



# Fingerprints

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



### Gearing up for Fall Programs & Events at the Children's Museum!

"This is not a children's museum" was the comment by one recent visitor to the museum. She continued "it's a museum for people of all ages. It's wonderful."

A great comment during a summer where we continued to grow what we offer visitors. Our summer programs, enhanced by the talents & skills of our interns and staff, along with constant renovations of the building and our exhibits, made a visit to our

museum a positive experience for the 1000's of visitors who came through our doors from the Central NY region, and from around the state, the nation, & the world.

Newly installed video surveillance system helps keep kids/exhibits safe; the beginning installation of air conditioning and new furnaces with programmable thermostats makes our building a comfortable environment; new exhibits on the Erie Canal, Thomas the Train, Legos, and NASA are

highlights among 100's of exhibits designed to enjoy & learn from. So many people, from RigAll to Collis Brothers to Central Security to Hannaford's to Met Life to MVCC to the Utica O-D helped make these possible.

As fall nears, we continue finishing our 4th floor renovations & getting ready to greet field trip groups from area schools & child care providers. We'll see you at CM!

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### August events at/for CM were great!

**August 1st saw the First Annual Induction Ceremonies:** The Children's Museum is headquarters for the International Bicycling Hall of Fame & the International Halls of Fame for Rowing, Kayaking, Canoeing. View exhibits on our 3rd floor. Sponsored by Ed Waskiewicz.

**August 22nd saw Friday Nite in Baggs Square Park:** a marvelous evening of wine, ale, art auction. Catered by O'Connor's Inn with Music by Mirage Made possible by Matt Brewery, Bremer's Wine, Hannaford's of New Hartford, Casa Imports, Swedish Hill Winery, Regent Broadcasting, & WKTV.

**August 23rd & 24th** was the first time the nationally

known **Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament** was held in Utica. The Genesis Young Professionals took the initiative to bring the tournament to the Utica, NY area, with proceeds benefiting the Children's Museum. 150 teams came from as far as California to take part in the event, visit the museum & enjoy the area.

**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! We're proud to be an important asset to our community.



## Director's Report: Museum's Continued Renovations & Fall Programs

The Children's Museum forward movement focuses this month on: our fall programs, a new NASA exhibit, continued work on our 4th floor Space Science Education Center, continued building renovations & adding an Erie Canal working exhibit for kids to interact with.



Our NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators and children from Preschools & Daycare Centers to Elementary & Middle Schools &

Scout troops. Our lineup of educational programs includes: Moccasins & Sneakers, Dinosaurs & Fossils, Going on A Bug Hunt, All Powered Up, Harvest Festival, Erie Canal History, Weather Exploration, Dance of Honeybee, Central NY Trivia, Candle Chemistry, Space Science Exploration.

Groups gain admission to the museum's four floors of interactive exhibits, and may opt for a program presented by one of our educators. Bag lunches can be eaten

in our park, our kitchen, or on our 3rd floor. Pre-ordered food is 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 field trip program, visit, birthday, meeting, special event. [www.museum4kids.net/](http://www.museum4kids.net/)



### There's Always a Fun 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 – a safe, fun, learning environment– is a definite asset to the Mohawk Valley, one all residents can be proud of and utilize to its highest capacity. One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, we're continuing renovations and new exhibits.

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 time? \* your grandchildren to enjoy? \* your group for a tour? \* your association for a meeting? 1st floor, children under 5 years of age enjoy our life-size wooden train & Thomas music in PlaySpace while older children enjoy Main Street Exploration Space. 2nd floor enjoy karaoke, Diorama, Erie Canal & Dinorama exhibits. 3rd floor, Thomas the Train & Lego exhibits, our Animals, Halls of Fame. 4th floor, Fire & Police artifacts/exhibits, our airplane, intriguing NASA & Science exhibits.

#### CM Board of Directors

*Chair:* Dave Pendergast; *Vice Chairs:* Dan Trevisani & John Stephenson; *Secretary:* Sharon Hieber; *Treasurer:* Scott Madonia  
*Members:* Jeff Daniels, Katie Drake, Anna Giacobbe, Jennifer Herzog, Sarah Kilian, Terri Palmiero, Patrick Quinn, Jen Rota, Joe Ruggerio, Margaret Splain, Gail Scalise.

#### Staff & Volunteers:

Marlene B. Brown, Earl Lewis, Don Zyga, Paul Perry, Marcia Jackson-Rios.

## 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!





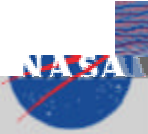






Our Anniversary Corporate Campaign is underway to gain new & renewed sponsors as *CM Heroes* (check back page). Show your thanks by investing in their products & services.

# Sept. '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	
	1 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	2 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	3 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	4 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	5 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	6 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	
7 ? Closed for renovation/vacation	8 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	9 ? ? Closed for renovations/vacations	10 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	11 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	12 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	13 ? Closed for renovations/vacations	
14 ? Closed for renovation/vacation	15 ? 11:00a Feeding our Animals	16 ? 11:00a Arts & Crafts Creative Fun	17 ? 11:00a Music for Munchkins	18 ? 11:00a Feeding our Animals	19 ? 11:00a Puppet Storytime	20 ? Train Tour 12-2; Lego Fun	
21 ? Train tours outside museum	22 ? Same schedule as the 15th	23 ? Same schedule as the 16th	24 ? Same schedule as the 17th	25 ? Same schedule as the 18th	26 ? Same schedule as the 19th	27 ? Same schedule as the 20th	
28 ? Same Schedule as the 21st	29 ? Same schedule as the 15th	30 ? Same schedule as the 16th	10-1 ? Same schedule as the 17th	2 ? Same schedule as the 18th	3 ? Same schedule as the 19th	4 ? Same schedule as the 20th	
							

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* - Play Space, Exploration Space, Saturn, MusicFun, Tea Room, Dentist Office, Grocery Store, Trains; *2nd floor* - Longhouse, Diorama, Fossils, Dinosaurs; *3rd floor* - Living Science, Animals, Legos, Computers, Arts & Crafts, Weather Room, Halls of Fame.

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 11:30am-12:30pm & again from 1:30pm-2:30pm Monday-Saturday.

*Sept. 1st through Sept. 14th*: the museum will be closed for renovations and staff vacations. **MARK your calendars for special upcoming events:** *Sunday, October 26th*, The Piano Lab Quartet will be performing a concert at Munson Williams Auditorium, with proceeds to benefit The Children's Museum. *Saturday, November 29th*, annual Holiday on Main Street; *Saturday, December 6th*, mark your calendars for our annual gala 5th Day Holiday Event to be held at the Children's Museum. *Volunteer your services* to help with special events! *Check our website* for updated info!

## Contact Info:

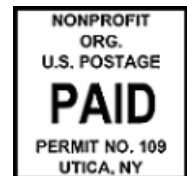
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## September Museum Hours:

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



- \* NASA Director Sean O'Keefe \* Dr. Ray Orbach, Office of Science \* Met Life Foundation
- \* Congressman Sherry Boehlert \* NYS Senator Ray Meier \* Ralph Eannace \* Gannett Foundation
- \* Assemblywoman RoAnn Destito \* County Executive Joe Griffo \* Genesis Young Professionals
- \* Princeton Plasma Lab \* Fermi Lab \* Dan Trevisani \* Oneida/Herkimer Co's Community Foundation
- \* Fleet Bank \* Affordable Computers \* Adelphia \* Ted Kibick \* Big Apple Music \* Carbone Auto
- \* Utica Fire & Police Dept's \* Chuck Fougner, Oneida Indian Nation \* RigAll's Patty/Rusty Williams
- \* Frank Gruenewald \* Sen. Donovan Memorial Fund \* Dr. Ted & Malva Max \* Alice Pender O'Shea
- \* Oxford Medical Imaging \* Pacemaker Millar \* Paulette Desimone \* Con Med \* Fred Collis & Sons
- \* Gauthier Fabricating \* Mauro's Glass \* Madonia Electric \* Bernie Coffey/I.B.E.W.#43
- \* Zangrilli Engineering \* Jay-K Lumber \* Daniel's \* Sheriff Dan Middaugh \* Marlene Letner
- \* Drs. Anthony Furino & John Hamlin \* New Hartford Hannaford's \* SBU \* Mayor Tim Julian
- \* Earle Reed, ECR \* Evergreen \* The Beeches \* Wilcor Int'l \* Brandeles Corp.\* Ed Waskiewicz
- \* Piano Lab \* SCI Plywood \* Fountainhead Group \* Dr. Joel Amidon \* CNY LegoUsers \* GE Elfun's
- \* Lincoln-Davies \* Indium Corp \* Roger Sinnott \* Burns Agency \* Amendolare Magic \* Pat Putrello
- \* SnowGrass \* Bronson Construction \* Joseph Flihan Co \* Metzler Printing \* Smiley the Clown
- \* Scalzo, Zogby, Wittig \* H.R. Beebe \* Joe Fraccola/U.S.P.S. \* Dave Boardman \* Hartford Ins
- \* MVCC's Carpentry Class & Escoffier \* OC Work Release \* MV Business Journal \* Valley View
- \* NY Power Authority \* Herkimer Telegram \* WKTV \* Joe Kelly \* Regent Bdcstg \* Utica O.D.
- \* College & School volunteers \* Earl Lewis \* The Staff & our Interns \* The Board of Directors