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## **TAKE A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD DURING 'TOOTH FAIRY DAY' AT NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DENTISTRY**

**BALTIMORE, MD** (March 9, 2010)—What do you do if your baby tooth falls out in the Philippines? Throw it over the roof! Take a trip around the world to find out about surprising tooth traditions during **Tooth Fairy Day** at the National Museum of Dentistry, **Sunday, May 16, from 1-4 p.m.** Meet the Tooth Fairy, learn how to take care of your teeth, and make toothy creations to take home based on traditions from around the world. Tooth Fairy Day is free with regular Museum admission (\$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, & \$3 for children) – and **kids who come dressed like a fairy get in for \$1!** Call 410-706-0600 or visit [www.smile-experience.org](http://www.smile-experience.org) for more information.

“Many people are surprised to find out that the Tooth Fairy with the sparkling wand and wings is not making tooth pickups everywhere in the world,” said Beth Cooper, Director of Education at the National Museum of Dentistry. “Different cultures have different traditions. For example, in Mexico a mouse takes your tooth away in the middle of the night.”

The Tooth Fairy herself will make a special appearance during Tooth Fairy Day, then kids can make their own magic wands and wings, and find out how the tooth fairy is different in other countries. Learn how to take care of your smile and make a toothy souvenir based on traditions from around the world:



**Tooth Fairy** (United States): Decorate a fairy wand and wings to dress up like a tooth fairy. Get your face painted in fairy style. Meet the Tooth Fairy!

**Tooth Mouse** (Mexico): Make a tooth fairy mouse like *el raton* (Mexico) or *le souris* (France).

**Take Your Tooth With You** (France): Whether you're waiting for the Tooth Fairy or a tooth mouse, make a tooth container for safekeeping.

**Wear It** (Costa Rica): Some people make earrings or necklaces out of their baby teeth. Make a “tooth” necklace.

**Animal Teeth** (Morocco): Animal teeth come in all shapes and sizes and some tooth traditions center around a wish for a tooth to be replaced by a coveted animal's tooth. Make a mask of your favorite animal.

**Brush and Floss** (Around the world): Learn the best way to take care of your teeth for a lifetime of sparkling smiles!

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**NATIONAL MUSEUM OF DENTISTRY**

See amazing teeth feats, marvel at George Washington's choppers, sing along to vintage toothpaste commercials, and discover fascinating hands-on exhibitions about the power of a healthy smile. Enjoy field trips, home school days, special events, and more. An Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, this one-of-a-kind museum is located at 31 South Greene Street, a short walk from the Inner Harbor.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and students with ID, \$3 for children age 3-19; and free for age 2 & under Open Wednesday–Saturday 10 a.m.–4 p.m. and Sunday 1–4 p.m. Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, and major holidays. Call 410/706-0600 or visit [www.smile-experience.org](http://www.smile-experience.org).

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