



Children's Museum

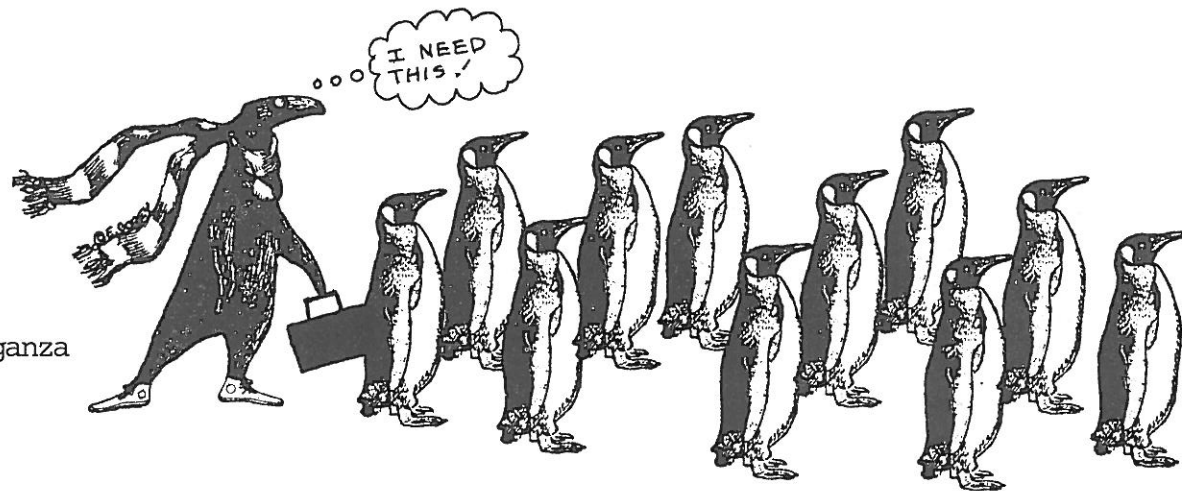
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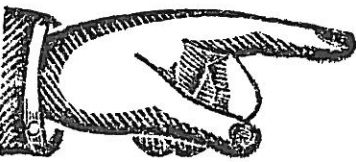
a Children's Museum Spring staff-training
idea-sharing, merry-making, survival strategy extravaganza

CONVENTION

for folks whose work is kidsplay



Session Descriptions



SESSION I It's Only a Paper Moon. A smorgasbord of paper projects for every age introduced by a host of Museum staff. Printing, marbling, stenciling, egg & milk carton creations, clever uses for newspaper, multicultural papercrafts, kites, bookmaking, and Boston by maps and guides.

SESSION II Choose one SCIENCE IN THE CITY: Projects kids can build - bughouses, nature craft, simple terrariums and hints at observing urban wildlife.

AFRICAN ARTS: Learn techniques of tie-dying; make and string clay beads.

ARTS & CRAFTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN: Bubbles, puppets, singing games, and simple crafts for under-fives.

SOFT IN THE HEAD: Make masks, beasts, puppets using RECYCLE foam. Learn the techniques for assembling sculpture.

SCIENCE IN YOUR LUNCH (an edible exhibit): Examine salad and chicken wings and then eat them; or bring your Big Mac and look inside.

SESSION III Choose one SCIENCE IN THE CITY 2: See session II and add ant-farming and slice of pond--great observation set-ups.

ETHNIC DISCOVERY: Explore your own cultural background and those of others with artifacts, language and games.

MUSIC MAKING: Learn snappy ways to get your group singing, dancing and playing instruments with the artists from Tribal Rhythms.

ARTS & CRAFTS SAMPLER: 10 activities designed for 6-12 year olds, and ideas about why you do what when.

SESSION IV The Quiet Hours. Late afternoon wind-down with presentations about available resources, browsing through "study" areas, and a storytelling session. Visit the Museum of Transportation and the Tea Party Ship. Watch a film.



A BEGGAR'S BANQUET. Join us for soups and rice dishes from various cultures. No fee for delegates to the entire convention. \$2 for everyone else.

SESSION V Family Night. Delegates are invited to bring their families to this evening session. Visit the Exhibit Center or join in scheduled events in the Resource Center: put together a Babysitter's Survival Kit; play group games, hear our ideas for family albums and trees, dress up in old clothes and (for a small fee) have a polaroid portrait, discuss with us some issues about working with adolescents.

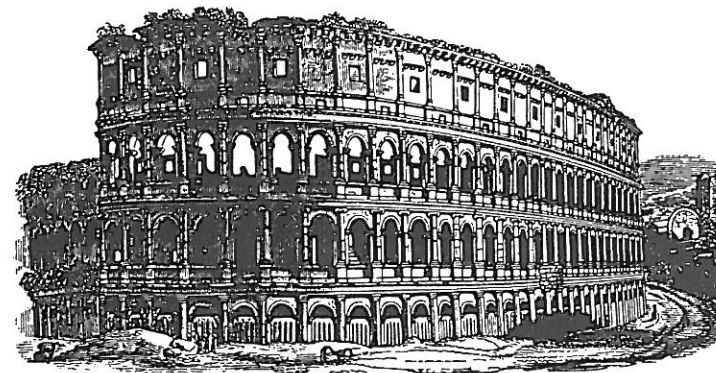
SESSION VI Choose one workshop and then join us for the Grand Finale. **DRESS UP & MAKE UP:** While you gather ideas to use with kids, create an outrageous new "you" with a wacky hat, decorated face, improvised glad rags.

AN URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD WALK: Explore local history and architecture by examining area buildings and streets with museum staff. Ideas for doing neighborhood observation with children.

MUSIC MAKING: See session III and get ready for the Grand Finale

TRADITIONAL DRESS: Learn to wrap a sari, try on a kimono, examine clothes from Armenian, Chinese, African, Japanese, Hmong, Indian and Native American folks.

GRANDE FINALE: Splendid April Foolishness with Tribal Rhythms, Museum staff, and all your new colleagues.



Answers

to questions most frequently asked



WHAT IS THIS ANYWAY?

It's a more comprehensive version of our annual workshop series offering program ideas, projects to try and resources in arts & crafts, science, and cultural discovery.

IS IT FOR ME?

If you work with kids (all ages) or adults who do projects...yes. Most delegates will come from community centers, libraries, hospitals and day care centers or homes. We hope some individuals will just delegate themselves.

WE HAVE 3 STAFFERS AND NOT ENOUGH CASH TO SEND EVERYONE TO EVERYTHING. WHAT CAN WE DO?

Individual workshop sessions cost \$10 each. If one person could attend the whole convention and share the goodies, that would be better.

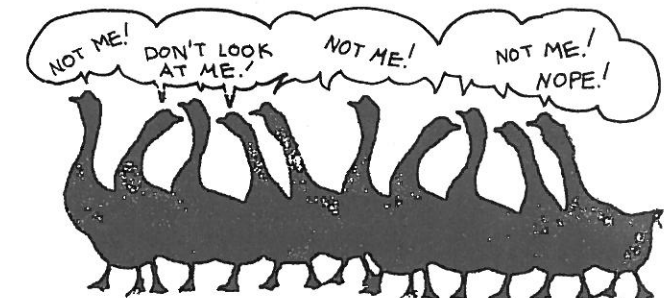
WE HAVE 14 STAFFERS AND EACH ONE WANTS TO SPEND A HALF HOUR... No.

WHAT IF I CAN'T GET A SITTER ON FRIDAY NIGHT?

Friday is Family Night. Bring the whole bunch. Additional meal tickets can be had for \$2; if you wish to have them eat beforehand, they can join you for free.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THIS MARVELOUS STUFF?

Marion, Pat, Brett, Caryl-Ann, Bob, Judy, Cathy, Amy, Lenny, Kate, Betsy, Cat, Marcia, Ayllette, Lucinda, Dottie, Shiamin, Joan, Suzanne, Sue, Jeri, Nancy, Sylvia, Hyla, Sandy, Leslie, Reiko, Lynn, Jim, Bernie, Nona, David, Amy, Nat, Tom, Charley, Susan, Curtis



Convention Schedule

April 1
Thursday 6 - 9pm

(see Session Descriptions)

before 6pm
Pre-convention Warm-up

On your own try
The John Wanamaker
Victoria Station
The Milk Bottle or
MacDonald's
all at Museum Wharf

6:00 REGISTRATION

The Hospitality Desk
in the Resource Center

6:00 - 9:00 SESSION I
"It's Only a Paper Moon"

sailing over a sea of
projects and activities
using paper

April 2
Friday 10am - 9pm

(see Session Descriptions inside)

9:30 Coffee

10:00 SESSION II Workshops
Each workshop is 2 hours

Science in the City....New Messy Rm
African ArtsNew Studies
Arts & Crafts for
Young Children.....Aeolian Room
Soft in the Head
(Foam sculpture).....Sit-Around

12:00 Science in Your Lunch
(An edible exhibit)

1:00 SESSION III Workshops
Each workshop is 2 hours

Science in the City 2..New Messy Rm
Ethnic Discovery.....New Studies
Music Making.....Sit-Around
Arts&Crafts Sampler....Aeolian Room

3:00 SESSION IV The Quiet Hours

Storytelling, resource sharing,
films, visiting Museum Wharf

5:30 BEGGAR'S BANQUET:
The Soup Line and the Rice Bowl
Humble food from around the world.

6:30 SESSION V Family Night

The Exhibit Center is open for
families. In the Resource Center
bring your kin to these activities:
7:00 Baby-sitters Workshop
7:30 Family albums, family trees,
& family portraits
8:00 Group game playing
8:30 Adolescent issues

April 3
Saturday 10am - 1pm

(see Session Descriptions)

9:30 Coffee

10:00 SESSION VI Workshops
Each session is 1½ hrs.

Dress-up & Make-up
New Messy Room

Music Making
Aeolian Room

Traditional Dress from
Other Countries
New Studies Rm.

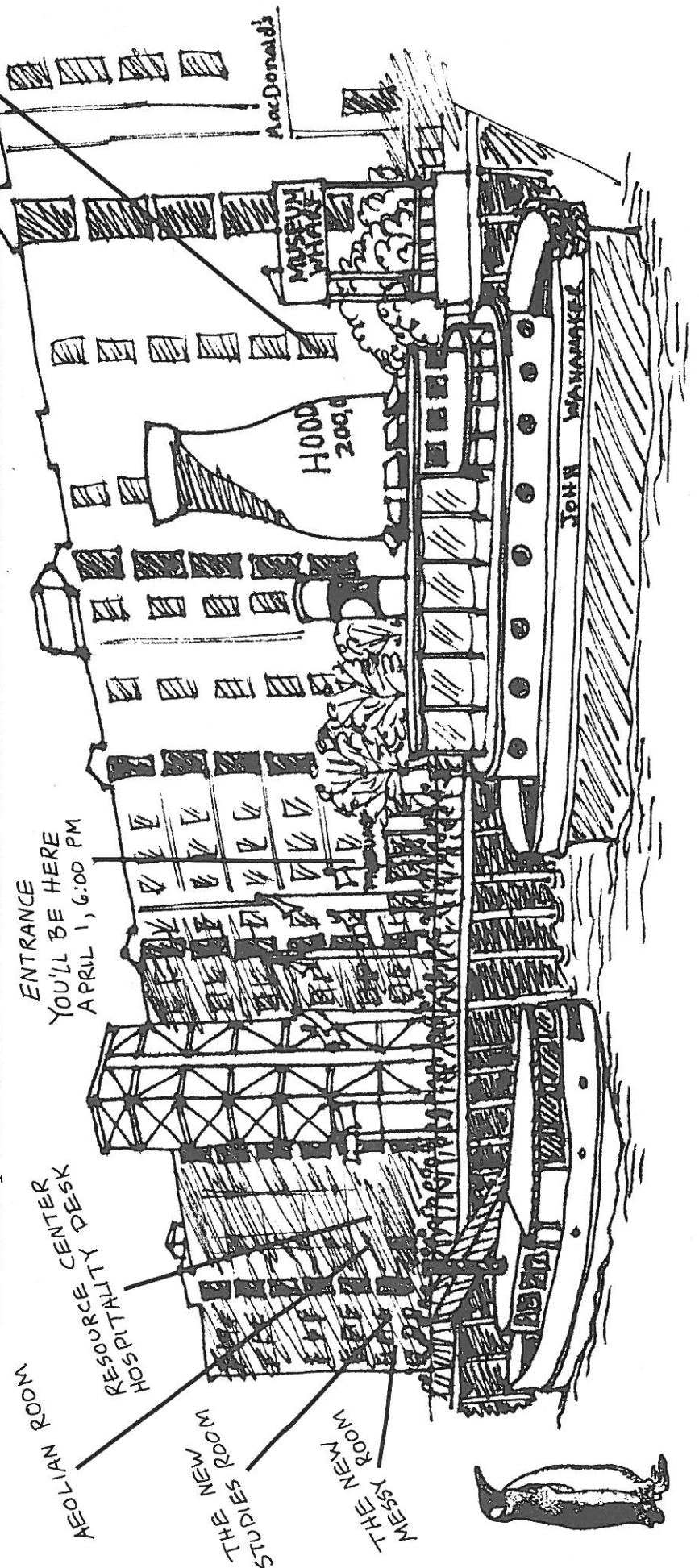
An Urban
Neighborhood Walk
Near the Museum

11:30 GRAND FINALE
Refresh & make merry



Convention Headquarters

THE SIT-AROUND
The cleverly revitalized old warehouse on Museum Wharf in beautiful downtown Boston



Registration



Please make reservations at least one week in advance of the workshop date. Make check or money order payable to the Children's Museum and send it with the completed form to: Resource Center, Children's Museum, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress St., Boston, MA 02210.

Museum members receive a 10% discount.

YES, I'll be a delegate to the

FULL CONVENTION\$40 ☐
Includes all workshops, materials, resource packet, refreshments, supper and plastic-coated namebadge. *Indicate your choices for workshops in Sessions II, III & VI.

INDIVIDUAL SESSIONS

Session I Thurs., April 1, 6-9pm

"Paper Moon".....\$10 ☐

Session II Friday, April 2, 10-12am

"Science in the City".....\$10 ☐

"African Arts".....\$10 ☐

"Arts and Crafts for Young Children".....\$10 ☐

"Soft in the Head".....\$10 ☐

Session III Friday, April 2, 1-3pm

"Science in the City 2".....\$10 ☐

"Ethnic Discovery".....\$10 ☐

"Music Making".....\$10 ☐

"Arts and Crafts Sampler".....\$10 ☐

Session IV Friday, April 2, 3-5pm

"The Quiet Hours".....\$10 ☐

Session V Friday, April 2, 6-9pm

"Family Night".....\$10 ☐

Session VI Sat., April 3, 10-1pm

"Dress-up and Make-up".....\$10 ☐

"Music Making".....\$10 ☐

"Traditional Dress from Other Countries".....\$10 ☐

"An Urban Neighborhood Walk".....\$10 ☐

Additional meal tickets to the Banquet

Friday, April 2, 5-7pm.....\$ 2 ☐

Museum member?

Yes

No

TOTAL AMOUNT

\$ _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____