

The Coastal  
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# Making Waves

## Inside the Coastal Children's Museum

Summer 2013

[www.CoastalChildrensMuseum.org](http://www.CoastalChildrensMuseum.org)

### A Fabulous Fourth Year

Four years ago on July 18th we opened for the first time at our home at Sharp's Point South. Our rooms were sparsely filled with bright and fun activities but nothing like we have now.

We have so many people to thank for our continued growth but mostly we thank our many visitors and members who come and play and share time with us throughout the whole year.



This year we celebrated our birthday early with our Family Fun Day on June 15th. Admission was dropped to just \$1 and the weather was perfect.

Zabby's Farm brought some of the most delightful animals to pet and feed and we hosted a Story Walk made by the "Let's Go!" program of the favorite story, *Down to the Sea with Mr. Magee* by Chris Van Dusen.



Our summer intern Johnny Cherichello made spin art and his sister Genna who works as a FoodCorps service member led a taste testing with some new vegetables to try.

The fabulous artist and friend to the museum Marianne Swittlinger painted faces for the over 100 visitors.

Thanks go to our volunteers : Kristen Salop, Marianne Swittlinger, Johnny and Genna Cherichello, and a special thanks to the Smith Family who helped us all day long setting up, taking admissions, and cleaning up.

Here's to a great Summer!

### Our Pauline Archer Scholarship Fund

A generous gift to the museum has helped us to establish our scholarship fund. Named after a remarkable woman and educator, the Pauline Archer Scholarship Fund was needed to make the learning through play

available to families who would otherwise but unable to visit the museum or attend special events.

The scholarship fund helps pay for full year memberships, or offers families a

reduced rate down to the amount they can afford.

For more information about the Pauline Archer Scholarship Fund or to contribute please email or call us today!

## Art in July with our summer intern Johnny!



Johnny Cherichello a Sophomore at Bard College is bringing the art to CCM this July

Last spring we had the great fortune to meet Johnny Cherichello, a freshman at Bard College. He was interested in volunteering and possible interning here.

The good luck continued when he went back to Bard and developed an idea that compelled the college to offer him a grant for his internship and viola he is now *Our Johnny!*

Through the entire month of July Johnny will be offering fine art workshops for our visitors drawing on concepts like color, artistic styles, artists and art history as well as natural inspirations and just fun experimentation.

He calls upon his experience at the Montclair Museum of Art in New Jersey where he helped as an intern/Assistant Teacher/Counselor at the SummerArt - Yard School of Art 2010, 2011, and 2012 summer camp sessions.

We feel truly blessed that Johnny found us and that he is bringing his energy and passion for art education to our visitors and members. Check our website or Facebook page for a full schedule of Johnny's summer workshops and check out his blog at [creationsandcrustaceans.wordpress.com](http://creationsandcrustaceans.wordpress.com).

“It is a happy talent to know how to play.”  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

## Exhibit Evolutions

The dynamic design duo Tim Hansen and Cindy Gregory have continued to redesign the exhibits and activity areas in the museum. This spring they took on the Under the Sea room and our General Store exhibit.

Our Under the Sea room now has a brilliant new stage with costumes and puppets in the backstage for the budding thespians. It has been a fast favorite.

Some of the costumes were hand made by Tim's son Jesse Hansen and designed to be easily donned by little actors.

Our General Store redesign was inspired by the establishments that were popular in the midcoast during the early 20th century.

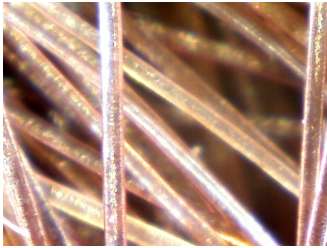
We are going to be working with historical societies around the area to get actual pictures of these family general stores to decorate the walls but right now we have fresh fish, vegetables, a diner counter and a brand new pizza oven!

The space is much more open and parents and children have the space to explore and play together.

We continue to be amazed at the creativity and skill of both Tim and Cindy and the time they give us is truly a gift. We hope you like the updates as much as we do!



## New Scope for Science at CCM



A picture of our volunteer Deirdre Felton's hair.

How Many colors are in a strand of hair? How does Velcro work? What does the inside of my belly button look like? The answer to these questions and more are soon to be found using our newest

piece of educational equipment: School and Science Technology Resources' Scope on a Rope.

With purchase made possible by a grant from Time Warner Cable's Connect a

Million Minds initiative, the "Scope on a Rope" is easy to use; children simply touch the magnifying lens to an object and the magnified image is instantly focused, illuminated and displayed on screen shar-

ing it with the entire group.

We are so thankful for Time Warner Cable's generous grant and excited to start using our Scope on a Rope with children here and at schools, libraries and community organizations.

The next "MicroShow!" will be held at the museum on Wednesday August 14th at 2:00.



Checking out the Scope on a Rope

## Puppets on Parade



Program and Outreach Coordinator Megan Rogers has

been having a blast this year writing and performing puppet shows for libraries and children's centers in the area. The idea of the puppet show was actually suggested to her by a local librarian.

"Jean Young, the children's Librarian from the Rockland Public Library asked if I could

do a puppet show for her weekly story time programming and I said, "Why not!"

Her first puppet show was "Hurry up and Wait" where a fidgety bunny explores strategies for waiting for her friend. Not only was the story intended to explore ideas of patience and self control, the very format of the puppet show itself helps too. "Jean wanted to give the children an opportunity to watch a show from start to finish, a

task that for a two year old is very challenging."

She has performed at the Rockland and Thomaston Libraries as well as the Rockland Toy Library. "I had a lot of fun weaving songs and different types of puppets into the stories but I was surprised by the physicality of puppeteering. Holding my hands over my head for even the ten minutes of my show was exhausting!"

She will be working on a new show to perform later this summer.

"Play is the highest form of research."

Albert Einstein

## Summer Simmer— Aug. 17th Save the date

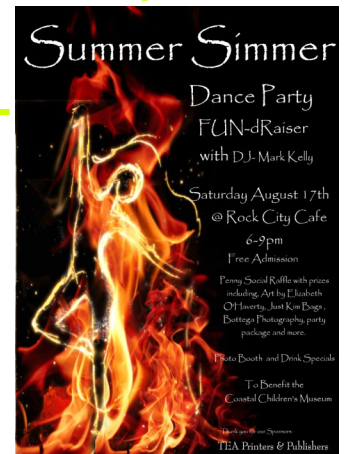
The Coastal Children's Museum and Rock City Café in Rockland are teaming up to throw a fun and festive dance party fundraiser this summer.

Summer Simmer combines the heat of a live DJ with the warm glow that comes from supporting a cause close to your heart.

There will be fun drink specials, a fancy photo booth and a Penny Social raffle with prizes such as : an original painting by Elizabeth O'Haverty, a sitting with Bottega Photography, JustKim Bag basket, hypnotherapy session with Thomas Woodman, CCM birthday party package, 2 homemade crowns, and more.

Summer Simmer will take place at Rock City Café in Rockland on August 17th from 6-9. Raffle tickets can be purchased in advance at the museum as well.

Feel the Heat, and move to the beat!



A fun night out of dancing to benefit the Coastal Children's Museum



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Explore.Discover.Learn.Play!

There are so many people we would like to thank for their help this past year.

## A year in numbers...

Last year we had:

Over 7,000 visitors

25 Birthday Parties

7 school visits

3 community organization visits

44 workshops and special events

2 grants received

135 Members ( as of April 2013)

15 volunteers who worked 303 hours!

Margaret Bok, Abigail and John Fitzgerald, Al and Elaine Wilson, Alexis Iammarino, Amanda Leon, Amy Robbins Wilson, Ann Williams, Anthony Mollica, Argosy, Arthur Adleberg, Audrey Shlick, Bar Harbor Bank and Trust, Betti Wyman, Brett Willard from MerrySpring Nature Center, Bruce Gamage Jr. Cailand Sweeting, Carney M Doucette, Caroline Burnham, Cary Page, Cedar Street Preschool, Charlie Witherell, Charlton and Eleanor Ames, Chris Van Dusen, Clean Bee Laundry, Darren Ripley, Deirdre and Dean Felton, Dee Perry, Donald McBeth, Duke Ellis, Dick and Jean Vose, The Trust of Douglas and Susan A Mayer, Elizabeth and Bob Stuart, Elizabeth O'Haverty, Elizabeth and Dr. William Stephenson, Esther Sexton, Evelyn and Jonathon Clowes, Felicity and Jim Bowditch, FMC Enterprises, The Grasshopper Shop of Rockland, Hollydachs Pet Store, Geoffrey Vollers, Hannah Nelsbach, Jim and Meg Sharp, Jane Sigsbee, Janice Peterson, Jane Frantz, Jerrilyn Guadagno, Jessica Tipton, Kaelen and Jeff Landfair, John Holliday, Kathleen Murray-Allain, Kristen Salop, Leslie Simmons, Licia and Jedediah Schwalm, Liga and Chip Jahnke, Linda Crawford, Linda McConchie, Liza Gardener Walsh, Loel and Ned Kline, Lowes Hardware, Marianne Swittlinger, Martha Bouchard and Sandra Lundquist, Mary Ann Brown, Mary Borden Bok, Matt and Cindy Warshaw, Megan Kelley from Maine CDC, Michael and Hilary Flagg, Miles Swanson, Philbrook and Associates Bookkeeping, Philip Spring, Richard Whitman, Phyllis Fales, the Pope Memorial Humane Society, Rebecca Vogt, Richard and Ann Bresnahan, Robert and Barbara Furman, Robert Foisy, Rockland Kiwanis, Rockland Rotary, Sally Merchant, Sandy Billington, Sarah Delaney and Frank Childs, Scott and Jennifer Wilson, Scott B. Kingsley D.M.D., Steve Seekins and Naomi Howe, Susan Gelb, Susan Warshaw, Suzuki's Sushi, Susan Petersmeyer, Susan Beebe, Sweet Tree Arts, Sylvia Ross, Tammy and James Smith, Tim and Jesse Hansen, The First Bank, The Science Source, Tom Crowley, Tom and Barbara Tomlinson, Tom and Dru Woodman, Tom Hammermeister, Trish Jonason, Rockland Walmart, Wendy and David Gordon, Wilma Marsh.

Your support, goodwill and kindness have touched us. Thank you.