

Words From



Letter from the Board of Directors

Spring is here and the Wonderworks Board of Directors has been very busy working towards our goal of finding a permanent, larger space for a full children's museum.

We have actively pursued potential properties, and although none have been the right fit yet, we are ready to pounce on the perfect one. With that in mind, we have several fundraising events coming in the next few months to get us closer to realizing our dream.

They are: a Wonderworks Community Garage Sale, a Birdhouse Auction and Garden Party at Dry Hollow Vineyards, and the Concessions at the Fort Dalles Rodeo.

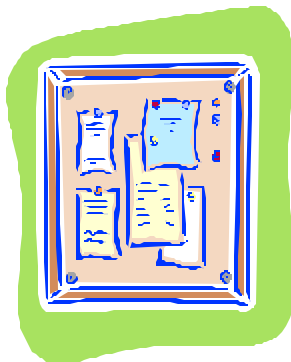
Look for information in this newsletter as well as posted in the Playstation for details about these events and others.

We are always looking for more bodies and minds to help keep Wonderworks running for all to enjoy. Being a member of the board may sound intimidating, but all that is required is time to meet once a month, occasional special tasks, and the desire to contribute to your community.

If you are interested in seeing what a board meeting is like, come to one of our monthly meetings on the second Monday of every month, 6:30 pm at the Playstation.

Anne Kelly - President

Watch This Space ...



A new and special bulletin board is up at the Playstation. As we have in our sights the procurement of a new space for Wonderworks this bulletin board will specialize in 'new space news' as it unfolds – containing all the achievements and setbacks that go with a building purchase. Watch out for opportunities to climb aboard, and you too can be a part of the roller coaster ride!

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Dates To Remember

- National Volunteer Week
April 15th - 21st
- Spring Music Classes
Wednesday May 2nd
- Wonderworks Yard Sale
and Open House
Saturday May 5th
- Birdhouse Auction and
Garden Party!
Saturday June 30th

We are now on the web!

Check us out at:

www.wonderworkstd.org

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National Volunteer Week: April 15 - 21

A quote by Alma Powell states "There is no better investment of time and money than in the life of a child. They are the future".

As Volunteer Coordinator for the Wonderworks Children's Museum, I would like to concur and publicly acknowledge all of our committed Wonderworks volunteers in recognition of National Volunteer week April 15 – 21.

Wonderworks is enjoying its 30th birthday this year and has been able to welcome children and their caretakers over the years because of the commitment and dedication of volunteers.

I can call on a team of 15 reliable volunteers who are ready and willing to help keep Wonderworks open and so continue to serve the children

of our community. This letter is to publicly thank you all. No volunteers? No Wonderworks!

We've had 9 new volunteers for the playstation since January - Anne Evans, Anna McClure, Marcella Johnson, Beth Kyar, Lisa Abel, Lisa Beal, Naomi Grimsley, Charlotte Dupuis and Pilar Cox. That's great news, and thanks to all of you for stepping forward to help keep the Playstation open for the rest of us.

If anyone feels they would like to be a part of this team they too can volunteer for Wonderworks, as there are always ample opportunities for all. For more information please contact me at 541-993-3083.

Caroline Elliott - Volunteer Coordinator

New !!! Membership Packs

Membership packs are available to all members and can be collected at the Playstation.

These packs have all you could ever want to know (and didn't dare to ask!) about Wonderworks, everything from the vision of Wonderworks to the favorite pastime of the vice-president! Oh! and your very own Wonderworks membership card and discount coupons to 28 children's museums across the Pacific Northwest.

Please ask the Playstation volunteer for your pack.



Toy Donation Policy



We appreciate efforts of our volunteers and visitors to improve the quality of play at the Playstation. However, due to health and safety concerns, as well as the general manageability of the space:

All toy or equipment donations must be approved by a member of the Wonderworks Board of Directors.

In addition, if you would like to share items your children have outgrown, we would prefer that you post a notice on the bulletin board. Our space is just too small to house any extra items.

Spring Schedule of Classes

Swing into Spring

Music, rhythm and dance for little ones with Rebecca Gooch, certified KinderMusic teacher. Rebecca's classes provide musical experiences ranging from experimenting with instruments and rhythm and sounds, instrumental play-alongs, free movement, and learning new songs and finger plays. The class builds on children's natural enthusiasm for music and movement and the premise that parents play a crucial role in cultivating and nurturing enthusiasm for music and movement. Adult participation is easy, non-threatening...and most of all fun!

Six Sessions: Wednesdays May 2nd - June 6th

0 - 2 year olds 9:30 am – 10:00 am

2 ½ - 4 year olds 10:15 am – 10:45 am

Cost: \$25 for the first child and \$15 for second child (6 months and older).

Class size is limited to 12 children, so you must register and prepay to ensure your place in the class.



Spring Class Registration Info...

All classes are held at the Wonderworks Playstation, located inside the UCC Congregational Church at 111 E 5th Street, The Dalles, OR.

Please pre-register for all classes by calling the Northern Wasco County Parks & Recreation District at 541-296-9533.

For more information, call Anne Kelly at 541-296-1057.

Scholarships are available for all classes.

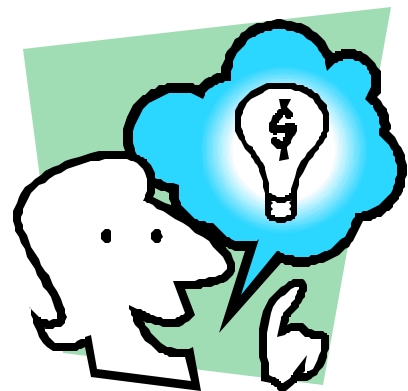
New Exhibits for WW?

It has been quite a while since we have had a major exhibit change in our Playstation.

If you have any ideas to add or change an exhibit we would love to hear from you.

Exhibits need to be appropriate for children up to age 5, keeping in mind that there will always be some little ones who are not clear on the "food vs. not-food" concept.

Please direct any suggestions to Anne Kelly (541-296-1057), or any other board member.



New! Wonderworks Birthday Party Packages

Wonderworks is thrilled to announce our new Birthday Party Packages!

Make your child's day special by having a private Birthday Bash at Wonderworks Children's Museum!

Just want to rent the museum, or go all out and have a fully themed Birthday Party, we have the package for you!



Basic Package

\$40 Members /
\$50 Non-members

- ◆ Private use of the museum for 2 hours.
- ◆ Child sized tables and chairs for food and games.
- ◆ Up to 30 guests total.

Deluxe Package

\$150 Members /
\$165 Non-members

- ◆ Have a Themed Birthday! Get all the benefits of the Basic Package, but chose from 3 different themes: Construction, Disney Princess or Sesame Street Smiles.
- ◆ Party supplies, decorations, set up and clean up are included.
- ◆ Plus Wonderworks party invitations to mail to guests.

Ultimate Package

\$250 Members /
\$275 Non-members

- ◆ Want more? The Ultimate Package includes everything from the Basic and Deluxe Packages, and the kids will receive themed favor bags.
- ◆ An 8" round Themed Birthday Cake, and children's drinks will also be provided.
- ◆ Plus free day passes to the museum to be used at a later date!



Party prices are for 8 children, additional guests are extra.

For more information, party details, or to schedule your Birthday Bash, contact our party planner,

Terra Kirby. Phone: 541-296-4585 Cell: 541-965-1979 Email: terra@wonderworkstd.org

Spring Fundraisers and Events

Birdhouse Auction and Garden Party

As part of our capital campaign to raise \$150,000 for a new home for Wonderworks, one of our major fundraisers this year is a Birdhouse Auction and Garden Party.

We are inviting community members and businesses to participate in this fundraiser by creating and/or decorating a birdhouse, which will be auctioned off during our Garden Party to be held at:

Dry Hollow Vineyards, Saturday June 30th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

The Garden Party will be a fun event with food, wine, the live birdhouse auction, a silent auction, and live music.

We would like you to decorate a birdhouse!

We hope to collect a minimum of 30 birdhouses for the auction and are looking for a wide variety of decorated birdhouses.

You can either decorate a birdhouse that you have designed and built yourself, or a pre-made one.

Embellish it in anyway you like! Add stained glass windows or a copper roof, a picket fence or a fabulous faux finish.



Build it from the ground up-create a skyscraper or a replica of your favorite historic building.

Make it functional for outdoor use or decorative for the perfect addition to someone's indoor collection - just have fun, and let your creative juices run wild.

You have until June 15th to prepare your birdhouse.

Two weeks prior to the event birdhouses will be displayed in various locations in downtown The Dalles to attract attention to the upcoming auction.

We invite you to challenge other friends, family members, or businesses to submit a birdhouse entry. We would like you to be a part of this one of a kind community event.

Please contact Laura Faherty 541-993-3573 to get your birdhouse or for more details.

But wait...there's more...

We are looking for donations for our silent auction. If you can knit, sew, make jewelry, cook, or have a vacation rental you would like to donate a weekend in, let us know. Anything will be appreciated.

Plus we need volunteers for the planning committee and the Garden Party and would like to invite anyone wishing to share his or her time and talent to participate. As a volunteer you can play an important role in an event that we hope will become a Wonderworks tradition.

Please contact Anne Kelly at 541-296-1057 to submit your donation. Thank you!



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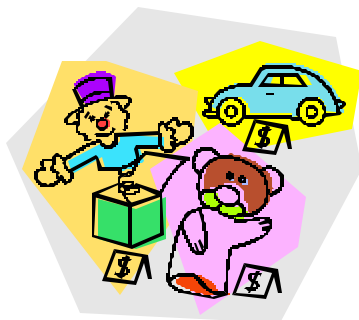


Wonderworks Community Yard Sale & Open House

With the last frost many of us feel the urge to clear out our closets, basements or garages. If you have gently used items that you would like to get out of your home, we have the perfect opportunity to clean up and help out!

Donate your items to the Wonderworks Community Yard sale:

Saturday May 5th
9 am - 1 pm
in the yard at Wonderworks



Any used items, such as furniture, tools, sporting equipment, clothing, baby gear, toys, etc would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring items to the sale between 8 am and 9 am for set up, or contact Laura Faherty to donate beforehand.

Remember all items you donate are tax deductible.

Just want to shop? Come on down, and bring your friends and neighbors. The kids can enjoy free admission to the Playstation!

Questions? Call Laura 541-993-3573.