



RECYCLED Fairy TALES

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Recycled Fairy tales: a very Grimm exhibit

Buell Children's Museum multi-chapter exhibit opens Jan. 7

Join the cast of characters as you costume and act out famous fairytales,
then author and illustrate your own storybook;
Be a hero and save the planet one fairy tale at a time as you learn
about ecology through the arts;
Explore the importance of water and leave a legacy of nature-inspired art
and poetry in the River of Words.

(Pueblo, Colo.—December 15, 2011) Two hundred years ago, two brothers with a penchant for collecting examples of early European folklore published a book titled *Children's and Household Tales*. It contained a collection of folk tales, or "fairy tales" that would eventually become the base for much of today's children's literature and film, not to mention theme parks. Grimm's Fairytales are, literally, the stuff of legends.

In celebration of these historic tales, the Buell Children's Museum presents *Recycled Fairytales; Creativity Retold, Re-imagined, Renewed* January 7 through August 25. The exhibit, unfolded in four chapters over an eight-month period, partners the Grimm's fantastic tales with the importance of ecology. In addition to the fun of make believe, children are given real life examples of ways they can nurture the planet. Three ribbons of learning are intertwined in the exhibits children entertain themselves with fairy tales, the environment and the arts. "It's writing meets science in an artful environment," says children's museum curator Donna Stinchcomb.

Enjoy fairy tale scenes created by local students from elementary to college age, make a miniature watercolor fairy tale book, learn the art of Sherenschnitte (cut paper art), dress up in Cinderella's Closet, try out your acting chops in the Big Bad Wolf's Big Bad Fairy Tale Theater, and build an urban, fairy tale landscape at the Beauty & the Beast Build-A-Box City station. All children are invited to take part in a poster contest sponsored by Pueblo Recycles and the Colorado Association for Recycling. Winning posters will be selected for their 2013 calendar!

Recycled Fairy Tales is complimented by traveling exhibits from the national *River of Words* project. *River of Words* is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting literacy, creative expression and community awareness of our most critical environmental concern: water. It is an internationally recognized unique watershed education model that integrates art and poetry in a place-based curriculum. Visitors will enjoy the imaginative artworks and creative poems on the topic of water produced by students from around the United States, while encouraged to write their own "pocket poems" to be distributed throughout area businesses.

This very Grimm exhibit is divided into chapters, each emphasizing different fairy tale characters and featuring community artists. Special events take place every month, so visitors are encouraged to check the Calendar of Events at SangredeCristoArts.org. Here's a sneak peak:

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Chapter One: *Red Goes Green* – January/February 2012

Carry goodies to Grandma's house in a recycled plastic bag!

Featured artists: Dorothy Mendoza, Colorado State University-Pueblo and Pueblo Community College art students

Special event: Join us for a Milk-and-Cookies reception on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 12-2 pm. Watch Pueblo artist Dorothy Mendoza create an original river of words from recycled materials in Artrageous at the children's museum during the month of January! Visitors will be able to work along side Mendoza to create the installation, after which guests will add their own literary and artistic expressions to the art piece through August. Build an urban, fairy tale landscape with Megan Murrilo in *Beauty and the Beast in Build-A-Box City* on Feb. 11, 18 and 25 from 12-2 pm. Watch a performance of the *Amazing Food Detective* at 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 7 and 18 in the Magic Carpet Theater.

Chapter Two: *Slaying the Garbage Dragon* – March-April 2012

Be a hometown hero and find new uses for used items!

Featured artists: Hand Weaver's Guild of Pueblo

Special event: Join us for a Milk-and-Cookies reception on Saturday, March 3 from 12-2 pm when the Hand Weaver's Guild of Pueblo spins cloth into works of art. Then try weaving your own bookmark. Just watch out for that funny little man named Rumpelstiltskin! Plus, don't miss the prince's ball! Wear your costume and get ready for a fun celebration on April 14 in the children's museum following the Children's Playhouse Series performances of *Cinderella* in the Arts Center Theater at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Catch a performance of the *Amazing Food Detective* during Spring Break, March 27-31, at 12:30, 1:30 or 2:30 pm in the Magic Carpet Theater, or see it April 7 at 12:30 pm.

Chapter Three: *Beyond the Glass Slipper* – May/June 2012

It's a race against the clock to transform the planet!

Featured artists: Bob Lane, Lisa Harder, Cathy Valenzuela Kayley Rose, Jason Dunks, Doug Bayer

Special event: Join us for a Milk-and-Cookies reception on Saturday, May 12 from 12-2 pm as you learn how artists recycle glass to make stained glass, fused glass, and glass jewelry. Make your own faux stained glass to adorn your own castle! Plus, on April 21 (Earth Day) at 12 pm, meet Dave VanMannen from Pueblo Mountain Park Environmental Center and hear about his journey along the Colorado Trail. Watch a performance of the *Amazing Food Detective* at 12:30 p.m. on May 5 in the Magic Carpet Theater.

Chapter Four: *Jack and the Locally Grown Beanstalk* – July/August 2012

If you sell the cow for magic beans, make sure they're locally grown or organic beans!

Stay tuned for summer happenings!

For more information on the Buell Children's Museum's *Recycled Fairytales* exhibit, visit www.SangredeCristoArts.org/buellchildrensmuseum



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About the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center

The cultural hub of Southern Colorado, the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center gives visitors the tools to think and act creatively through a three building complex including seven galleries offering the best in historic and contemporary art by artists of local, regional and national renown. In addition the Arts Center offers the Buell Children's Museum, recognized as the second-best for art by Child magazine, a 500-seat theater featuring a variety of performing arts programs, both local and national, and two gift shops. Over 100 fine arts, dance and leisure classes are available every quarter providing something unique to everyone from children to adults of all skill levels.

Admission to the Arts Center is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children and military. Admission includes the Buell Children's Museum. Members of the Arts Center receive free admission. Galleries and Buell Children's Museum are open Tuesday-Saturday 11a.m.-4p.m.; closed Mondays. Box office open Monday-Friday, 9a.m.-5p.m. and Saturday, 9a.m.-4p.m. For more information, please call 719-295-7200; stop by the Arts Center located at 210 N. Santa Fe Ave., just off of I-25, exit 98b, or visit online at www.sangredecristoarts.org.

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