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

The Children's Museum Summer Programs Abound!

The Children's Museum summer programs kick off July 1st with programs every day of the week. Monday's feature Utica Monday Nite and *Children's Theater Workshop*. Refreshments will be available. Tuesday's features *Arts & Crafts, Puppet Storytime, Weather Exploration, Groovy Gardening*. Wednesday's feature *Music for Munchkins, Theatre Workshop, Feeding our Animals*. Thursday's feature *Arts & Crafts, Weather Exploration, Groovy Gardening*. Fri-

day's feature *Music for Munchkins, Puppet Storytime, Theatre Workshop, Feeding our Animals*. Saturday's feature *Space Science & Train Tours*. Sunday's feature *Train & Building Tours*. Plus we'll have a CM float in July 4th parade beginning at 6pm at Our Lady of Lourdes, ending at the tennis courts for evening festivities & fireworks.

In addition to our production of *Little Women*, Sunday August 4th, August will feature new programs in *Erie Canal / Mohawk Valley Theatre Fun*, and a *Folk Festival*.



The Oneida County Historical Society has loaned an 1800 fire truck to the Children's Museum for our 4th floor. Thanks to RigAll for their help in moving it to the Museum. And coming soon, a donated single engine airplane, which will also be housed on the 4th floor! These will be exhibits to enthrall & educate!

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www.museum4kids.net

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5th Annual Wine & Art Celebration to be held Wed. night, August 7th

You are invited to the Utica Children's Museum *5th Annual Wine & Art* celebration, to be held Wednesday night, August 7th, 2002, from 6:30—9:00pm in Bagg's Square Park, next to the Children's Museum. It will be

an evening of food, music by Mirage, wine tasting, and a silent auction. \$25 donation per person; \$30 at the door. Advance tickets available at the Ramada Inn in New Hartford or at the Children's Museum. Charge by phone at 724-6129 or on our website.

You are also invited to

submit your art work to be included in our auction. Check our website for auction item details

The evening is sponsored in part by The New York Power Authority, WUTR TV, Regent Broadcasting, & the Utica Observer Dispatch. A benefit for the Children's Museum.

Our Growth: In addition to doubling our birthday parties and educational programs booked, over 1,900 visitors came through the doors of the Children's Museum in June. We continue to get high praise from local visitors as well as visitors from around the world for the number & variety of interactive exhibits available.

Museum Board Announces New President & Officers

At their May meeting, the Children's Museum Board of Directors elected new officers, & a new President to officially run the Museum.

Previous President of the Board of Directors, Marlene B. Brown, who has been acting director of the Museum for the past eight months, was elected to the official position of President of the Museum. With her educational / marketing / & business background, Marlene



brings with her a love for community and a wealth of knowledge that is driving the Children's Museum forward positively.

The Children's Museum's 2002-03 slate of officers includes the following: President, Dave Pendergast; Vice President Matt Renninger; Secretary, Sarah Kilian; & Treasurer, Bob Deschano.

The past six months have seen a doubling in birthday parties, and in educational programs presented, continued renovation, and new ex-

hibits. As we get ready to open the 4th floor, the future is promising. "Happy children grow up to be happy adults, who are more likely to stay & support the community they grew up in".

The Children's Museum is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all residents can be both proud of and utilize to its highest capacity. So come on down & join an amazing summer and an even more amazing future as our vision becomes a reality.



CM Membership & Admission Increase

In order to continue the renovation of our building, open our 4th floor, continue to bring in new exhibits, and pay off our remaining bills, the Board of Directors voted to increase the membership to \$60 for a Family Membership and \$75 for a Family + membership. They also voted to increase admission to \$4.00 per person. A slight increase that is still a great bargain to those taking advantage of all CNY's only Children's Museum offers.

Summer Programs: Check the flyer & web for programs scheduled in July & August at the Children's Museum, including Utica Monday Nite & our Theatre Workshops, then come join the fun! And don't forget to book your birthday parties, educational programs, and meeting events in our interesting and enjoyable setting, where catered food & snacks are an available option.

Children's
Museum

CM Board of Directors Officers

David Pendergast, President
Matt Renninger, Vice-Pres
Sarah Kilian, Secretary
Robert Deschano, Treasurer

Members

Stacy Butcher, Ellen Rayhill,
Ralph Froio, Sharon Hieber, Lynn
Shaw, Ed Molloy, Joe Ruggerio,
John Stephenson, Dan Trevisani

Staff & Volunteers:

Marlene Brown, Jim Castilla,
Don Zyga, Erin Vergien, Earl
Lewis, Joanne Campbell, Althea
Lazzaro, Mandy D'Apix

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.*

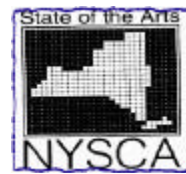
A Corporate Membership is a positive way to impact the community. The kids that come to the Children's Museum are the ones that grow up and shape our





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 expand and grow!



July '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
 <p>1 ► <i>Open 5 -8pm for Utica Mon Nite events</i> ► 6:00pm Theatre Workshop ► Refreshments Available</p>	<p>2 ► <i>Open 10-4:30pm</i> ► 10:30am Arts & Crafts, 11:00am Puppet Storytime, 11:30am Weather Wksp; 1:30pm, Groovy Gardening</p>	<p>3 ► <i>Open 10-4:30pm</i> ► 10:30am Music for Munchkins, 1:30pm Theatre Workshop, 2:30pm, Feeding our Animals</p>	<p>4 ► <i>Open to those working on CM float</i> ► 5:00pm on, CM float in Mohawk Valley's July 4th parade 6:00pm followed by fireworks.</p>	<p>5 ► <i>Open 10 am-4:30pm</i> ► 10:30am Munchkin Music, 1:00pm Puppet Storytime, 1:30pm TheatreWksp, 2:30pm Feeding Animals</p>	<p>6 ► <i>Open 10am-4:30pm</i> ► 1:00pm Space Science, 2:00pm, Train Tour</p>	
<p>7 ► <i>Open 1-4:00pm</i> ► Train Tour 1:30p</p>	<p>8 ► <i>Open 5 -8pm</i> ► Programs same as the 1st</p>	<p>9 ► <i>Open 10-4:30pm</i> ► Programs same as the 2nd</p>	<p>10 ► <i>Open 10-4:30pm</i> ► Programs same as the 3rd</p>	<p>11 ► 10:30am Arts & Crafts, 11:30am Weather Exploration; 1:30p Garden</p>	<p>12 ► <i>Open 10am-4:30pm</i> ► Programs same as the 5th</p>	<p>13 ► <i>Open 10am-4:30p</i> ► Programs same as the 6th</p>
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Check our website for additional information on CM specials. Join the many local families & groups who book *birthday parties, educational field trips, & meeting events* 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, Exploration, Saturn, Musical exhibit, Trains; 2nd floor - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; 3rd floor - Living Science, Arts & Crafts, Weather Station.*

Our 4th floor renovation is continuing for "Transportation Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow" exhibits, and we're hoping to open it in August — keep watching us grow!

Contact Info:

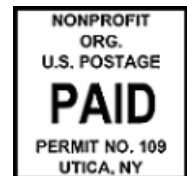
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Museum Hours:

Monday 5:00pm to 8:00pm;
Tuesday-Saturday 10:00am to 4:30pm;
Sunday 1:00pm to 4:00pm
(unless otherwise noted on Calendar)

Admission:

\$4.00 per person, Members plus
children 12 months & under Free.
Special group rates available.



Check our website for up to
date info, pictures and special
programs offered each month!

Important Info in July 2002 Issue

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- ☺ Family & Corporate Memberships
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New & Renewed CM Members

Family Memberships:

Susan & Chris Bord
Robin & David Dropkin
Laura & Marcus Boehm
Hyesun & Hoseoup Lee
Dianna & Joe Carrock
Rosie & Glenn Coin
Minora & John Massoud
Kamille & Alfred Smith
Thomas VanHatten

June Birthdays

Amanda Hayes, 7 yrs old
Roma Amernath, 5 yrs old
Katie Borello, 5 yrs old
Vivi Nguyen, 8 yrs old
Hannah DiLorenzo, 7 yrs old
James Haney, 9 yrs old
Danielle Haney, 2 yrs old



CM's Future



As we embrace the rich history of the past and face the challenges of the present, we continue to seek opportunities for the future as we stay focused on the children we so enthusiastically serve. Come join us on our wonderful journey.