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Unique Art Demonstrations in Store at First Annual Fall Art Weekend Oct. 22–23

MADISON, Wis. (Friday, October 14, 2011) — Tap into your artistic side with Madison Children's Museum and learn all about art! Our first annual **Fall Art Weekend** is Saturday and Sunday, October 22–23.

Stop in to meet local artists, including Madison Children's Museum staff, and watch free demonstrations on a variety of art themes. Demonstrations will run from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday with a different artist in each exhibit area of the museum.

Saturday's activities include fiber arts weaving, interactive mono prints on a paint wall with Bird Ross, fiber arts with Cheryl DeWelt-Robinson, gourd wood burning with Ruth Shelly, and traditional knitting styles with Kjerstie Johanson.

Come back for a second day of creative experiences on **Sunday October 23** and see more distinct styles of art. Sunday's activities include knitting with Nadia Niggli, cake making with Lauren Reynolds, printmaking with Tim Dreyer, metalsmithing with Jon Edwards, cardboard rocket ships with Jason "Sandy" Sandberg, a crocheting demonstration by Haley Schmidt (age 13), and a showing of a large farm sculpture by Kevin Schmidt (age 10). Painting demonstrations by Kathleen Heinen and her daughter Priya will take place on the Rooftop Ramble on Sunday, and demonstrations by master of fine arts students from UW-Madison's Department of Art will be presented both days.

There's something for young artists of every age at the Fall Art Weekend. Don't miss out! This event is free with museum admission; registration is not required. For a complete list of artists and demonstration times, go to the MadisonChildrensMuseum.org calendar.

Madison Children's Museum: Madison Children's Museum (MCM) is an award-winning organization whose hands-on exhibits and programs celebrate and encourage children's imaginations and the power of play as the cornerstone of learning. For more about MCM, including a fact sheet and detailed exhibit descriptions, please visit <http://www.madisonchildrensmuseum.org/about-mcm/newsroom/>. To download photos for media use, please visit our Flickr page at <http://www.flickr.com/mcmmarketing>.

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