



Wonder Works

JUNE/JULY 2004 NEWS

A Children's Museum in Oak Park

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JAM WITH JIM GILL SUNDAY, JUNE 13

Join us on Sunday, June 13 at 4pm for a family event with entertainer Jim Gill. The Oak Park-based Gill is a nationally known songwriter and entertainer with four CDs and a book to his publishing credit. Tickets are \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members in advance (or \$6 for members and \$11 for non-members on the day of the event). Call the museum for tickets, or stop by Wednesday through Sunday during business hours. For more information, call the museum at 708.383.4815. Note: we will close the museum at 3pm on June 13 except for those who plan to stay for the concert. The museum will be open until 6pm on that day; the show will start at 4pm.

THURSDAY NIGHTS IN THE WORKS FOR JULY

Beginning July 1, we will be open on Thursday nights in July until 8pm. Eric Gyllenhaal will be in the museum with science and nature activities.

MEMBERSHIP PRICES REVISITED

Much as we hate to do it, we have raised our membership price for the Family Plus from \$100 to \$110 per year, or \$200 for two years. Not only do you receive unlimited exploration in the museum, you get access to hundreds of children's museums across the country, including the Chicago Children's Museum, DuPage Children's Museum and Kohl Children's Museum. It's a great value.

EVENTS IN THE WORKS

Fridays in June and July

Eric Gyllenhaal, our outdoors expert, will bring his brand of science and nature activities to Wonder Works throughout the summer.

- *Friday, June 11, 10am to noon: Summer Bugs.* Meet live bugs, make bug collages and learn about making a bug collection.
- *Friday, June 18, 10am to noon: Dinosaur Bones.* Touch and play with real bones, including dinosaur bones.
- *Friday, June 25, 10am to noon: Reptiles and Amphibians.* Meet live snakes and frogs and play with plastic reptiles and amphibians.

Eric will also be at Wonder Works Friday mornings on July 9, 16 and 23 and Friday mornings on August 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Dino Day

Saturday, July 17, 10am to 5pm

Join us to learn more about the land before time. Make your own dinosaur fossils, dig for dinosaurs and more.

**Art is a Process:
a Mixed Media Workshop**
Saturday, July 24, 10am to noon

Geared especially for children age 5 to 8, this workshop will incorporate photography and watercolor paint to make sun prints. Class is limited to 15 children and is \$3 per child. Corrine Miller is the instructor.

MAKE PLANS FOR THE BIRTHDAY BALL JUNE 26

One year ago, Wonder Works was born. Or reborn actually. As some of you may recall, the Children's Museum of Oak Park operated in the early and mid 90s, including a stint on Lake Street.

To celebrate our return—and our first birthday as Wonder Works, a Children's Museum in Oak Park—we will host a Birthday Ball at the museum on Saturday, June 26 from 7pm to 11pm. There will be a live and silent auction and plenty of food and drink from some of Oak Park (and Chicago's) finest restaurants, including Avenue Ale House, Café Le Coq, Cucina Paradiso, Fuego Loco, LaBella, Maggianos, Sparacino, Vivaldie, Winberie and others.

Tickets are \$75 per person and space is limited, so call Carrie Van Ermen at 708.386.0814 for tickets. Parking will be available on the street near the museum, which is at 6445 W. North Avenue in Oak Park, and across the street.

BIRTHDAY BALL COMMITTEE

Thank you to the talented, energetic group planning our Birthday Ball.

<i>Michael Griffin, Co-chair</i>	<i>Karen Lloyd</i>
<i>Clarice Harris, Co-chair</i>	<i>Katie Nikolai</i>
<i>Corky Bellile</i>	<i>Anne Klassman</i>
<i>Sue Canepa</i>	<i>Sharon Madura</i>
<i>Janey Coffey</i>	<i>Rachelle Richmond</i>
<i>Jeanne Cone</i>	<i>Elizabeth Smith</i>
<i>Nancy Depke</i>	<i>Carrie Van Ermen</i>
<i>Bernadette Goldman</i>	<i>Ann Vogt</i>
<i>Ellen Griffin</i>	<i>Karen Young</i>
<i>Kari Hayden</i>	<i>Gale Zemel</i>

Bubble Fest

Saturday, August 7, 10am to 5pm

Our second annual event, Bubble Fest will give kids a chance to learn how to make bubbles of all shapes and sizes. This was a very popular event last year; make sure you stop by!

For more information

Please call Wonder Works at 708.383.4815 for more information about any of these exciting summer events.

STORY TIME AT WONDER WORKS

Every Friday at noon and 3pm

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Oak Park Area Arts Council, Rotary Club and Oak Park Women's Guild for supporting Wonder Works. Thanks also to PADS, Parenthesis and Hephzibah for working with us to support families and children in our communities. And thank you to Richard Blaurock, Rhonda Huber, Corrine Miller, Eric Gyllenhaal, Clarice Harris, Michael Griffin and the entire Birthday Ball committee.

WONDER WORKS BOARD

John Harris, President

Greg Beard, Vice President

Elizabeth Smith, Treasurer

Corky Bellile

Michael Griffin

Chris Kirchenberg

Karen Lloyd

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Rachelle Richmond

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WONDERFUL PARTIES

Need a special place for a meeting or fundraiser? Want to have your birthday party at Wonder Works and have the place to yourself? Call the museum at 708.383.4815 to learn more about our after-hours event opportunities.