



And all of thy children shall be taught of the Lord, and great shall be the peace of thy children Isaiah 54:13

Art & Science Around the World

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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: The 2007 Art and Science Fair will be held on March 9th at 6:00 PM. All participants must arrive between 5:15 and 5:30 for set up. Students must stay by their science projects during the "showing" part of the fair, so guests can ask questions.

ALL children are encouraged to participate. Little ones can identify parts of plants, or study the art and science of composting. Older students can dissect an animal or do a study on Space. You can even do a Family Project! All participants will receive a certificate. You may enter in both art and science. Here's how to enter your project:

You must register by February 16th. For Art, e-mail luvart-forms@msn.com, or call Anna Kennedy at 815-498-1302. For Science, email Klaas@netzero.net or call Sheri Klaas at 630-553-0317. Include the following:

Child's full name

Child's age

Size of display/space needed

For artwork: medium

For science: name or description of project and whether electricity will be required

All Art work or displays must be to Anna by the 16th of February. Anyone who needs anything "special" must let Sheri know before the fair. Harsh as it sounds, NOONE will be allowed to enter the fair after the February 16th deadline.

Ray Hanus, will be our speaker this year. He is one of our own, and happens to also teach in the Sciences!

Lastly, to make this fair successful, please feel free to invite all your friends and relatives. This is a great time to shine, and let people see what our homeschool community can do. If you choose not to participate this year, bring the family to see, and enjoy! Maybe it will inspire you for next year!

This newsletter is edited by Patti Hermes. Please send all articles and photos to me at momswor-king01@yahoo.com by February 23rd

Family Open House at Fermilab

Fermilab will be hosting a Family Open House on Sunday, February 11, 2007: See Ben Franklin's experiments, Mr. Freeze's cryogenics show and enjoy fun activities for all ages.

This year's Family Open House at the Department of Energy's Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory will take place on Sunday, February 11, from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Organized by the Fermilab Education Office, the event offers free family-style hands-

on activities and exhibits, make-and-take projects, science shows and tours. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend. While the program is free, registration is required.

For more information and registration:
www.fnal.gov/pub/presspass/press_releases/OpenHouse-07.html

The 2007 ICHE Annual State Convention will be held at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois on May 24, 25 and 26th

Legislative Day in Springfield

Who: All homeschoolers In Illinois

What: Legislative Day

Where: Springfield, Illinois

When: May 2, 2007

Why: Because it is VERY important that we show our Legis-

lators that we are many. We are serious, and WE COUNT!

This is an important day to be with our Legislators and let them know that we do not want any state in-

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terference in our homes/schools. We like the way things are. WE

are becoming a **FORCE** in Illinois. **BE THERE** or **BE SQUARE!**

Educational travel ideas for families

Homeschool Travel, in conjunction with Heartland Tours, has been taking homeschooling families to Israel for several years. Whole families have studied "Middle Eastern and Biblical History" in the Land of the Bible and have

gone home forever changed. Check out their website at www.homeschooltravel.com.

Closer to home, Creation Expeditions would like to invite you to join their March 8-11, 2007 Ice Age Expedition in Florida.

There will be camping, canoeing on Peace River and finding lots of fossils for you to take home. Creation Expeditions also offers trips with some of the best fossil guides in the country. For more information: www.creationexpeditions.org

A Message from the Chair ...

YEEEESSSSSSSS!! , I finally did it. It took me 12 LOOOOONG years, but I have done it. Now, I know that some of you out here have already done it, and I feel very sorry for those of you who haven't yet. Your time may come. After all it DID take me twelve years. However, now that I have achieved it, I must admit: it is a FABULOUS feeling! I feel a little bad bragging, but after all, I am sure it will not last long. So far, I am on approximately 42 hours. 42 hours is a

pretty long time. Not quite as long as most of my birthing experiences, but longer than than my tubbies which I love! So, what is it that "I AM" and none of you are right now? (sorry for you) THE BEST MOM IN THE WORLD, THAT'S WHAT! I am sorry but for this moment it is ME. I am sure you may be next, but for right now it is me. ME, ME, ME! Why you ask? What makes Sheri Klaas the "Best Mom" in the World? Here is the secret: buy your kids a puppy. Yep, that about

does it! Instantly, you will oust me, and become the BEST MOMMY IN THE WORLD! It truly is a beautiful place to be. Honestly, I have never heard more, "Yes, mommy," "Right away, mommy," "I love you, mommy," and "You're the best mommy," than in the last 42 hours. It is a lovely sound, no matter how short lived. Well, maybe you're not quite ready for this yet. Maybe you hate dogs. I bet someday you will fulfill your children's wildest dreams. In that mo-

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ment you WILL BE The BEST MOMMY IN THE WORLD! Until then, here's looking down on you all!!!!!!

p.s. Puppy ownership would not have been possible with out Warren and Carin Peterson and Family.



They allowed us to adopt our sweet puppy from their litter. Thank you so much!

p.s.s. His name is Luca, named by the Peterson family.

p.s.s.s. Come love him up anytime!!!

Sheri Klaas

From the editor

I have an assignment for you all. It involves sharing. Many of you spend way too much time surfing the internet, in search of more and more homeschool resources. We all have our favorite educational sites, fun sites, support, consolation, and more information than we'll ever actually use. Now I'm asking you to share. Email me your favorites, even the ones you don't use, because SOMEONE may be able to use it. I will compile a list and add it to your next newsletter, IF you send them to me before the deadline: February 23rd. But don't wait, start right now, or write down some suggestions and give them to me at our next meeting, February 1st, 7PM at Parkview Christian Academy. See you there!

Patti