our 2nd floor Dinosaur area now boosts a Paleontological Activity Center where youngsters and adults can browse through a marvelous collection of all sorts of fossils.

The Center, located near our multimedia Diorama, also contains numerous related educational materials.



We're continuing to work hard on renovating our 4th floor for exhibits on



"Transportation Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow"

floor, which will include the Utica Fire Dept artifact exhibit, police dept. & railway & sheriff exhibits, an A-V room, & space exhibits!

Mark your calendars as we're planning on a Grand Opening Friday, May 31st, where we'll invite local dignitaries, elected officials & the media to take part in our ribbon cutting!

Check our website & web calendar for continued up-to-date information on this and other special May programs.

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

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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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Fun w/Gravity Exhibit & B-day's & Programs + Donate Cell Phones!

Programs, Parties, Education, Fun!

The month of April saw us adding a new Gravity Exhibit (thanks to NetTest), which has kids of all ages enjoying testing their skills! We also hosted numerous Birthday parties & field trip Educational pro-

grams. Several events took advantage of our new catering services.

In addition to our regular weekday programs: (Things to Count On), the month of April saw us offering special programs every Sat. & Sun. and during Spring Break at the Children's Museum. Included were Dinosaur Science, Afri-

can Drumming, Bees & Beekeeping, Insect Crafts, Science Fun, Cooking for Kids, Train Tours & Juggling!

May Programs

Check the flyer & web for programs scheduled for the month of May & come join the fun! Plus give Mom a break on Mother's Day & bring the kids in to CM!

Download Brochure: describing our programs & birthday info in printable format on our website.

Donate a Phone:

We're asking you to bring your used cell phones in & deposit them in the box at the Museum to help us in a Donate A Phone fundraiser, in conjunction with New Hartford Rotary which will benefit our CM children.

Things You Can Count On & Things that are New!

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

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 ages 3-5.

Friday's at 11:00am—

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

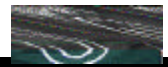
Friday's at 11:30am—

FEEDING OUR ANIMALS, enjoy watching us care for Hank the Snake, Sweetie the Guinea Pig, our Fish Tank & the Bee Exhibit 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 more likely to stay and support the community they grew up in".

GIFTS: Buy your child a CM t-shirt!



CM Field Trips & Birthday Parties & Memberships great bargains!



School groups, daycare centers, & scout troops continue to find a *field trip* to our Museum combined with 1 of our 18 educational programs a great bargain for children. Our catered theme *birthday parties & adult events*, in the enjoyable & historic Children's Museum surroundings, continue to be popular with groups & families.

Children's Museum *memberships* make great gifts. Membership include Fingerprints, admission to participating museums, and the ever changing fun of learning. Become a member, renew, or purchase a membership for someone else! Forms available in our museum & on our website.



CM Board of Directors Officers

Marlene B. Brown, President
David Pendergast, Vice-Pres
Sarah Kilian, Secretary
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Members

MaryJo Beach, Stacy Butcher,
Jim Nerschook, Ellen Rayhill,
Ned Dwyer, Ralph Froio, Sharon
Hieber, Lynn Shaw, Ed Molloy,
Matt Renninger, Joe Ruggerio,
John Stephenson, Dan Trevisani

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!

May '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 ► Closed 	2 ► Closed 	1 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm ► 10:30am Music for Munchkins	2 ► Open 10am-4:30pm ► 11:00am Arts & Crafts	3 ► Open 10am-4:30pm ► 10:30am Storytime; 11:00am Animal Feeding	4 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm ► Train Tour at 1pm; Special programs at 2pm
5 ► Open 12-4:30pm ► Spec Prog 1pm; Train Tour 2pm	6 ► Museum Closed to renovate 4th floor	7 ► Museum Closed to renovate our 4th floor for Transportation exhibits!	8 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm ► 10:30am Music for Munchkins	9 ► Open 10am-4:30pm ► 11:00am Arts & Crafts	10 ► Open 10am-4:30pm ► 10:30am Storytime; 11:00am Animal Feeding	11 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm ► Train Tour at 1pm; Special programs at 2pm
12 ► Open 12-4:00pm ► Give Mom a break & bring the kids to CM!	13 ► Museum Open 10am - 4:30pm	14 ► Museum Open 10 am-4:30pm Special Spring Break programs during the day	15 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm ► 10:30am Music for Munchkins	16 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm; ► 11:00am Arts & Crafts	17 ► Open 10am-4:30pm ► 10:30am Storytime; 11:00am Animal Feeding	18 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm ► Train Tour at 1pm; Special programs at 2pm
19 ► Open 12-4:30pm ► Spec Prog 1pm; Train Tour 2pm	20 ► Museum Closed to renovate 4th floor	21 ► Museum Closed to renovate our 4th floor for Transportation exhibits!	22 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm ► 10:30am Music for Munchkins	23 ► Open 10am-4:30pm; ► 11:00am Arts & Crafts	24 ► Open 10am-4:30pm ► 10:30am Storytime; 11:00am Animal Feeding	25 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm ► Train Tour at 1pm; Special programs at 2pm
26 ► Open 12-4:30pm ► Spec Prog 1pm; Train Tour 2pm	27 ► Museum Closed renovate 4th floor	28 ► Museum Closed to renovate 4th floor for Transportation!	29 ► Open 10 am-4:30pm ► 10:30am Music for Munchkins	30 ► Open 10am-4:30pm; ► 11:00am Arts/Crafts	31 ► Grand Opening of our 4th floor Transportation Exhibits!	1 ► Open 



Check our website for additional information on special. Join the many local families & groups who book *birthday parties & meeting events* at the Children's Museum, and the schools & scouts & other groups who book *educational field trips* at the Museum! Ask about our birthday parties and educational programs. Check our website, call us 315-724-6129, visit us in person. Here's some of what you'll find: *1st floor* - Playspace, Exploration, Saturn, Musical exhibit, Trains; *2nd floor* - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Living Science, Arts & Crafts, Weather Station.

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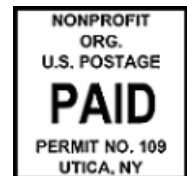
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Museum Hours:

Wednesday-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 May 2002 Issue

- ☺ New Paleontological Center & 4th Floor
- ☺ April wrapup & May Programs Offered
- ☺ Things You Can Count On & Sponsors
- ☺ School Educational Field Trips
- ☺ Birthday & Holiday Parties
- ☺ Family & Corporate Memberships
- ☺ Our Calendar of Events
- ☺ New/Renewed Members, Happy B-days!



New/Renewed Members

Family Memberships:

Tom & Patty Gehrig
Peter & Lucy Deep
Orra & Anna Cross
Jim & Julie Freemier
Mark & Wendy Lawlor
Karen & Luca Ruggiero
Ann Marie & Ryan Buell
Sandi & Dave Lenczewski
Jason & Dorothy Cacciatore
Bennett Sandler/Monica Brane
William & Marge Brower/Flynn
Stanley Tulej & Carla Smithling

Mary & Peter Knoth
Jackie & Ralph Circelli
Mark & Sandra Arcuri
Linda & Robert Mackos
Deborah & Charles Pratt
David & Brenda Perritano
Betty & Raymond DiBrango
John & Sophia Drobot-Heinen
Sharon Loori * Alison Coyne
Kathy Belluccio * Mary Wilson
Guillermo Perez * Meiling Hsu

Family Membership Plus:

Karli Williams
John Stephenson
Michelle & Fran Fiore
Sarah & Michael Kilian

April Birthdays

Jacob Stein, 4 yrs old
Eric Johnson, 6 yrs old
Christine Wood, adult b-day
Douglas Hotvedt, 4 yrs old
Nicolas Paciello, 7 yrs old
Janay Frazier, 6 yrs old
Benjamin Marks, 4 yrs old
Katherine Hillyer, 6 yrs old
Colby Owen, 6 yrs old

