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

Children's Museum Kicks off Fall w/Sept 7th Party!

We are excited about our fall kickoff at the Children's Museum! We've had so many neat folks involved with our continued growth and have so many exciting things coming up for the children.

To name just a few, Earle Reed donated one of his award-winning hot water heaters to the Museum & had it installed. Ted Kibiuk donated a 17 ft airplane which will go on our 4th floor, with the help of Rig-All. Missy Holohan donated an energy efficient light for our front door. We had 7 marvelous interns this past summer, thanks to

the OC College Corps program, the Volunteer Center, & Colgate Univ. Ten Hamilton College students spent an afternoon fixing up CM.



Gail Scalise and her HannaFord team have been busy redecorating our Exploration Space's Grocery Store & Tea Room. The grand opening will occur on Saturday, Sept. 7th, with a HannaFord Hank Party! They're planning some really neat fun events!

Christine Shahin-Wood called from the World Summit in South Africa to tell us she and her KAP kids are bringing back a "Tree of Global Leaves" which will debut at our Museum at the Sept 7th party before its nat'l tour!

We invite you to come join us at the party, as we also celebrate Grandparents Day at CM!

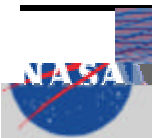
And mark your calendars for the first ever *Fall Fest on Main Street* the weekend of Oct. 4-6, featuring Hawkins Rides & Games, Bands & Beverages, Food & Fun. The Children's Museum is definitely the place to be!

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Congressman Boehlert brings NASA Director O'Keefe & Mars Rover to Children's Museum

On Aug 19th, the energy level was bouncing off the walls of the Children's Museum! Congressman Sherwood Boehlert brought NASA Director Sean O'Keefe to CM for a tour and to make a major announcement that NASA was establishing an ongoing partnership with the Children's Mu-

seum to provide us with exhibits and educational materials in the areas of science and space technology! The crowd who greeted this announcement and the media who covered it were as excited about the announcement as we were!

This will enable us to offer some wonderful pro-

grams for the school groups and child care groups who visit the museum, and to offer some very special after-school programs to students of all ages.

Our thanks to the Congressman for his continued support of families and education. And our thanks to

Cornell University for bringing their Mars Rover to the Museum and letting us have it on display. We can't wait to get our next NASA exhibits!



President's Report: Museum Prepares for Fall Programs

As we near the end of a very successful summer at the Children's Museum, we're turning our energy to preparing for a busy fall. Our New York State Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators and children from Preschools & Daycare Centers to Elementary Schools & Scout troops.



Included in our lineup of programs offered are: Music on the Move, My Pet Earthworm, History's in the Bag,

Dance of the Honeybee, Amazing Arachnids, Harvest Feast, Moccasins & Sneakers, Dinosaurs & Fossils, Where Go in Snow, Making Tracks, NYS Geology Intro, Going on Bug Hunt, Weather Exploration.

In addition to the half hour program presented by one of our educators, groups gain admission to the museum's three 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 addition to this, we're offering some new after-school programs for school age kids (check our insert).

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 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.



A Place Where the Sun Always Shines

"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. We're continuing the renovation of our building, including opening our 4th floor & kitchenette, bringing in new exhibits, paying off remaining bills, making the Museum more energy efficient.

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 grandchildren to enjoy? * your group for a tour? * your association for a meeting?

No matter what the weather, the sun's always shining at the Children's Museum.

Children's
Museum

CM Board of Directors
Officers: David Pendergast, Chair; John Stephenson, Vice Chair; Sarah Kilian, Secretary; Bob Deschano, Treasurer.

Members: Stacy Butcher, Anna Giacobbe, Ralph Froio, Sharon Hieber, Terri Palmiero, Ellen Rayhill, Lynn Shaw, Ed Molloy, Joe Ruggerio, Dan Trevisani.

Staff & Volunteers:
Marlene Brown, Jim Castilla, Don Zyga, Earl Lewis

Become A CM Hero as a Volunteer or Corporate Member



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!



Thanks to our two latest corporate sponsors, *New York Power Authority* and *Met Life Foundation*, helping us become more energy efficient & offer new programs to the children we serve

Sept. '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 ► CM Building is closed ► Train Tour outside 1:30p	2 ► Closed for Labor Day Holiday	3 ► Open 10:30 to 3:30. * 11:00 am Feeding Animals * 1:00p Train	4 ► Closed for Renovations	5 ► Closed for Renovations	6 ► Closed for Renovations	7 ► Open 10:30 to 4:00. With Hannaford Hank Party
8 ► CM Building is closed ► Train Tour outside 1:30p	9 ► 11:00 am Feeding our Animals * 3:00p After School Prog	10 ► 11:00 am Arts & Crafts * 3:00p After School Program	11 ► 11:00 am Music for Munchkins * 3:00p After School Prog	12 ► 11:00 am Arts & Crafts * 3:00p After School Prog	13 ► 11:00 am Puppet Storytime * 3:00p After School Prog	14 11:00am Feeding Animals; 1:00p Science, 2:00p Train Tour
15 ► Same Schedule as the 8th	16 ► Same schedule as the 9th	17 ► Programs same as the 10th	18 ► Same schedule as the 11th	19 ► Same schedule as the 12th	20 ► Same schedule as the 13th	21 ► Same schedule as the 14th
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5 ► 8th schedule & Fall Fest						

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; Mars Rover; 2nd floor - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; 3rd floor - Living Science, Bee Exhibit, Arts & Crafts, Weather Station.*

Check out our *new* after-school programs. Our *4th floor* renovation for "Transportation Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow" exhibits continues — keep watching us grow & get ready to open that floor with our airplane and Fire Dept Exhibits, along with our NASA exhibits and programs!

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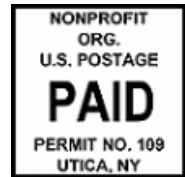
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Museum Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00am to 4:30pm;
Saturday 10:30 to 3:30pm (Sun closed)

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!

Impt Info in September 2002 Issue

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- ☺ Congressman Boehlert, NASA, Mars Rover
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New/Renewed Members

Maureen & Robert Gray
Carol & Nelson Soggs
Shannon & Peter Vogelaar
Angela & Ryan Telfer
Julia & Ross Berntson
Sandra & TC Mehalic
Annie & Edward Garvin
Kristen & Chris Szarka
Richard Becraft
Joan Dewar
Lynn Shaw
Janet & Andrew Clarey
Kristi & John Brennan
Teresa & John Foster
Lisa & Dominick Greico
Kimberly & Tim Farrell
Debra Ruggio & Tim Jensen
Mary Jo & Michael LaPorte

August Birthdays

Amanda Opitz, 8 yrs old
Autumn Andrade, 4 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 exciting journey.

CM's Heroes & Heroines

We would not have achieved the successes we have without people who willingly step up to the plate & offer their help. Here are a few we'd like to acknowledge this month:

- * Congressman Sherwood Boehlert
- * NASA Director Sean O'Keefe
- * County Executive Ralph Eannace
- * Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito
- * Hannaford Grocery Store * OD
- * Dr. Joel Amidon * Earle Reed
- * WUTR * Volunteer Center * WKTV
- * BHHP * NYPA * Bob Deschano
- * Barbara Klein * Rosemary Carole
- * Hamilton College * Burns Agency
- * Union Station Restaurant * Ted Kibbe
- * gifts memory of Grace Eldred Jones