



# 2011 July August September



## Get Green With Us!

### Sowing Seeds

Every Thursday at 11:15am

See [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) for other times

The greenhouse and garden have so much to offer – this summer and fall we'll explore it all! We'll play pretend and tell plant stories, use fresh ingredients for home-brewed iced tea and try sustainable, seasonal snacks plucked from the garden.

### Where Science Meets Art: Botanical Drawings

Thursdays in July at 3:45pm

After we study drawings of plants, we will take a trip to the greenhouse to find inspiration for our own artistic botanical renderings.

### Operation Smoothie (\$)

Various dates in July and August

See [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) for dates and times

Choose from our selection of fresh fruits and vegetables (some will come from the Growing Kids Greenhouse!) to make your own smoothie! \$4 per culinary creation plus admission. Sign up at the front desk.

### Nature Crowns

Tuesdays in September at 11:30am

Our greenhouse is bountiful and ready for art-making! Join us to create crowns with materials provided by Mother Nature.

### Art in the Garden

Tuesdays, July 5-August 9 at 11:30am

Did you know that many artists draw inspiration from the outdoors? Let's explore what's growing this week in our greenhouse by making art outside and in the garden!



## Get Kitetails Online!

This is our final paper edition of the *Kitetails* newsletter. We'll continue to communicate with you in our biweekly events e-blasts and an electronic edition of the quarterly newsletter. Don't miss out on events and member benefits – sign up for our e-mail list at [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) right now!

### Things Just Keep Getting Greener!

Following this issue, the *Kitetails* newsletter is going paperless. Switching from a paper newsletter to an electronic one will save more than four whole trees every year! Like families, institutions make dozens of big and little choices every day that have an impact on the planet. We work hard to make decisions that reduce our impact and promote greener, healthier lives for everyone – some you can see and some behind the scenes. Here are just a few of the ways we play, imagine and act green:

- We developed our new **greenhouse and garden beds** with sustainability in mind: we're **composting** and using **rain barrels** to help us grow produce, and our harvest will be used for food programs (surplus will be donated to a local soup kitchen).
- In 2010 our **lower level restrooms got an eco-makeover**, including StoneCraft counters made of recycled glass from Ecomaine. The signs were printed on repurposed movie posters with a special process that doesn't require toxic adhesives.
- More than half of our staff members (and many of our volunteers) **walk or bike to work**.
- Whether we need new signs, cleaning supplies or a life-size whale mouth, we look to **local vendors and fabricators**. The fewer miles our supplies travel, the smaller our carbon footprint.
- Keeping our space clean is a top priority. We use **energy star appliances** to wash soft props (like stuffed animals) and hard props (like the diner's play food). Surfaces are cleaned throughout

the day with Green Seal chemical cleaners – they're free of dyes and perfumes, biodegradable and certified to meet the EPA's toxicity and indoor air quality standards.

• In our restrooms, the **paper towel dispensers, soap dispensers and faucets are automated** – their sensors know when they're not in use and shut off to save resources.

• We're experts at **repurposing used materials**. We reuse paper that's been printed on one side to print memos and schedules. We plan crafting and art projects with recycled or natural materials. Many of our supplies for educational programs come from Ruth's Reusable Resources, a center that accepts donated supplies and redistributes them to schools and educators.

• Look down in the lobby, bathroom or *We Are Maine* – you'll see **marmoleum flooring**. Marmoleum is made from flax and jute plants, sustainable, fast-growing crops.

• We're in a historic building, but we're regularly making **upgrades to improve our energy efficiency**. These include several upgraded HVAC units, compact fluorescent bulbs in place of incandescent bulbs and automatic light sensors in all restrooms.

These practices are good news for our planet and good news for our visitors. The money we save by conserving can be used for the things that make the Children's Museum & Theatre of Maine special: interactive exhibits, top-notch staff, entertaining theatre productions and innovative educational programming.

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Join us on the green for our 6th Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser!

**When: Monday, September 19th 9am-3pm**

**Where: Nonesuch River Golf Club, Scarborough**

This is a fun way for all members of the community to help us raise the essential funds that support our exhibits, educational programs and theatre productions. Register as an individual player for \$150 or round up a foursome for \$525. The day includes 18 holes of golf, golf carts, continental breakfast, barbeque lunch, contests, prizes and more! For more information about the tournament, including player registration, donations and corporate sponsorships, contact Alicia at 828-1234 x242 or [alicia@kitetails.org](mailto:alicia@kitetails.org) or visit [kitetails.org/support/fundraising-events/golf/](http://kitetails.org/support/fundraising-events/golf/).

### A BIG thank you to all of our 2010-2011 Annual Appeal and Family in Need supporters!

Because memberships and admissions only cover about 60% of our operating expenses, and because many families cannot afford the cost of admission, we turn to the support of individuals in the community. Your gift to our 2011-2012 Annual Fund or Admission Sponsorship program will help support our mission to inspire discovery and imagination through exploration and play. For more information or to make your tax deductible contribution today, contact Alicia in the Development office (828-1234 x242 or [alicia@kitetails.org](mailto:alicia@kitetails.org)) or visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) and click the Please Donate button.

### Join us in thanking our 2010-2011 corporate sponsors and donors through June 1st!

The following Corporate Sponsors provide support for our special events, exhibits, educational and admission programs and theatre productions:

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### We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the following business donors for their support of our 2010-2011 Annual Fund:

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### Play, Imagine and Act all summer! Fun and Fascinating Camps for Ages 4 to 8

Our summer camps emphasize exploration. Each one-week camp offers free play time along with games, crafts, activities and special guests exploring a theme any kid can get excited about! Ready to learn more about the animal kingdom and create creatures of your own? Try an Explore the world of **Artists & Animals**. Want to tickle some funny bones? Ham it up in **Improv Comedy** camp. Itching to travel through time?



Experience history through the eyes of American girls in our **Girls Making History** camp. These are just a few – find more at [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org). Each camp is 9am-12pm daily, includes a healthy snack, and is incredibly affordable (and members get \$30 off each one!). Enrollment is limited and camps fill up fast, so register today. Visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) or call Shana at 828-1234 x232.

## CHILDREN'S MUSEUM & THEATRE OF MAINE

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### Summer Hours:

Memorial Day through Labor Day  
Mon–Sat: 10am–5pm, Sun: Noon–5pm  
Open 1st Friday of each month 5–8pm  
Closed Independence Day, July 4

### Fall/Winter Hours:

Labor Day through Memorial Day  
Monday: Closed to the general public  
9-11 am MEMBERS ONLY  
Tues–Sat: 10am–5pm  
Sun: Noon–5pm  
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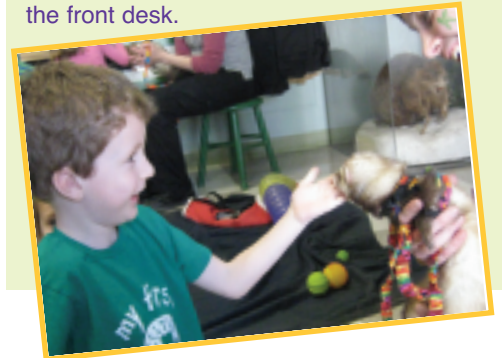
## Animal Programs

### Sparks Ark Special Show (R\$)

Friday, July 1 at 11:30am

Friday, August 12 at 11:30am

Join wildlife rehabilitator David Sparks to meet some truly amazing live animals and hear awesome stories of animal rescue! Past animal presentations have included a fuzzy chinchilla, an owl and a flying squirrel! \$2/person for members, \$3/person plus admission for non-members. To register visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org), call 828-1234 x231 or stop by the front desk.



### Animal Fun with the Animal Refuge League

Thursdays, 7/21, 8/18 and 9/15 at 11:30am

### Pets & More with the Animal Welfare Society

Saturdays, 7/16, 8/13 and 9/17 at 10:30am

### American Girls Club (R)

This summer we'll explore 20th century history through the eyes of American girls – be sure to bring your favorite doll! New members are always welcome. To register visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) or call 828-1234 x241.

**Samantha: Sunday, July 10 at 3:30pm**

**Molly: Monday, August 22 at 3:30pm**

**Rebecca: Saturday, September 17 at 3:30pm**

## Independence Day Parade

**Sunday, July 3 at 2pm**

We will listen to some classic patriotic marches for inspiration and have the opportunity to make some noise of our own as we circle through the Museum & Theatre with percussion instruments. We'll end where we started and finish with red, white and blue-berry ice cream sundaes!

## Special Summer Fire Safety Fridays

**Fridays, 7/15, 8/5, 8/19**

**Fire Fighter Friday at 10:30am**

It's our favorite Friday! Join us for a chance to meet Portland's firefighters and to sit on a real fire truck! (Dependent on weather and fire fighter availability.)

**Kids on the Block: Fire Safety Puppet Show at 11:30am**

Our troupe of educational puppets who dress and act like real kids is back! This puppet show is a powerful chance to break down boundaries and accept individual differences. Today, we'll find out what Melody and Renaldo have planned in case of a fire! Presented with the generous support of the Hartford Foundation.



**Kid Notes Performance with Singer-Songwriter Chrissy Roberts!**

**Thursday, July 28 at 12pm**

Learn social skills, fine motor skills, body awareness and more through song! Join Chrissy Roberts to move, dance, and sing along. This live performance will feature her newest album, *Kid Notes*, a collection of songs which encourage learning, movement and fun- especially great for ages 2-6! Chrissy is also a pediatric occupational therapist and has over 8 years of experience working with kids of all ages. Whether you are a parent, teacher, therapist, caregiver or friend of a child, she hopes these songs will give you and a child in your life the chance to learn and move together.

**Flower Fairy Tea Party (R\$)**

**Thursday, July 28 at 2pm**

Join the Flower Fairy of Summer for a magical afternoon with tea, snacks and fairy wing decorating! \$5/child for members, \$6/child plus admission for non-members. To register visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org), call 828-1234 x227 or stop by the front desk.

**Sunprints (\$)**

**Selected Tuesdays & Fridays in July & August**

See website for dates and times

We'll use the power of the sun and ultra-violet, light sensitive paper to create a piece of

unique solar art. \$3/print for members, \$4/print plus admission for non-members. Sign up at the front desk to save your spot. In the event of rain and no sun, we'll make slime instead!

**Comic Book Workshop (R\$)**

**Wednesday, August 3 at 2:30pm**

**Sunday, September 4 at 2pm**

Do you like to draw, tell stories or read comic books? Join us for a very special workshop where we'll learn how to make our very own book and fill it with words and pictures. \$5/child for members, \$6/child plus admission for non-members. To register visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org), call 828-1234 x241 or stop by the front desk.



**Rolled Beeswax Candles (R\$)**

**Saturdays, 8/13, 8/20 and 9/10 at 3:30pm**

Enjoy a sweet-smelling gift from the bees as we make some fabulous rolled beeswax candles, easy for little hands to assemble! We will decorate our candles with colorful wax pieces. \$6/child for members, \$7/child plus admission for non-members. Reservations recommended. To register visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org), call 828-1234 x227 or stop by the front desk.

**Kids Cook (R\$)**

**Indian Sweets: Sunday, 8/21 at 12:30pm**

**Samosas: Sunday, 9/18 at 2pm**

Experience the delicious tastes and aromas of India in this hands-on cooking workshop. When kids cook, they learn about math, measurement, world cultures, nutrition and the satisfaction of creating a culinary masterpiece. You'll take home recipes to try at home. Each workshop is \$5/child for members, \$6/child plus admission for non-members. To register visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org), call 828-1234 x241 or stop by the front desk.

**Playing School**

**Wednesday, September 7 at 10:30am**

Are you feeling excited to go to school some day? Or are you a little worried about what school will be like? We will have a pre-preschool morning with a story, moving activity and circle time. Pack your backpack with a healthy treat and join us for snack time and save some time for free play with your new friends!

**Honey Lip Balm (R\$)**

**Saturday, September 24 at 3:30pm**

Honey doesn't just taste good, it feels good too! Join us to learn about the wonderful world of beeswax while we study the bees that live in our Ranger Station then create your own lip balm to take home. \$6/child for members, \$7/child plus admission for non-members. To register visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org), call 828-1234 x227, or sign up at the front desk.

**National Grandparents Day**

**Sunday, September 11**

We're celebrating with free admission for grandparents all day. At 3:30pm, we'll create family trees and fill in the branches to learn more about our relatives and ancestors!

## THE MAGIC OF MAINE!

**Potato Festival**

**Sunday, July 10 at 2pm**

Did you know Mainers grow a LOT of potatoes? Join us for a special potato festival held the same weekend as one in Aroostook County. We'll learn all about how these amazing plants grow, eat some tasty potato snacks and celebrate this amazing plant!

**Meet a Moose Caller**

**Thursday, August 18 at 2pm**

Have you ever wondered what a moose sounds like? Do all moose sound the same? How do they communicate with each other, and what clues can you listen for in the woods if you are looking for a moose? Join special guest registered Maine guide Matt Tinker to explore moose calls and artifacts. Matt lives in Maine moose country, where he guides canoe trips, hiking trips, and moose-watching expeditions.

**Blueberry Festival**

**Sunday, August 21 at 2pm**

You probably know that Maine is famous for its blueberries, but do you know how they grow? Join us for a festival celebrating the history of these special berries in Maine, along with a blue art project and a special berry treat to try!

**The Maine Event: Children's Book Celebration!**

**Thursday, August 25 from 2-3:30pm**

Maine is special for many reasons, from lobsters to pine trees to children's book authors! Join Maine author Jan West Schrock as she reads from her children's book *Give a Goat*, then stay to read some Maine children's book classics. Hear *The Circus Ship* by Chris Van Dusen and have an animal parade, read *Fairy Houses* by Tracy Kane and make fairy houses of your own and listen to *Burt Dow, Deep Water Man* by Robert McCloskey while inside a life-sized inflatable whale!



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## Theatre Programs and Performances Theatre Programs and Performances Theatre Programs and Performances

### **Little Red Riding Hood (or Grandmother Slyboots) (R\$)**

July 21-31

**Thursdays & Fridays at 4pm**

**Saturdays & Sundays at 1pm & 4pm**

Young wolf believes he's clever enough to out-smart anyone around by behaving like a human. To prove it, he plans a clever trick to fool Little Red Riding Hood and her grandmother. Will the young wolf's disguise work, or will he learn that it's better to be a good wolf than an imitation human? \$8/person for members, \$9/person for non-members. (See more shows and save - ask about our flex passes.) Reservations recommended. For tickets call 828-1234 x231, visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) or stop by our front desk.

### **Auditions for our Fall Productions!**

#### **Audition Workshops (R)**

**Friday, 8/19 and Monday, 8/29 from 3:30-5pm**

Learn more about choosing a monologue and delivering a great audition at our friendly, free audition workshop. Registration is required, and space is limited. For more information or to register for the audition workshop, visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) or call 828-1234 x247.

#### **Auditions**

**Saturday, 9/3 from 1-4pm**

We're looking for actors between the ages of 8 and 17 to be part of our fall productions: The

*Jungle Book*, *Youth Voices Onstage*, and *Santa's Reindeer Revue*. No experience required, and newcomers are welcome! Prepare a short monologue to perform and be ready to do some improvisation.

### **Join the Marvelous Improv Comedy Show! (R) Sign up by 9/2**

**Rehearsals Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 9/6-10/26**

**Performances 10/27-10/29**

This is a free theatre program just for ages 6-10. It's all about getting comfortable performing, gaining confidence and learning the art of improvisation. There are no auditions, and there's NO stage experience necessary; any kid with a funny bone is welcome! Funding for this program is provided by the Burnham Foundation. To learn more or sign up, contact Reba at 828-1234 x247 or [reba@kitetails.org](mailto:reba@kitetails.org).

### **Teensy Weensy Production Class: Giraffes Can't Dance! (R\$)**

**Fridays, September 9-30 from 10:30-11:30am**

We invite 4 and 5 year olds to be a part of this teensy weensy production, and we'll act out Gerald the giraffe finding his own beat. This is a four-session drop-off program; we find that young actors are less shy and have more freedom to explore without any spectators. Parents, family and friends are welcome to

attend the final performance of this production class at 11:15am on 9/30. \$60/members, \$75 for non-members. Participants must register for the entire month. To register visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) or call 828-1234 x247 by September 2.

### **Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie (R\$)**

**By Julie Jensen; based on the novel by Kristiana Gregory**

**Friday, 9/23 & Saturday, 9/24 at 6pm**

Follow friends Hattie Campbell and Pepper Lewis as they travel with their parents from Missouri to Oregon along the Oregon Trail in 1847. This historical, two-character play celebrates the fragility of life and the resilience of the human spirit. For ages 6 and up. \$8/person for members, \$9/person for non-members. Reservations recommended. For tickets call 828-1234 x231, visit [kitetails.org](http://kitetails.org) or stop by our front desk.

### **Lady Llama Presents: Must a Moose Mind His Manners?**

**See website for dates and times**

If you haven't seen a Lady Llama puppet show, you are in for a treat! Lady Llama dazzles young audiences with her love of pickles and fear of crocodiles. This summer, Lady Llama will be teaching the moose to remember his manners.