

Exploring New Exhibits

Masterpiece Hall

Located in the main hallway of the Museum, Masterpiece Hall is one of the Museum's new exhibits. Each month art work from a different school is displayed for our visitors to admire. The benefits of this exhibit are threefold. First, children have a chance to feel like real artists with their work displayed for the public. Second, schools are introduced to the Museum in a very interactive way; and third, with their art work hanging in the Museum, children and their families come to the Museum to see the art and stay to enjoy a visit. If your school or group is interested in displaying art work please contact us! Last year's participants: Good Shepherd (Collinsville), Central Elementary (Roxana), Highland Elementary (Highland). This year's participants: Girl Scouts River Bluff Council, Emge School (Belleville), Huffman Elementary (Cahokia) Upcoming displays: St. Peter & Paul (Collinsville), St. Paul's Catholic School (Highland), and Montessori School (Granite City). This exhibit area is not sponsored; let us know if you're interested.

Art Smart

Aware of school districts' cutbacks in the arts, the Museum now features a different artist and art technique each month in Highlight Gallery. The exhibit displays a large framed print along with information on the artist and the art work. Also provided are art exploration ideas so that children can learn to interact with the different works of art. December featured the work of American artist, Charles Sheeler. His piece, Feline Felicity, demonstrates the use of light and shadow. January features an African Make Mask from the 19th century. This exhibit area is not sponsored; let us know if you're interested.

Hot Air Balloon

Up, up, and away! Watch as our giant hot air balloon floats gently up toward the ceiling. Children explore the properties of hot and cold air as they push buttons to raise and lower the Museum's 4 foot tall balloon. On a cold day, the balloon will hit the Museum's 16 foot ceiling! This wonderful exhibit was designed and built by Museum friend and electrical engineer, John Gibbons, Guarantee Title Co.

CM TV Studio

Lights, camera, action! Children are on the "air" on the CM TV Studio. A bright, but simply designed set allows children to let their imagination take center stage. Children can produce their own news show in the replication of a real television studio. Using state-of-the-art cameras, children can film and see themselves on a real TV. Children learn about weather through maps, magnets, and information cards. They connect with the world using news "clippings" that are child friendly while still being informative. They discover the hands on work and creativity that goes into television production by directing, producing, filming, and starring in their own shows. Thanks to Gregson Studios, out of St. Louis, for their imagination to design and build this wonderful exhibit! This exhibit area is available for partial sponsorship.



Make a Contribution

The Museum offers opportunities at all levels of giving. Make a non-specified contribution to help us acquire and retain experienced personnel, and for the necessary infrastructure of the Museum. Or, ask to see our "Wish List," which includes further information on the following list of exhibit areas available for sponsorship. Full, partial or annual payment options are available.

Sponsor Us!

- Masterpiece Hall
- Art Smart
- Balls and Tubes Toddler area
- CM TV Studio
- Science & Art Exploration Station
- Sun Dial
- You Build It - Marble Runner
- Peg Board



We need your help to continue this vital work. Please consider becoming an annual supporter to help the Museum further its mission to meet the educational needs of children, parents and educators.

Welcome New Board Members

The Children's Museum Board of Directors welcomes these newly appointed members:

Sandy Goyette is employed as director of operations for Wildfire Internet Services. She is currently redesigning the Museum's website.

Laurie Hoffman, wife of State Representative Jay Hoffman, is employed by Fornero Orthodontics. She also serves as a board member for the IL Historic Preservation Agency.

Paul Millard has a master's in business administration and is vice president with THEBank of Edwardsville.

Shay Modrusic is a financial consultant for the Edwardsville YMCA. She received her bachelor's in business administration, with a finance specialization, from SIU-E.

Billie Turner of Centreville has a master's in arts in history. She is employed for U of I at Urbana Champaign as the non-profit coordinator for the East St. Louis Center.

Goodbye Rhonda

We wish you well! **Rhonda Schalk**, long time Toddler Explorer facilitator, is leaving her position to return to school to become a dental hygienist. She has served as our TE instructor since beginning the program 1 ½ years ago. Thank you for your dedication to the Museum and to all the families we serve, providing little ones the opportunity to explore learning in a fun hands-on environment.

THANK YOU SPONSORS!

New Staff

Lisa Leehy, Outreach Educator

Lisa Leehy, the new outreach educator, is a graduate of SIUE with a bachelor's in biology and minor in chemistry. Lisa has been a substitute teacher in the Edwardsville School District for the past 6 years. In addition, she has volunteered in the PTO and the prevention program at her children's school, and led the VBS at her church. Lisa is married with 2 children and resides in Glen Carbon.

What is an outreach educator? It is a teacher who goes outside The Children's Museum to excite children about learning and build awareness of the educationally enriching opportunities offered by the Museum. Lisa is meeting with school administrators to conduct a needs assessment to determine how the Museum can supplement and enhance their curriculum to meet the needs of their educators. Based on the needs assessment, Lisa will create guided lessons and traveling kits which educators can use to supplement their existing teaching materials and curriculum. The guided lessons will be available during a Museum visit, while the traveling kits can be brought into a classroom. Each will consist of a group activity or experiment with a lesson plan, a hands-on activity for the students, most of the materials needed and the educator to lead the lesson.

Lisa is planning an open house specifically for educators February 3rd, 2005 from 3:30-6pm. See list of events for further information.



Suzanne (left), Lisa (right)

Suzanne Weiss, Director of Education & Exhibits

Suzanne Weiss has given up her position on the board to join the Museum's staff as the director of education and exhibits. She has served on the Museum's Education and Exhibit Committee since 2001. After joining the board in 2003, she was appointed as the Chairperson of the committee.

As director of education and exhibits, Suzanne will focus on exhibit and program development, creating a docent program and guided on-site field trips. With her focus solely on these areas we look forward to development of new exhibits, expansion of those that we love and added fun, educational programs.

Suzanne has an extensive background in education. She has served as an elementary classroom teacher, education consultant, and worked in the Public Programs Department in The Walters Art Museum in Baltimore. She is also very involved in her children's schools and her neighborhood homeowners association. Suzanne lives in Edwardsville with husband Tim and 3 children, Kara, Alyssa, and Kaitlin.

Happy birthday to all the following children, who have shared their birthday with us this fall!

Micaelia V	Taylor R	Hannah B	Kelly Y	Hannah & Michael H
Baileigh D	Noah G	Lindsay W	Mia Q	Max S
Katie B	Miciah G	Megan P	Alison & Kyle M	Emma L
				Jennie E

62 Sports Group
Alfonzo's Restaurant
Paul Abert
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John and Mary Anderson
Anderson Hospital and Cardinal Glennon
Ann's Quick Copy
Veronica Armouti
Dr. Angela Bard
Thomas and Donna Bardon
Dr. Joachim and Anida Bauer
Mary Baya
Brad and Krescene Beck and Family
Richard and Mary Berry
Beta Phi
Bev George and Associates
Beyond Timbuktu
John Biarkis
Robert and Mary Blain
Bobby's Frozen Custard
Charlie and Jill Bogner
Diana Boston
Evelyn Bowles
Boy Scout Troop 386
David and Michelle Boyer
Eric Brandmeyer
Brian Rakers - State Farm Insurance
Brick Layers #8 of Illinois
C. David Brickman
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Chef's Shoppe
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Charles and Faye Coffman
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County Clerk's Office
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Crushed Grapes
Marcia Custer and Gerry Gilman
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Edwardsville Garden Club
Edwardsville High School Student Council
Edwardsville Kiwanis
Edwardsville Rotary
Edwardsville School District 7
Edwardsville Township
Edwardsville Zonta Club
Eigenbrodt Vision Center
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Family Care Specialists
Family Gazette
Fire Safety
First Federal Savings and Loan
First United Methodist Church-UM Men's Group
Follman Mutual Employee Contribution Fund
Follman Properties-ONCOR International
Ann Robertson and Tom Foster
Friends of Leclair
GC Cuisine
George Alarm
Girl Scout Troop #559
Glen Carbon School PTO
James and Margaret Goodall
Goshen Do It Center
Goshen Rotary Club of Glen Carbon
Jim Grandone
Greater Edwardsville Area Community Foundation
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Billy and Sharon Habs
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Larry and Sue Ann Hepler
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Jack's 66 Service
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JF Electric
Thomas and Billie Johnson
Mark and Carla Johnson
Nola Jones
Junior Service Club of Ed-Glen
Dr. David Kaericher
Sara Kegel
Keller Construction, Inc.
Kettle River Furniture
Kenneth Kollmann
Larry and Betty Krapf
Connie Krummrich
Kuhlmann Leavitt
Leclair Elementary PTO
Lee Russo Designs
Kathy Levers
Lewis & Clark Library System
Lincoln School Alumni Foundation
Lizotte Sheet Metal
Cheryl and Neal Lorusso
Cynthia and Michael Lorusso
Nicole and Duane Lowe
Richard and Lyn Loy
Henry and Shirley Malench
Steve Kerber & Debbie Mann
Market Basket
Maryville Fun Tyme
Maryville Pharmacy
Maryville Radiology Group
Bill and Karen Mateyka
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Xi Zeta Nu
Michelle Yates
YMCA of Southwest IL

In compiling this report we made every effort to ensure accuracy. If there are omissions, misspellings, or other errors please inform us.

Learning Journey

Membership Special!

Join or renew before our 2nd anniversary date, February 1st, and receive a FREE newly designed, fun and colorful Children's Museum t-shirt.

T-shirts are available in fun colors (fuchsia, Kelly green, Canary yellow and aqua blue) and sizes (2-4, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16).

Member benefits:

- Unlimited FREE admission for one year
- 1 FREE Museum t-shirt (Valid thru 4/2/05)
- \$3 off Museum t-shirts (Valid thru 4/2/05)
- 10% discount on birthday parties and special programs
- Subscription to our newsletter
- Invitation to member-only events and exhibit previews

Memberships can include grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins (anyone within a family). If your membership has not yet expired, but you would like to renew now to take advantage of this special offer, your renewal will take effect upon expiration of your current membership. Please note on the membership card which color and size t-shirts you would like.

Make a Snowman (he's warm and dry)

2 cups Ivory Snow Ultra,
1/2 cup water,
Toothpicks, Buttons, Felt, etc.

Fun for Kids

Step 1: To mix up a batch of faux snow, pour the Ivory Snow into a bowl, add the water and whip with an electric beater until doughy.

Step 2: Shape the damp soap into three balls. Stack them by gently pushing a toothpick halfway into the center of the bottom ball. Then, push the middle ball down onto the toothpick until the two balls touch. Do the same for the snowman's head.

Step 3: Add twig arms, clove eyes, shirt buttons and a felt scarf. To make a smiling mouth, press on a row of seed beads. For a mini carrot nose, color the tip of a short twig with orange paint. Top off the snowman with an eggcup hat or a set of pipe cleaner earmuffs.



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