



# Fingerprints

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



## CM's Annual Vino/Ale/Art Luau Aug. 25th \* IHF Inductions Wrap \* Sept. Calendar

Friday, August 25th, 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 tasting (compliments of Service Liquors & The Blue Flag restaurant), beer tasting (compliments of F. X. Matt Brewery), Island music, hot & cold hors d'ouvres (compliments of The Ground Round in New Hartford), and a silent auction of neat art items, donated by local artists and celebrities. *(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, or on our website's secure shopping cart.

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Our August 4th, Children's Museum 4th Annual International Halls of Fame: Bicycling, Rowing, Canoeing & Kayaking Induction Ceremony was an inspirational day.

Inductees: Bicycling: Olympian John Allis, Dick Jordan; Canoeing: Audrey Jensen accepting for her late husband, Eugene Jensen; Kayaking: Olympian Eric Jackson; Bernie

Wooten; Peter Crowley. Two neat new items were donated to our IHF exhibits—the shirt Dick Jordan wore on his first Ride for Sarah, and the paddle Peter Crowley used to cross the English Channel.

*View their bios and pictures on our website.*

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Every year, during the month of September, the museum is only open 3 days a week - Monday, Thursday, Saturday. This enables us to give our staff some vacation time, and also to do renovations in the museum. We're back to our full schedule in Oct.

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311 Main Street  
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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

Bricks have been ordered for initial laying of the Children's Museum Commemorative Brick Sidewalk. To join our 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., each brick holds 14 characters per line, up to 3 lines. Form on our website.

Brick Charter members: Joan Shkane Esq, Dr. Nancy Shaheen, Northern Safety, Dr. Philip Reitz, Nicholas Calogero Jr, Mukesh Shah, Dr. Anthony/Carol Mandour, Dr. Leo Sullivan, Don/Linda

Dresher, Garro Drugstore, M & R Heating, Les/Mackie Kernan, Bader Reynolds, Dr. Demetrios Skamas, Steve Genett, Joanne Torchia, Marlene Brown, John Stephenson, Sandi Burrows-Schmidt, Frank Gruenewald, Megan Scolaro, Jr. League, Rotary eClub NY1, Oneida Indian Nation, Jack Lucid.

**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: Gearing Down from Summer \* Gearing Up for Fall \* Those of You Who Believe, Help Us Continue to Achieve \*



As we gear down from summer and gear up for fall, we look forward to completing our 4th floor with the \$200,000 Congressman Sherry Boehlert secured for fiscal year '07 renovation of our Children's Museum.

His comments in his press release spur us on: "The Children's Museum is a tremendous educational asset for the youth of our area. 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 ... secured will help write the next chapter of the ... Museum's ongoing success story."

We also so appreciate those who support us through memberships, public & private funding sources, corporate donations, & fundraisers.

We're proud of our 1,000's of exhibits, in 60 different pavilions, creating an educationally enjoyable experience for all who visit.

We're delighted when local visi-

tors and tourists alike praise our museum & what it has to offer.

NYS Curriculum Enrichment Programs are offered to educators: Pre-K, Daycare, Schools & Scouts. Groups book field trips, families enjoy outings, & parents book children's birthday parties.

Groups gain admission to CM's 4 floors of interactive exhibits.

Bag lunches can be eaten in our kitchen & pre-ordered food is available in our Cafe. View more on web: [www.museum4kids.net/](http://www.museum4kids.net/)



### 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 Drescher, 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.

**Museum Executive Director:** Marlene B. Brown; **Staff & Educators:** Christie Hubbard, Don Zyga, Dan Kazmierski, Alison Polivka. **Volunteer:** Exhibits Manager & 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.

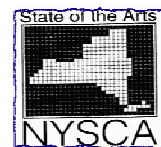
Check out our Sponsors & Donors page on our website & join them!



# September '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
					8-25 <i>Closed during day for 6:30 Vino/Ale/Art</i>	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/ Arts & Crafts	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 for Labor Day holiday</i>	9-5 11a / 2p Caring for our Cute Critters	9-6 <i>Closed</i>	9-7 11a/2p Puppet Storytime/ Arts & Crafts	9-8 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	9-9 Legos, Space Science, Caring for our Critters, D-J's
9-10 <i>Closed</i>	9-11 11a/2p Munchkin Music/Craft Fun	9-12 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	9-13 <i>Closed</i>	9-14 11a/2p Puppets/ Arts & Crafts	9-15 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	9-16 Legos, Space Science, Critters, D-J's
9-17 <i>Closed</i>	9-18 11a/2p Munchkin Music/Craft Fun	9-19 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	9-20 <i>Closed</i>	9-21 11a/2p Puppets/ Arts & Crafts	9-22 <i>Closed for renovations</i>	9-23 Legos, Space Science, Critters, D-J's
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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)

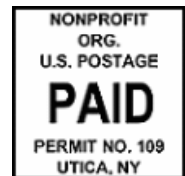
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**—Oct. 28th AM Halloween Boo Bash at museum; Nov. 25th Holiday on Main Street, all day at Children's Museum; Dec. 2nd - 43rd Anniversary Holiday Gala / Great Friends to Kids Award at The Children's Museum. Check Online Calendar for 2006-2007 events

## Contact Info:

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Natural History, Science & Technology,  
311 Main St, Utica, NY 13501  
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Museum Hours: Open Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, Friday 9:45am to 3:45pm;  
Saturday 10:00am to 4:00pm; Closed Wed.  
& Sun. & some holidays. Check online  
calendar for holidays & renovation closings.

Admission: \$8.00 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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\* Purchase from our Gift Shop

### Important Info in our September 2006 Issue

- ☺ Fri., Aug. 25th 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
- ☺ Calendar of Events & Special Dates
- ☺ 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 Scheideman \* M.V. Business Women \* APAC  
\* 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  
\* Marshall & Glenn Space Centers \* Rocketdyne \* K&K Trains \* Bob Malara \* Mike Zarnock \* Joan Shkane  
\* Dr. Ted/Melva Max \* Alice P.O'Shea \* Les/Mackie Kernan \* Seneca Inn \* Walmart \* Proctor High School  
\* M&R Heating \* Adelpia \* GE Elfun's \* Quadsimia \* advantechcny.com \* Northern Safety \* Earle Reed  
\* Madonia Electric \* I.B.E.W.#43 \* Junior League \* Bank of Utica \* Col. & Mrs. Kurt Hoch \* NYSERDA  
\* ZangrilliEngineering \* JayK \* Drs. Anthony Furino/John Hamlin \* Ed Waskiewicz \* OneidaNation Foundation  
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\* Allen Gilberti \* Gaffney Commun. \* Bob Mundrick \* John Cleary \* Mark Andrello \* The Burns Agency  
\* Scalzo, Zogby, Wittig \* Utica P.O. \* H.R. Beebe \* Pinny/George Kuckel \* Piano Lab \* SUNYIT \* Utica O.D.  
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