

SHOP AT WONDER WORKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

When you're shopping for the holidays, don't forget to stop at Wonder Works. We carry a full line of Melissa and Doug puzzles, games, stuffed animals and more. It's all top quality, fun and educational stuff, perfect for kids up to ten. We also have an extensive line of children's music.

A Wonder Works membership also makes a great holiday gift, and if you're in the giving spirit, why not sponsor a membership for a family in need? (Wonder Works is proud to partner with PADS, Parenthesis and other organizations to provide memberships and field trips at no charge.) Stop in the museum Wednesday through Saturday, 10am to 5pm, or on Sunday from noon to 5pm, or call us at 708.383.4815.

WONDER WORKS CONCERT SERIES CONTINUES

If you missed Shirley King's show in October, you still have four chances to enjoy our family concert series.

Sunday, November 21 Fred Koch

Sunday, January 16 Artist TBD

Sunday, February 20 Joel Frankel

Sunday, March 20 Susan Salidor (& Dot too)

All shows are \$5 for members, \$8 for non-members and start at 4pm. The museum remains open until 6pm on concert days.

And if you want to hear these musicians before the show, stop in to buy a CD or two. We'll have Joel Frankel's new CD, Ship of Chocolate Chips, on sale soon.



**IN THE WORKS
EVERY WEEK**

**STORY TIME AT
WONDER WORKS**

*Every Friday
at Noon and 3pm*

Wonder Works

NOVEMBER 2004 NEWS

*A Children's Museum in Oak Park
6445 West North Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois 60302*

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Shirley King and her band for a lively, energetic blues concert last month! Thank you also to Rhonda Huber and LaWaune Nepper-Ratis for chairing our education and programming committee, and to Michael Griffin for chairing our 2nd annual golf outing. We also owe gratitude to Marsh Inc. and Dave Nikolai for sponsoring the event, and to Jerry Udelson, DDS Children's Dentistry (www.little-teeth-big-smiles.com) for sponsorship.



Wonder Works

NOVEMBER 2004 NEWS

A Children's Museum in Oak Park

6445 West North Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60302

telephone: 708.383.4815 fax: 708.383.5730 www.wonder-works.org

EVENTS IN THE WORKS

November is Words and Pictures Month at Wonder Works. And we continue our Family Concert Series with Fred Koch on Sunday, November 21. Come join us!

Thursday, November 4, 11am

Kevin Luthardt, a children's book author and illustrator, will read his books, "Peep" and "Larrabee" at Wonder Works. *Free with admission.*

Saturday, November 6 and Sunday, November 13, Noon to 3pm

Life Story Book Making Workshop

Children ages 8 through 10 will write and illustrate their own life story, then bind the completed project. *\$10 per child for two sessions.*

Wednesday, November 10, 11am

Mark Kater, the resident storyteller at the North Park Village Nature Center in Chicago, will tell tales using costumes, puppets and musical instruments. *Free with admission.*

Wednesday, November 10, 6pm to 9pm

I.D.E.A. will host a benefit to Honor Daryl Bartelson of Petersen's Ice Cream at Wonder Works. All proceeds will benefit Wonder Works, a Children's Museum in Oak Park. *Contact Elizabeth Smith at 708-383-4815 for more information.*

Saturday, November 20, 10am to Noon

Pop-Up Book Making Workshop

Children ages 8 to 10 will be picking out shapes, cutting them out and using them to tell a story. *\$5 per child; advance registration required.*

Sunday, November 21st, 4pm

Singer-songwriter Fred Koch will perform music from his three CDs. The show starts at 4pm sharp and the museum remains open until 6pm. *\$5 members, \$8 non-members.*

Sunday, November 27th, 10am to Noon

Eric the Nature Guy returns with dinosaurs and other animals with bones. *Free with admission.*

WONDER WORKS SETS HOLIDAY HOURS

Never fear, Wonder Works will be open during the holiday school break on Mondays and Tuesdays in addition to our usual hours. (Yes, we know how it can get with the long break from school in the middle of winter.) We will be closed on Thanksgiving Day (but come see us on Friday!), Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If you want to have a holiday party at the museum, please call Elizabeth Smith at 708.383.4815 for evening and weekend appointments.

HOW TO MAKE WONDERFUL MEXICAN COOKIES

Thanks to Nordstrom and the Oak Park Area Arts Council for making Hispanic Heritage Month a success. For those who missed it, here's Chef Fredy's recipe for Mexican Cinnamon Sugar Cookies:

Polvorones de Canela

(Mexican Cinnamon Sugar Cookies)

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Makes 2 dozen cookies

1 cup butter
1/2 cup confectioner's sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup confectioner's sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Grease cookie sheets.
2. In a medium bowl, cream together 1/2 cup confectioner's sugar and butter until smooth. Stir in vanilla. Combine flour, salt, and 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon; stir into the creamed mixture to form a stiff dough.
3. Shape dough into 1 inch balls.
4. Mix together 1 cup confectioner's sugar and 1 teaspoon cinnamon; roll balls in cinnamon mixture.
4. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes in preheated oven, or until nicely browned.
5. Cool cookies on wire rack.

HAVE YOUR PARTY AT WONDER WORKS! CALL 708.383.4815 TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION.