



# Press Release

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## December Events at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village

*Please note that the museum will be closed December 25 and January 1. We close early on December 31 at 3 p.m. and reopen at 5 p.m. in preparation for New Year's Eve Family Fun.*

### SPECIAL EVENTS

19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village  
Sunday, December 14, 1 – 3 p.m.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village celebrates 19 years providing educational opportunities to families in the Salem community. Join us for crafts and activities. Free for members or with regular museum admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org).

New Year's Eve Family Fun: Oregon's Nifty 150  
December 31, 5 – 9 p.m.

Step back in time 150 years as we celebrate Oregon's statehood with living history demonstrations, pioneer crafts, old-time music, and a kiddie countdown at 9 pm with ball drop to ring in 2009. \$5 for members / \$10 for nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [info@acgilbert.org](mailto:info@acgilbert.org).

### YEAR-ROUND ACTIVITIES

The Preschool at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village  
September 2008 – May 2009

Located at the children's museum in downtown Salem, The Preschool at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is a place rich with child-centered activities for ages 3-5 where teachers nurture curiosity and the desire to learn. Go to [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org) for registration fees, schedules, and more information about the big ideas that make the Preschool a unique learning environment for your preschooler. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org).

Foster Family Fridays  
September 2008 – May 2009

Foster Family Fridays provides free fun, educational workshops for children ages 5-12, both biological and foster, who live in foster families. This program will be offered throughout the school year on Fridays, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., starting in September. Call to register. A.C. Gilbert's

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## CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

**Kids' Discovery Workshop: Science of the Ancients**

Friday, December 5, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. OR 3 – 5 p.m.

Exploration of the ancient cultures of Greece, Rome, and China lead students to connections between history and science. Activities include making an astrolabe, water wheel, handmade paper, and more while exploring concepts of time, music, astronomy, chemistry, and energy. Ages 6-12. \$10 members / \$15 nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org).

**Winter Break Workshop: Candy Condos**

Monday, December 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

For a modern twist on a classic holiday treat, children will decorate candy condominiums, and best of all, your home remains delightfully frosting free! Ages 2-12. \$5 members / \$10 nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org).

**Winter Break Workshop: AC's Holiday Shoppe**

Monday, December 22, 3 – 5 p.m.

Parents get one last chance to shop while kids create several handmade ready-to-give gifts and enjoy hot cocoa, music, and holiday games. We'd tell you more about the gifts, but that might ruin the surprise! Ages 3 – 12. \$10 members / \$15 nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org).

**Winter Break Workshop: Evergreen Elves Making Merry**

Tuesday, December 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Elfish children will create a holiday arrangement, a creative card, or stylish gift-wrap to complement your family's festivities! Take home the art, and leave the mess with us! \$10 members / \$15 nonmembers. Ages 5-12. \$10 members / \$15 nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St. NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org).

**Winter Break Workshop: Bath Chemistry**

Tuesday, December 23, 2 – 4 p.m.

Students will sip peppermint tea as they learn about aromatherapy and bath chemistry. Customized gift options include bath salts, chocolate lip-gloss, body paint, a scented egg, and

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**ABOUT A.C.GILBERT'S DISCOVERY VILLAGE:** The museum's indoor and outdoor exhibits in the sciences, arts and humanities make a perfect day-trip for families. We're open 361 days a year, M-Sat, 10 am-5pm; Sun, 12-5 pm. Admission is: ages 1-2, \$2.50; ages 3-59, \$5.50; ages 60+, \$4.00; members, FREE; public assistance, \$2.50.

*A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is a private nonprofit children's museum located in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park. Founded in 1989, A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village provides innovative and stimulating educational experiences that spark children's natural curiosity. The Village's mission is to provoke curiosity, inspire awe, awaken interest, foster enjoyment, encourage learning, and enable understanding in all youth.*

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