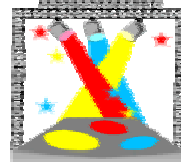




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Monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology May 2003

Join Us 7:00-11:00pm Saturday, May 3rd for the Spring Fling 40th Anniversary Celebration



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Visit us on the web:
www.museum4kids.net

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The 1st Annual "Spring Fling" will be held from 7:00-11:00pm at the Children's Museum to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Museum (read our unique history on our website's About Us page).

Our Honorary Chairs, Congressman Sherwood Boehlert & Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito, invite you to join them as they greet and mingle with guests.

Entertainment will be provided by the bands Classified, Mirage, Carleton Boone. Silent Auction will feature neat and original items available for guest purchase, with certificates coupled with spring flowers.

Catered by The Valley View Country Club, featuring two full bars, and delicious food including: finger foods, hot & cold hors d'oeuvres, dessert, coffee & tea.

Donation is only \$50 per person. Advance sale tickets are on sale at the museum & on our website. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Activities include auction & bar & food & band on 2nd floor stage area; followed by bar & food & dancing on 3rd floor; plus viewing of our 4th floor's Space & Science exhibits & band on 4th floor.

Our Museum will be gaily decorated with a Spring/ Anniversary theme.

If you haven't been to the Museum in a while, you're in for a real treat!

A fun evening that also supports the area's premiere year-round family attraction.

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For more information check out the Children's Museum website at www.museum4kids.net



Thomas the Train Coming to Adirondack Scenic Railroad & CM End of June!

Adirondack Scenic Railroad is hosting A Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine™. Utica's Union Station will be a fun-filled destination with much to do for families as well as young Thomas enthusiasts. Included will be a

train ride on a full-size Adirondack Scenic passenger coach with Thomas pulling the train. The Railroad has partnered with the Children's Museum for several events, including Imagination Station, Thomas videos and stories.

Days: Fri-Sun June 20th-22nd,

Fri-Sun June 27th-29th. 9 Trains per day operate at: 9am, 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm & 5pm.

Reservations required. Tickets are \$14. Click on Thomas on CM's website to order. Ticketweb will forward your tickets to you.

FLEET MUSEUMS ON US:

To celebrate Fleet's continued commitment to arts and culture, Fleet has teamed up with 50 of the finest museums in the NE, offering Fleet cardholders exclusive opportunities to visit these museums free during the month of May. Simply present your Fleet card to any of the participating museums. Offer good for one (1) free general museum admission only per Fleet Card. Valid May 1 to May 31, 2003 only.

www.fleet.com

Executive Director's Report: Museum Celebrates & Grows

As the Children's Museum continues its forward movement, our focus was on: our May 3rd Spring Fling that celebrates our 40th Anniversary, & our 4th floor continued exhibit growth.

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, Dino-



saurus & 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.

www.museum4kids.net/



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, Don Zyga, Melissa Garguilo, Marcia Jackson-Rios, 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.

May '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	
		4th Floor Open daily from 11:30 -12:30 & 2:00-3:00		1 ► Closed to set up & decorate for anniversary	2 ► Closed to set up & decorate for anniversary	3 ► Closed during the day; Spring Fling 7:00-11:00pm	
4 ► Museum closed, train open 12-2	5 ► 11:00a Arts & Crafts	6 ► 11:00am Care & Feeding of our Animals	7 ► 11:00am Music for Munchkins	8 ► 11:00a Feeding our Animals	9 ► 11:00am Pupp- pet Storytime	10 ► Train Tour 12:00 to 2:00pm	
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 8th	16 ► Same schedule as the 9th	17 ► Same schedule as the 10th	
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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 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 2:00pm-3:00pm Monday—Saturday. *Volunteer your services* to help as chaperone/guides for 4th floor & special programs!

Mark your calendars for special upcoming programs & activities. 7-11pm Saturday May 3rd Spring Fling & 40th Anniversary Celebration! Tickets for Spring Fling can be purchased now or at the door. August will see Friday Nite at Baggs Square & Macker 3-on-3 Basketball.

Make sure to keep checking our website for updated info on hours & events!

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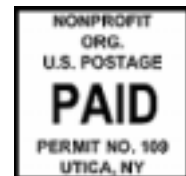
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May Museum Hours:

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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- ☺ Spring Fling & 40th Anniversary May 3rd
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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 * Fermi Lab * Affordable Computer * Fleet Bank
* 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
* Pacemaker Millar * Gauthier Fabricating * Mauro's Glass * Madonia Electric
* Zangrilli Engineering * Jay-K Lumber * Bernie Coffey/I.B.E.W.#43 * Adelpia
* Ted Kibick * Earle Reed, ECR. * New Hartford Hannaford's * Tom & Evergreen
* Piano Lab * SCI Plywood * The Fountainhead Group * Dr. Joel Amidon * Daniel's
* 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
* MVCC's Carpentry Class & Escoffier-club * Jos Flihan Co * Metzler Printing
* NY Power Authority * Utica O.D. * Valley View Club * OC Work Release Prog.
* 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:
Bruce & Dawn Shuck; Christine & Steven Fitzgerald; Lynn & Alfred Moretz; Richard & Laura Miller; Fredrick & Jean DelGenio; Scott & Roseann Kiser; Eldon Burlingame; Caroline & James Dimpleby; Mary & Joseph Hamlin; Judith & Mark Kowalczyk; AnnaMaria & Aamer Mirza; Jana & Rod McDonald; Dr. Steven & Barbara Ohlbaum.

April Birthdays:

Gregory Beal, 6 yrs old;
Emily Landry, 4 yrs old;
Brian Chambrone, 6 yrs old;
Shelby O'Neill, 6 yrs old.