



# BOOTHEEL YOUTH MUSEUM

*Southeast Missouri's Hands-On Discovery Place*

BYM News

Fall 2023

## **Totality a Block Party**

Monday, April 8, 2024  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



The Bootheel Youth Museum will host a solar eclipse viewing party along with educational programs and hands on activities beginning at 11 a.m. This total eclipse will be the last one viewable from Missouri until 2178. The path of totality passes over Malden, MO on April 8, 2024 Starting at 12:40:04 p.m. ending at 1:57:11 p.m. Malden will be in darkness for 3 minutes 18 seconds this complete blocking of light from the moon is called: Totality. Follow the Bootheel Youth Museum for more news and information.

According to preventblindness.org exposing your eyes to the sun without proper eye protection during a solar eclipse can cause "eclipse blindness" or retinal burns, also known as solar retinopathy. This exposure to the light can cause damage or even destroy cells in the retina (the back of the eye) that transmit what you see to the brain. The BYM Giftshop will have certified safe eclipse viewing glasses and you'll be able to pickup free educational literature.

Check our website and follow us on Facebook for updates on programming and links to resources. Schools interested in special projects and or field trips please contact Jacob Heck at [jacobheck01@bootheelyouthmuseum.org](mailto:jacobheck01@bootheelyouthmuseum.org) 573-276-3600. Follow the Bootheel Youth Museum for more news and information.

## **Superhero Day**

Join us!  
Saturday, October 28, 2023  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Museum Members and everyone dressed in costume are free. Calling all Superheroes, Sidekicks, supervillains, nemeses, mutants, vigilantes, mythical creatures, phantoms, heroines, and all defenders or destroyers of all universes! We will have hands on activities from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with a costume contest at 1:15 p.m.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Thursday October 19, 2023  
Ladies Night Bingo
- Saturday, Oct 28, 2023:  
Superhero day
- Tuesday October 31, 2023  
Trunk or Treat
- Saturday, December 2, 2023:  
Pancakes with Santa
- Sunday December 31, 2023:  
Noon Year's Eve
- Saturday, February 3, 2024:  
BYM Mardi Gras
- Monday, April 8, 2024:  
Totality: a Block Party

### **Trunk or Treat**

Tuesday, October 31, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

Trick or treating in the back parking lot of the BYM. There will be parking available so children can safely walk through. Sponsored by the Malden Community Action Group.



## Noon Year's Eve

Sunday December 31, 2023  
11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Bring the kids to the Bootheel Youth Museum family friendly countdown to New Year. Countdown to balloon drop begins at 11:59! No need to stay up until midnight, we're counting down at 11:59 Sunday 12/31/23! Doors open at 10 a.m. and the count down will begin 11:59.00 a.m. December 31, 2023. Balloon drop at 11:59:59 sharp, we'll provide the noise makers for first 150 guests Members Free, other guests, pay regular admission fees. Spend the afternoon exploring the museum.

## BYM Mardi Gras

Saturday February 3, 2024  
6 p.m.

Bootheel Youth Museum Annual Charity Dinner and Auction. All proceeds fund the BYM and our educational science programming. Our annual fundraising event has 600 guests, authentic Cajun cuisine and live music.

The event Chair Liz Provance has led this effort since 2003 and she's ready to get things rolling for the 21st BYM Mardi Gras! If you're interested in volunteering please give us a call or if you see Liz let her know!

*Laissez les bon temps rouler!*



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## Pancakes with Santa

Saturday, Dec 2, 2023  
8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Looking for a chance to visit with Santa? Patsy Reublin, Director of the Bootheel Youth Museum just got off the phone with Santa and he is confirmed for some special visits to the Bootheel Youth Museum, he and the Mrs. will be here on Dec 2. He will be gathering lists, letters and giving away teddy bears. The elves at Toys for Tots have gotten together several types of plush critters for everyone visiting with Santa. There will be a photographer on hand to take photos, and the kids only gift shop will be open from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m..

As many of you know, every child that comes in receives two free tickets for the gift room. There they can "shop" for presents for Mom or Dad or other guardians. The gift shop provides many children their first true opportunity to experience the joy of giving. Parents have shared how excited their children are to see them open the presents they selected. All of the folks behind the scenes of this event are so grateful to be a small part of helping children learn the joy, happiness and other blessings that come with giving. If you'd like to be a part of this and are interested in making a donation, being a collection site or volunteering during this event please contact Patsy at 573-276-7225 or via email at [patsy@bootheelyouthmuseum.org](mailto:patsy@bootheelyouthmuseum.org). We'd love to have that sweater, piece of jewelry, screw driver, ball cap or...that you got from that white elephant. We're sure one of the kids will think anything you give is a treasure. All activities including breakfast are free to the public but we do welcome donations. This event is sponsored by the BYM, Malden Lions Club and the Family Counseling Center. Our thanks go out to Toys for Tots and local community members and businesses who contribute to the Kids only gift shop.

While talking to Mr. Claus he asked us to tell everyone "He's excited to be back in Malden, as are the Reindeer. Especially Rudolf, who enjoys seeing all the white cotton fields and getting a chance to dine on Missouri Sweet Potatoes, Acorns, Pumpkins and Pecans! Santa went on to say "to make sure to get him your Christmas List and that the Elves are working on toys day and night. Also ***please remember to share some kindness and light this season!***" Check the BYM Facebook page or call 573-276-3600 and ask for Jacob, S.E.R (Santa's Elf in Residence) for more information on times and availability of Mr. Claus.



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# Ladies Only Bingo third Thursday of each month!