



Oil drum art collection expands at The New Children's Museum

WEST HARTFORD, Conn (January 20, 2015) – The exhibit began with The Cat-fish and continues to grow.

Sponsored by Oil Drum Art, an art movement to raise awareness about the environment and energy crisis, The New Children's Museum recently welcomed the temporary onsite installation of the Cat-Fish II, an innovative catamaran designed to help Third World fishermen build a safe, reliable, seaworthy vessels using recycled 55-gallon oil drums so they can fish offshore in deeper waters and be more productive in feeding their families.

The first prototype was built by Hartford high school students as part of "Our Piece of the Pie" after-school program under the supervision of designer David Murphy and boat builder, Paul Gemme.

Thanks to the generosity of other oil drum artists, the collection has expanded to include four new pieces, featuring "The Late, Great Yellow No.2" by David L. Murphy;

"World Over a Barrel" by Clinton A. Deckert; "Touch Mother Earth" by Lorna Cyr; "Alternatives" by Shirley A. Lardis, and "Re-Cycle XII (From Hydrocarbons to Carbohydrates)" by Claude Rioual.

This new exhibit launches The New Children's Museum's commitment to move "full STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics) ahead" into the future by inspiring creativity and lifelong learning. STEAM is a nationwide movement that integrates art and design with Science, Technology, Engineering and Math – the STEM subjects.

The Oil Drum Art exhibit will be on display at The New Children's Museum through Spring 2015.

The museum is home to over 100 live animals, hands-on science exhibits, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for children and families. The New Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for science and nature exploration.



The New Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and Roaring Brook Nature Center is located at 70 Gracey Road in Canton. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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