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**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SERIES PLANNED DURING FALL  
WITH SCIENCE, COOKING, ART AND OTHER EVENTS**

Children's educational programs on the science of the senses and seasons, cooking and measuring, painting inspired by great artists, learning technologies, puppet theatre and origami paper art, highlight the Children's Museum season on selected Saturdays during fall 2006.

Presented by faculty and students in SUNY Cortland's Department of Childhood and Early Childhood Education, the programs from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. are open to community families and their children. All except one program will take place at the Children's Museum, located on the ground floor of the O'Heron Newman Hall at 8 Calvert St. in Cortland. Admission is free but donations are gladly accepted.

On Sept. 30, Assistant Professor Heather Bridge will lead "Inspired Painting by the Cortland Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC)." The young visitors will look at paintings by Georgia O'Keefe, Kazya Akimoto, Jackson Pollock and other artists from around the world and then use these famous styles to inspire their own creativity.

On Oct. 7, Assistant Professor Lin Lin and her students will present "Origami," an authentic origami lesson and opportunity for participants to learn how to fold and create these paper animals, flowers and more. This program only will be held in the College's Beard Building extension at 9 Main St. in Cortland instead of the O'Heron Newman Hall.

On Oct. 21, Assistant Professor Kim Rombach will offer a "Puppet Theater." The children are invited to come and use, create and enjoy the puppets in the museum's puppet theater.

On Oct. 28, Lecturer Karen Hempson will oversee the 15th annual Education Club Halloween Party. Held for the first time at the Children's Museum and as a Saturday morning rather than

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a Sunday afternoon event, the party is open to community children ages one to 10. Activities will include face painting, storytelling, games, craft-making and invisible writing. Guides will take children safely trick-or-treating in a campus residence hall. Donuts and other treats will be served and prizes awarded for games. Global storytellers from Africa may make a surprise visit.

On Nov. 4, Assistant Professor Susan Stratton and Barbara Johnson-Foote, the author of a book on cup cooking for use with early elementary and preschool-aged children, will present "Cup Cooking and Baking," a cooking and measuring activity geared for children ages three to nine. The children will make a variety of healthy foods in individual child-sized servings using paper cups and an electric skillet. Children will do the measuring with tools specially adapted for small hands.

On Nov. 11, Assistant Professor Gail Tooker will present "Fun Science Activities," featuring an exploration of the senses and seasons at a level that is appropriate for children ages pre-school through first grade.

On Nov. 18, Assistant Professor Shufang Shi will present "Fun with Learning Technologies."

The museum offers interactive, hands-on educational experiences in an environment where Cortland community parents, grandparents, caregivers, teachers, college students, youth, and young children can be inspired to play and learn together.

To reach the museum entrance, follow the hall's driveway. Parking is not permitted in the driveway but is available up the hill in the Dowd Fine Arts Center on the corner of Prospect Terrace and Graham Ave. For more information, call the series organizer, Susan Stratton, at (607) 753-2467.

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