



# MOVING FORWARD, LOOKING BACK

MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM THE MUSEUM OF DISABILITY HISTORY

SUMMER 2012: VOLUME 3



## New Website now launched!

The Museum of disABILITY History is pleased to announce the launch of our newly re-designed website at [www.museumofdisability.org](http://www.museumofdisability.org). The development of the new website would not have been possible without the generous support of the B. Thomas Golisano Foundation.

The new website features visitor information and news, virtual exhibits, and extensive educational resources relating to disABILITY History. In addition to being able to search the Museum's entire collection through our online catalog, visitors will also have the ability to shop the Museum's online store, become a member or make a donation to support the Museum's programs and exhibits.

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Museum Gallery

Teaching American History Through Comics  
By Paul Conroy, Contributor On June 4, 2012, I had the opportunity to give a presentation to 25 elementary teachers at Forest Lane Elementary. They were fine presenters and we all had to use the same...

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## Message from the Director



Greetings Museum Members!

I am thrilled to share with you the latest issue of the Museum of disABILITY History's Member Newsletter. We have some exciting things to share with you this month including the launch of the Museum's new and improved website! Many thanks to the B. Thomas Golisano Foundation for their generous support in helping us bring our new website

to life. I encourage each of you to check out our new "virtual" presence at [www.museumofdisability.org](http://www.museumofdisability.org) and see all of our new enhanced features.

In this issue you will find information on our newest exhibit, "Continuum of Care" which is on display now through August as well as a special announcement regarding a new children's reading program that will be offered at the Museum. In addition to working on new exhibits, publications and programming, we are making final preparations to kick-off our first membership appeal this summer!

Our Museum staff are always happy to provide guided tours for our members and their guests. Walk-ins are welcome so please stop in any time!

Thank you again for your membership. It is with your support that we are able to continue to develop quality exhibits and educational programs.

*Best regards,*

Tess Fraser

*Museum Director*

“ Our Youth Leadership Forum was a tremendous success and so were the displays. Many people spent time viewing and reading each display. They were the perfect complement to our disability history and culture session.”

- Teri Barker Morgan, Program Manager for Sponsored Programs at the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities at the Virginia Youth Leadership Forum (Rented Sports, Self-Advocacy and Moving Forward Looking Back Exhibits)

## Do you want to be a blogger?

Check out the Museum's new blog at [blog.museumofdisability.org](http://blog.museumofdisability.org) There will be postings about various topics related to disability history. We would love to have some of our members volunteer to be guest-bloggers! If you are interested, please contact Museum Director Tess Fraser at [tfraser@people-inc.org](mailto:tfraser@people-inc.org) or at 716.629.3602.



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## Museum Store New Unique Gift Ideas!

Have you been to the Museum of disABILITY History lately? Not only has it recently unveiled its latest Traveling Exhibit, "Continuum of Care," but the Museum Store has also been supplied with a BRAND NEW variety of exceptional items!

Choose from our delicious Italian Bread with Sundried Tomatoes, Hot 'n' Spicy with Chili Peppers, or Fire Roasted Garlic bread dipping oils to serve on the Museum of disABILITY History's NEW Bamboo Cheese Boards. Each cheese board comes with a porcelain white sauce tray and a chef's knife to properly slice your appetizer beautifully! The NEW Museum Hot and Cold cups, great for juice, iced tea, hot/cold coffee or whatever your thirst desires, are perfect for on the go!

Sport the Museum of disABILITY History this golf season with all of our latest sporting items! The Museum is now selling Nike Distance golf balls for the optimum golf game! With Buffalo's unpredictable weather, make sure

you're always prepared on or off the course for those rainy days with the Museum's NEW golf umbrella. To be even better equipped, don't forget the waterproof windbreaker's, available with your choice of a People Inc. or Museum of disABILITY History logo!

Last but not least, take a dive into our latest piece of literature, Bloom, by Kellie Hampton. You will "find beauty in the unexpected," in this memoir of a family's breathtaking journey with their second child. The pictures and words surely capture their life story in a most "honest yet, beautiful" way. As you may already know, the individuals at People Inc.'s Day Hab programs are always creating new and unique "PeopleMade" items such as hand painted wine glasses, beautiful silk scarves and hand sewn pillows! No two items are ever the same!!

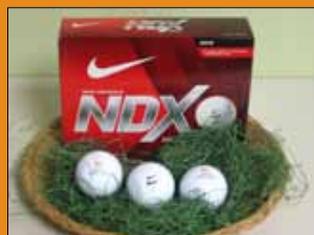
Come on in and enjoy the gifts that reflect the Museum's one-of-a-kind class!



Bamboo Cheese Boards



Hot and Cold cups



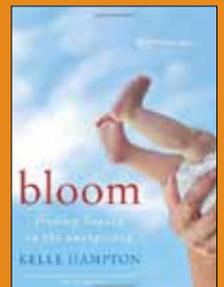
Nike Distance Golf Balls



Golf Umbrella



Waterproof Windbreaker



Bloom, by Kellie Hampton

## Come see the Museum's newest exhibit!

### “Continuum of Care: A History of WNY Human Service Agencies”

The exhibit is intended to highlight the unique history of human service agencies throughout the Western New York Region. This exceptional history is more than just dates of establishment or old street addresses, it is like a family saga. It's the story of people who saw a need to help others to lead lives that would be meaningful and appreciated.

Created to be unveiled in a series of installments, the first chapter of the exhibit focuses on several notable agencies including the Sunshine League for Retarded Children, The Niagara County Chapter of the Association for the Help of Retarded Children, The Vocational Farm School for Boys in Appleton, NY, and Le Couteux St. Mary's Benevolent Society for the Deaf and Dumb, which is now St. Mary's School for the Deaf.

The exhibit features educational panels as well as unique historical artifacts, including items from the museum collection and imagery that are relevant to Western New York human service providers – past and present.

The exhibit is on display now through August 31.



“ I am writing to thank you so very much for performing Kids on the Block for our Dodgers! The students loved your performances, and we did as well! It is very obvious that you are all very passionate about what you do. Performances like yours are so valuable to school-aged students to help teach acceptance and also increase awareness. We hope that our Dodge students will keep your performance in mind and practice acceptance of differences each day.”

- School social worker at Dodge Elementary (Williamsville District)

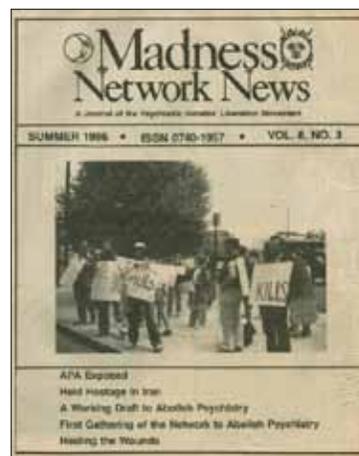
## Curator Corner

By Douglas Platt, Curator

Two interesting recent additions to the growing Museum of disABILITY History collection include a set of modified action figures and a short series of newsletters.

The “Purple Heart Action Figures” were a donation made to the Museum by a person who thought they needed an appropriate home that would allow the public to view them and reflect upon their significance. These eight G.I. Joe and Barbie dolls were dressed in military fatigues and bore the wounds that had earned them the right to wear The Purple Heart. Each of these figures has a Combat File Sheet which details their rank, motivation to serve in the military, circumstance of their injury, after action report and Purple Heart certificate. These items were donated after the debut of the Museum's most recent feature exhibit “War and disABILITY.”

Additionally, five issues of “Madness Network News: A Journal of the Psychiatric Inmates' Liberation Movement” have been added to the research library. This tabloid style newsletter was generated by former recipients of psychiatric services. They contain compelling articles relevant to the disability rights movement and the formation of groups of “Survivors” of mental health treatment that emerged in the 1970s.



## See Your Company Here!

Would you like to advertise in the Moving Forward, Looking Back Museum of disABILITY History Member Newsletter?

Advertising space is now available. Corporate museum members receive a free ¼ page ad. Call 716.629.3626 or email [info@museumofdisability.org](mailto:info@museumofdisability.org) for more details!



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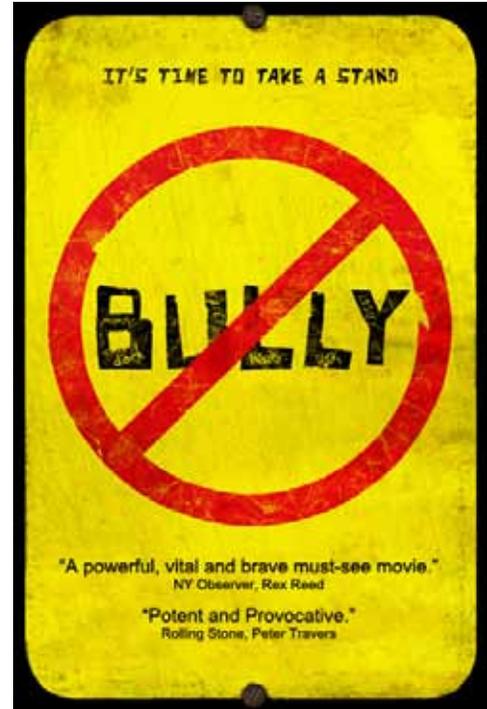
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## Film Festival Save the Date!

The 8th Annual disABILITIES Film Festival and Speaker Series will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the University at Buffalo Center for the Arts. The Museum will be showing the film "Bully: The Movie" and will be engaging speakers on the topic of bullying, particularly the bullying of students with disabilities. The screening will be held in the Center's Main Stage Theater.



## Kids Corner - share with your kids, grandkids, niece or nephew!

### Introducing Story Hour at the Museum

Starting this month, the Museum is pleased to offer monthly Children's story hour at the Museum. Bring your children to the Museum for a special hour that includes the reading of one of our book selections from our Children's bibliography, featuring stories and characters that relate to the topic of disabilities. Following the story, children will have the opportunity to meet one of our "kids" from the Kids on the Block of WNY puppet troop and ask questions about the story and learn about celebrating differences.

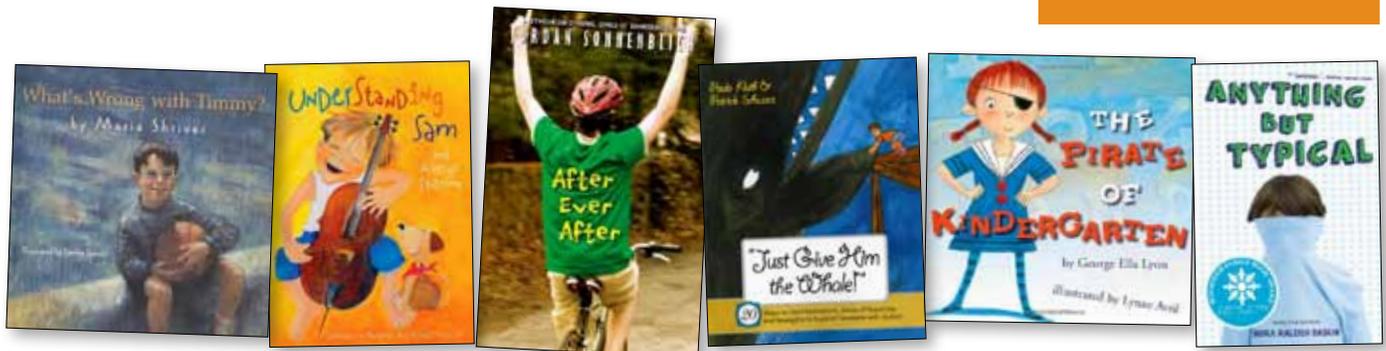
Story hour will be offered the third Thursday of each month at 10 am and will take place right inside the Museum, 3826 Main Street, Buffalo, NY.

Please call our main line at 716-629-3626 to RSVP.



Mark Says:

Let's read together!



## Traveling Exhibit News

The Museum's traveling exhibits have been all over Western New York the past few months.

**April 9-15** *War and Disability* was at Belmont Housing Resources for WNY as part of their American Veteran Display.

**April 14** Our Self Advocacy, *Moving Forward Looking Back* and *Mental Health* exhibits were on display at the Diversity in Disability Symposium at the University at Buffalo. This event featured Ari Ne-Eman, founding president of the Self Advocacy Network.

**April 26** New exhibit *Dr. P.H. Skinner: Local Disability Educator, Advocate and Abolitionist* accompanied People Inc.'s CEO Dr. James Boles to his lecture and book signing at the Niagara County Historical Society.

**June 16** The *In the Game: Sports and Disability* exhibit will be at the Special Olympics of New York at the University at Buffalo North Campus.

As you are out and about this summer, be sure to check out:

**June** *Self Advocacy: A History of People Sticking Up For Themselves* was at the Annual Self Advocacy Conference in Batavia, NY.

**June 4-22** *Dr. P.H. Skinner and African Americans and the Disability Experience: From Colonial Times, Desegregation, Advocacy and Achievement* featured at Murphy Orchards in Burt, NY. They will be featuring the exhibit as part of their Underground Railroad initiative.

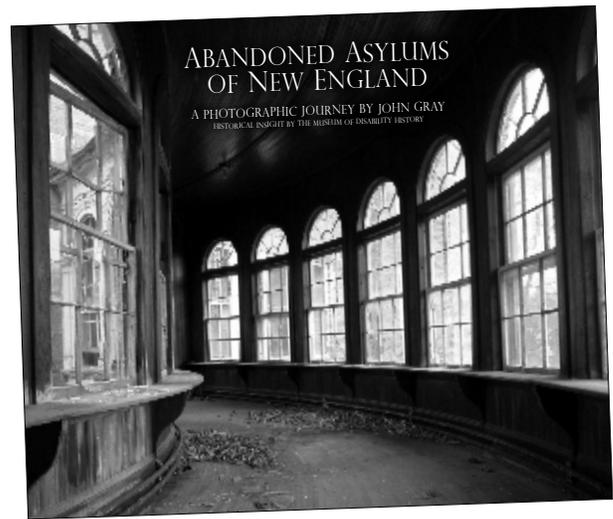
**July 14** *Moving Forward, Looking Back* will be at the Williamsville Farmers Market from 8am-1pm.

**October 25-27** *Sports and Disability:* New York State Psychologists Conference, Niagara Falls, NY

**November** *War and disABILITY:* New England Air and Space Museum, Windsor Locks, CT (entire month)

For more information on renting one of our traveling exhibits or to check availability, please contact the Museum at 716-629-3626 or send an email inquiry to [info@museumofdisability.org](mailto:info@museumofdisability.org).

*Moving Forward Looking Back, Skinner and Reel Life* will also be circulating at administrative offices of People Inc.



## People Ink Press

The Museum of disABILITY and the People Ink Press have teamed up with New England Photographer John Gray to publish an exclusive special edition of his book, *Abandoned Asylums of New England: A Photographic Journey by John Gray*.

Abandoned Asylums of New England offers the work of photographer John Gray who has captured the final throes of the once majestic monuments of medical treatment. This photographic journey into the world of urban exploration documents the state of some of New England's storied temples of control, treatment and rehabilitation of individuals with disabling conditions. The Museum of disABILITY History provides a historical context for these asylums that heightens the degree of entropy into which these feats of architectural grandeur have fallen. From the gigantic Kirkbride campuses to the airy tuberculosis hospitals, Gray's photography reveals through its compositions the poignant echoes of the lives lived, and sometimes lost, at these disappearing asylums.

Coming Fall 2012!



## Spotlight Artist: Clare Coverley

**Collection On Display Until September 30**

Clare is currently an artist at The Arts Experience of People Inc. and enjoys attending classes. She loves working with charcoal, oil pastel, Tempera paints, and mixing mediums in art. She shares she is inspired by the detail in her imagination, the books she learns from and craft shows. Now on display at the Museum of disABILITY History.

# Welcome New Members!

## Individual/Student

Catherine Lawton

Don't forget that as a member, you receive a 10% discount in the Museum Store!



The Museum Store  
is now online!  
[store.museumofdisability.org](http://store.museumofdisability.org)

“My favorite part about the museum was just all the historical information. It was really interesting to learn more about people like Dorothea Dix. I will surely tell people about this place. It's certainly a valuable experience that everyone should have.”

- Student from the junior class  
at Sacred Heart Academy

# Support the Museum, Become a Member!

Want to support the Museum of disABILITY History? Membership opportunities are now available! With five different levels to choose from, you can choose the one that is right for you. All supporting membership levels are good for one year.

The top three reasons to become a member are:

- 1 Support the only brick and mortar disability history museum
- 2 Unlimited free admission and store discounts
- 3 Invitations to exclusive events and exhibit openings

## Consider A Corporate Membership

\*All memberships are good for 1 year (12 months from start date)

- Six free admission passes for guests
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- 10% discount in the Museum Store year round if membership card is present
- 15% discount for employee gifts and wrapping
- 15% discount on traveling exhibit rental and offsite presentations
- Invitation to "Friends of the Museum" appreciation event
- Complimentary 1/4 page ad in the Museum's newsletter (*complimentary design upon request*)
- Recognition in the Museum lobby and website
- Subscription to the Museum of disABILITY History's monthly newsletter and quarterly newsletter
- Invitations to Museum events and exhibit openings

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## ADMISSION

Adults (18 and up)	\$5.00
Students with ID	\$2.50
Seniors (60 and up)	\$2.50
People Inc./Human Service Employees with ID	\$2.50
Children (6-17)	\$2.00
Children under 5	FREE
1-hour guided group tour (Groups between 10-20 people)	\$25

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## MUSEUM HOURS

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Saturday 10 a.m - 2 p.m.  
Sundays and Mondays Closed

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## MISSION STATEMENT

The Museum of disABILITY History advances the understanding, acceptance, and independence of people with disabilities. The Museum's exhibits, collections, archives and educational programs create awareness and a platform for dialogue and discovery.