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July 2010 Newsletter



Exhibit Sponsors for 2010

Each year a local business sponsors each exhibit with a donation (\$500 in 2010) to cover maintenance and other annual expenses. Our sponsors for this year are:

- Country Dairy - Buttercup the Cow
- Indian Summer Co-op - Grandpa's Garden
- Country Veterinary Clinic - Barn
- Pentwater Toy Box - Easels and Art Area
- West Shore Bank - Bank
- Best Choice Market - Grocery Store
- House of Flavors - Ice Cream Shop
- Michigan Power - PM Water Table
- Lighthouse Realty - Sandbox
- Drs. Margaret Gustafson, Dannie Gentry, and Tim Murphy - Infant Center

What Do Board Members Do?

Part I: They Create Exhibits

A great deal of the work on exhibits (other than the Badger) was done by board members Buffy Nagle, Mary Todd, and Pat Carney, as well as Mary's husband Mark. After building an expansive work table, Buffy, Mary, and Mark worked from winter until our May opening to construct the farm area, install the new exhibits, hang the artwork, etc. Mary also added some of the artwork and decorative touches. The murals throughout the museum, the vegetables for the garden, the farmer, and other decorative touches were created by Pat Carney.

Upcoming Events

- Special outdoor exhibits for Friday Night Lives (July 16, 23, 30 and Aug. 6)
- Sandcastle Contest at Stearns Park sponsored by Sandcastles for the Art Council's Sweet Summer Celebration (July 24)
- Children's Day at Mason County Fair (July 28)
- Adult Volunteer Recognition (Aug. 26, 5:30-7:00 pm)

Thanks to the individuals who put in many hours during construction and preparation for the 2010 season and/or have assumed ongoing responsibilities for the board.

- Pam Greb - Painting
- Bill Dustman - Construction, Painting
- Frank Longmore - Construction
- John Berend - Maintenance
- Kathy Radtke and Peg Gage - Education Co-chairs
- Andrea Carlson - Promotions Chair
- Tara Autrey and Marina Knoer - Grantwriting
- Heidi Urka and Pam Janowiak - Crafts
- Marsha Olmstead - Parties and Field Trips
- Hjordis Rivet - Special Events; Talking Tubes at museum
- Karen Opperman - Data Reporting
- Patty Gottwald - Ordering supplies
- Kathy Radtke and Dee Falk - Updating and stocking the grocery store
- Donna Peterson and Doris Gerkowski - Costumes



We appreciate the many donations to Sandcastles during the Community Foundation Match Day drive! With your continuing support, Sandcastles will secure a permanent home and continue to provide enriching activities for local and visiting families. Thank you!!!

Munchkin Mondays

- 7/19 Music: Mr. Frog & Diane Baker
- 7/26 Art - Mrs. McWilliams-Knee
- 8/2 Goat Day
- 8/9 Play Dough
- 8/16 Making Wind Chimes
- 8/23 Fruits and Vegetables

Thrilling Thursdays

- 7/22 Pirates
- 7/29 Henna Interactive
- 8/5 Benjammin & Analisa
- 8/12 How Does That Work?
- 8/19 Crafting—FloraCraft
- 8/26 Art with Mrs. Kanine
- 9/2 Homemade Butter



Sandcastles Community Involvement:

- Family Affair
- Collaboration with AFFEW, Mason Co. Library, and Arts Center for Earth Day Speaker Henry Pollack
- Earth Day Children's Activities
- Safe Harbor Credit Union Family Day
- Donations to raffles for Mom to Mom Sale and Festival of Tables
- Rotary Club Visit
- Sandcastle Contest for Ludington Council for the Arts Sweet Festival
- Donation of Sandcastles day passes to Andrea Bosse Center, COVE, and HELP.
- Check-out passes at the library

Thanks to Don and Bobbie Clingan for enlisting the talents of Jan Forrest, Colleen Barber, and Colleen's daughter Jenna for the painting and beautiful artwork on and around the Badger Playship.

Summer Hours and Admission

9:30 - 5:00

Monday- Saturday

May 22—Sept. 4

Daily Admission: \$3.50/person

Babies under 1 year are free.

Annual Family Membership: \$75

2010 Sandcastles Staff

Rachel Wissner, Manager

Megan Savel

Jordyn Bussey

Shelly Nielsen

Responses to suggestions:

- In and out doors inside the museum were switched.
- Seating was added around the water table.
- We have added a box with several "cubby" spaces for the shoes of children playing in the sandbox.
- We have added a mat at the bottom of the slide.
- A one-way path has been marked for vehicles going through the Badger.



Wish List

Many thanks to those who have dropped things off already!

- Old appliances and electric devices for How Does It Work? Day (August 15)
- Old adding machines
- Costumes and "dress-up" clothes to fit 2-5 year olds and also for boys to age 10.
- Paper — drawing, construction, computer, newsprint, etc.

Sandcastles Board Members

- Kristin Korendyke, President
- Michal LaCombe, Vice President
- Darlene Ponko, Secretary
- Buffy Nagle, Treasurer
- Pat Carney
- Marsha Barter
- Mary Todd
- Mary Ann Ferguson

