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**CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SERIES CONTINUES DURING SPRING
WITH BABY ANIMALS, CRAFTING CANDY AND OTHER EVENTS**

Children's educational programs on crafting candy, painting, and baby farm animals will highlight the Children's Museum season on selected Saturdays during Spring 2006.

Presented by faculty and students in SUNY Cortland's Department of Childhood and Early Childhood Education, the programs are open to community families and their children. Located on the ground floor of the O'Heron Newman Hall at 8 Calvert St. in Cortland, the museum will be open from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 4, March 25, April 1, April 22 and April 29. Admission is free but donations are gladly accepted.

On Feb. 11, nationally known children's book illustrator Suzanne Bloom will present "Wishes, Wishes, Wishes." The program is also supported by the Campus Artists and Lecture Series (CALS). The recipient of an American Library Association 2006 Theodore Seuss Geisel Award, Bloom is the author and illustrator of "We Keep a Pig in the Parlor (1999)," "A Family for Jamie: An Adoption Story (1991)," "The Bus for Us (2001)," and "A Splendid Friend, Indeed (2005)." SUNY Cortland students will conduct children's activities correlating with Bloom's creative work.

On Feb. 25, Assistant Professor Heather Bridge will offer "Celebrating Children's Birthdays Around the World." She will be assisted by students of the Cortland Association for the Education of Young Children (CAEYC) in playing out for families and children the many different ways youth around the globe mark their special day.

On March 4, Lecturer Renee Potter will present a program called "Crafting Candy."

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On March 25, Assistant Professor Kim Rombach will offer a "Community Puppet Theater." The children are invited to use, create and enjoy the puppets in the museum's puppet theater.

On April 1, 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.

On April 22, Assistant Professor Gail Tooker will present a "Water Festival," an exploration of the properties of earth's most precious resource. The festival will feature the "Portable Pond," the "Amazing Water Race," how to make a water wheel, and a variety of interesting experiments and activities.

On April 29, Assistant Professor Susan Stratton and her students will present "Baby Farm Animals." The children will have an opportunity to see and learn about newly hatched chicks, baby goats, piglets and more. The public is invited to contact Stratton at (607) 753-2467 about any portable pets or animals they would be willing to show at this event.

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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