



# Fingerprints

**Fingerprints is a monthly newsletter of The Children's Museum, 311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501 \* August 2006**



**Come to CM's 10th Annual Vino/Ale/Art Aug. 26th & IHF Inductions Aug. 4th**

Friday, August 4th, at 11:00am, the Children's Museum hosts its 4th Annual International Halls of Fame: Bicycling, Rowing, Canoeing & Kayaking Induction Ceremony.

Inductees: Bicycling: Olympian John Allis, Dick Jordan; Canoeing: Audrey Jensen accepting for her late husband, Gene Jensen; Kayaking: Olympian Eric Jackson; Peter Crowley; Bernie Wooton.

*View their bios and pictures on our website.*

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Brand new this summer! The Children's Museum's 1st Annual Sci-Tech Camp® - Check our website for more information

Friday, August 26th, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm, we will hold our 10th Annual Vino/Ale/Art Luau under the stars in Baggs Square Park (next door to the museum).

Enjoy wine & beer tasting, island music, hot & cold hor d'ouvres, a silent auction of neat art items. *(if it rains, it will be moved into the Children's Museum).*

Donation: \$25 per person in advance or \$35 per person at the door. Tickets may be purchased in the museum, from our board members, by phoning museum, or on our website's secure shopping cart.

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Our July Folk Art Festival was enjoyed by all. A variety of folk art demonstrations— by diverse local cultures: Native American, German American, Bosnian, and Ukranian - were featured. Visitors participated in demonstrations and dances!

Thanks to our Sponsor, NYSCA (New York State Council on Arts), and Folklorist Felicia McMahon. Our annual Festival provides an opportunity to learn about the rich diversity of traditions in our area.

*View pictures of the event on our website.*

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*Visit us on the web:  
www.museum4kids.net*

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## ~ Honor the Past & Pave the Future ~ Commemorative Brick Project Debuts Soon!

PROUD PARENTS  
CONGRAT'S TO  
JOHN DOE '03

The bricks have been ordered for the initial laying of the Children's Museum Commemorative Brick Sidewalk. To join our elite Charter group, purchase personalized engraved bricks for the paved sidewalk in front of the museum to commemorate your support

for our community treasure. Only \$75. apiece, each brick holds 14 characters per line, up to 3 lines. Form available in museum or on our website.

Brick Charter members to date: Joan Shkane Esq, Dr. Nancy Shaheen, Northern Safety, Dr. Philip Reitz, Dr. Leo Sullivan, M & R Heating, Steven Genett, Dr. Anthony/

Carol Mandour, Garro Drugstore, Bader Reynolds, Don/ Linda Dresher, Nicholas Calogero Jr, John Stephenson, Mukesh Shah, Mackie/Les Kernan, Sandi Burrows-Schmidt, Marlene Brown, Dr. Demetrios Skamas, Joanne Torchia, Frank Gruenewald, Megan Scolaro, The Junior League, Rotary eClub NY1.

**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!  
Contributions to The Children's Museum are tax deductible.



## Director's Report: Thanks Congressman Boehlert, Proctor High, Dr. Fadi Bejjani, Herkimer Co Comm College, Co. Exec. Joe Griffo, Advantechcny, Oneida Nation



Last month we reported that U.S. Rep. Sherwood Boehlert called to tell us he secured \$200,000 for renovation of the Children's Museum in Utica. The funds were included in fiscal year 2007 spending bill.

"The Children's Museum is a tremendous educational asset for the youth of our area," Boehlert said. "Thanks to the tireless efforts of its ambitious director, Marlene Brown, the museum has undergone a major transformation, both in terms of its physical structure as well as

its exhibits and educational offerings. The funding I was able to secure will help write the next chapter of the Children's Museum's ongoing success story."

This month we'd like to share with you that the Congressman donated his campaign office furniture to the museum! Also, the Oneida Nation Foundation has supplied our Trading Post with several neat props. Dr. Fadi Bejjani and Herkimer County Community College recently donated computers to the

museum, [advantechcny.com](http://advantechcny.com) installed them. Co Exec Joe Griffo helped us with a summer intern. New signage by Proctor High is up & the robots are coming!

We so appreciate those who support us through memberships, public & private funding sources, corporate donations, and participation in our fundraisers.

We're proud of our 1,000's of exhibits creating an educationally enjoyable experience. Come on down and see why!



### We Need Your Help w/a CM History Book!

We frequently hear from/about people who have been involved over the 43 years of our Children's Museum existence, and often get asked why we don't have a book on our history. So we're going to begin one & need your help! Please call or email Director Marlene Brown with any information you may have about the formation/growth of the museum, exhibits, and/or people involved.



### 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. CNY's only Children's Museum, one of the oldest in the country -a safe, fun, learning environment -is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all of us can be proud of & utilize to its highest capacity. We continue renovations and new exhibits. What better place to bring \* youngsters on a field trip \* scouts to earn badge \* family for great day out \* children for fun time?

### CM Board of Directors

**Officers:** Betsy Snyder Esq., Dan Trevisani, John Stephenson, Rebecca Schafer, Patrick Quinn Esq. **Board Directors:** Jack Cassidy, Linda Dresher, Anna Giacobbe, David K. Griffith, Brian Healey, Jen Herzog, Rosalynn Lemel MD., Terri Palmiero, Joe Ruggiero, Kathy Slocum, Joan T. Shkane Esq., John Snyder Esq., Margaret Splain. **CM Director & Staff:** Executive Director Marlene B. Brown; **Staff:** Christie Hubbard, Dan Kazmierski, Don Zyga. **Intern:** Krystal Gonzalez **Volunteer:** Exhibits Mgr. & Birthday Host Earl Lewis.

## CM Heroes Serve our Children: Corp Sponsors; Donors; Volunteers; Wish List



*We welcome volunteers.* There's no greater reward than helping the children.

How can you help? You can assist with scheduled activities, offer a program in your area of talent or interest, help keep the museum shipshape, or help by donating to Our wish list: toys in good shape, exhibit items, art supplies, educa-

tional 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* are: a \$500 Velociraptor, a \$1,000 Brontosaurus, a \$2,000 Triceratops, a \$5,000 Diplodocus, a \$10,000 Ovirap-

tor, and a \$25,000 T-Rex. We value your donations & support.

Our 43rd Anniversary Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes* (check back page). Please show your thanks by investing in their products and services.

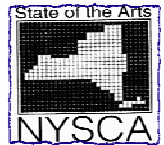
Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website & join them!



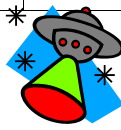
# August '06 Calendar

Check online calendar for updates

Made possible with funds from the NYS Council on the Arts and the many sponsors who support the Children's Museum's Youth Education Enrichment Programs and Exhibits.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7-30 <i>Closed</i>	7-31 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	8-1 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	8-2 <i>Closed</i>	8-3 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	8-4 11:00a Int'l Halls Fame Inductions	8-5 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
8-6 <i>Closed</i>	8-7 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	8-8 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	8-9 <i>Closed</i>	8-10 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	8-11 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	8-12 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
8-13 <i>Closed</i>	8-14 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	8-15 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	8-16 <i>Closed</i>	8-17 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	8-18 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	8-19 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
8-20 <i>Closed</i>	8-21 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	8-22 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	8-23 <i>Closed</i>	8-24 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	8-25 <i>Closed</i> during day for setup of 6p VAA Luau	8-26 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
8-27 <i>Closed</i>	8-28 11a / 2p Music for Munchkins / Craft Fun	8-29 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	8-30 <i>Closed</i>	8-31 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	9-1 11a / 2p Crafty Creations	9-2 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
9-3 <i>Closed</i>	9-4 <i>Closed</i> for Labor Day holiday	9-5 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	9-6 <i>Closed</i>	9-7 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Paint & Design	9-8 <i>Closed</i> for renovations	9-9 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's



Join educators, families & groups who book *educational field trips* to 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, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Micro Room, Trains; *2nd floor* - Musical Stage, Iroquois Longhouse, History Diorama, Trading Post, Fossil Dig, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Science Room, Animals/Insects, Legos, Computers, Arts/Crafts, Weather & Radio Rooms, Truck Dig; Halls Fame; *4th floor* (open 11:30a-12:00p, 1:00-1:30p & 2:30-3:00pm) Airplanes, Fire/Police exhibits, NASA/Office of Science exhibits, Carriage/Buggy exhibits, Hot Wheels Hall. [www.museum4kids.net](http://www.museum4kids.net)

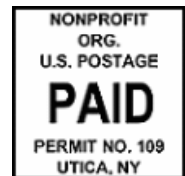
**Check enclosed Flyer & Online Calendar for 2006 events:** August 4th Int'l Halls of Fame induction Ceremony; August 25th Vino/Ale/Art Hawaiaan Luau in Baggs Square Park; & December 2nd - our 43rd Anniversary Gala / Great Friends to Kids Award at The Children's Museum

## Contact Info:

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Natural History, Science & Technology,  
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Museum Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday 9:45am to 3:45pm; Open  
Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm; Closed Wed.  
& Sun. & some holidays. Open most school  
holidays - check online calendar.

Admission: \$7.50 for adults & children;  
Members + under 1 yr Free (*reduced member  
fee for some events*). Group rates available.



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tered by the NYS Bd of Regents  
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### Important Info in our August 2006 Issue

- ☺ Aug. 26th Vino/Ale/Art Luau in Park
- ☺ Commemorative Brick Project/History Book
- ☺ Executive Director's Report/Our Friends
- ☺ You Can Help: Volunteers & Sponsors
- ☺ Our Board of Directors & Staff
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- ☺ Heroes/Heroines: our Supporters



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

\* Congressman Sherry Boehlert \* NYS Senator Ray Meier \* NASA \* Office of Science \* Roger Sinnott  
\* Herk/Oneida Co Community Foundation \* National Grid \* Oxford Imaging \* Homogenous Metals Inc.  
\* County Executive Joe Griffo \* D.A. Michael Arcuri \* Herkimer Co Com College \* C.O.P.P.S. Medical  
\* Utica Fire & Police Dept's \* Dr. Nancy Shaheen \* Mark Scheidelman \* Dr. Patricia Laino \* MVBWN  
\* Met Life Foundation \* Gannett Foundation \* Con Med \* Partners Trust \* RigAll: Patty & Rusty Williams  
\* Princeton Lab \* Connie Grube \* Ted Kibiuk \* Sandi Burrows-Schmidt \* Smiley the Clown \* T. W. Conroy  
\* MVCC's Ric Riccardo \* Kim DesJardins Interiors \* Associated Textiles \* Ground Round New Hartford  
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\* Dr. Ted/Melva Max \* Alice P.O'Shea \* Les/Mackie Kernan \* Seneca Inn \* Walmart \* Mark Andreello \* APAC  
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\* Madonia Electric \* I.B.E.W.#43 \* Junior League \* Bank of Utica \* Col. & Mrs. Kurt Hoch \* NYSERDA  
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