

Newsletter of the

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Annual Show Issue

Join us for

“ON PARADE 2011”

At Historic Fort York

Saturday, June 11 10 am to 4 pm

Yes it's time for our annual show and competition again and we need all our members to come out and participate.

We will be back at Fort York again this year in our usual locations: the Junior Officers' Barracks and the adjacent blockhouse (main floor and upstairs).

Theme: American Civil War

We have picked a theme for this year, the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War. So we hope to see lots of ACW figures and displays out this year. But you're certainly not limited to that period; all displays are welcome.

Displays needed

Planning a display at the show? Let Norm White know so we can plan for your space requirements (contact info below).

Show Schedule

Friday June 10

9:00 am Show set-up starts

2:00 pm Vendor and exhibitor set-up
to

4:30 pm

Saturday June 11

8:00 am Vendor and exhibitor set-up
to

10:00 am

10:00 am Show opens to the public

12:00 pm Deadline for competition entries

3:00 pm Presentation of Competition awards

4:00 pm Show closes; tear down and pack up

Admission

There is no admission fee for our show, but members and visitors are required to pay fort admission. (Adult \$8.61, Senior \$4.31, Youth \$4.31, Children \$3.23.) Admission may be paid at the canteen in the North Barracks at the western entrance to the fort.

Vendor Tables

We are almost booked up but we can still squeeze one or two more vendors in. So contact us as soon as possible. \$5 for an 8 foot table.

Show Contact

Queries, ideas, volunteers—please contact our show chairman **Norm White** 416-285-5600 or email norman.white@utoronto.ca



Fort York: Getting There

Fort York is located at 100 Garrison Rd. in Toronto. See map below.

Driving from the East

Take the Gardiner Expressway west to the Spadina/Lakeshore exit and onto westbound Lakeshore Blvd. West. Turn right at Fort York Blvd., cross Fleet St. and then left at the fort entrance.

Driving from the West

Take the Gardiner Expressway east to the Jameson exit. Continue onto eastbound Lakeshore Blvd. West. Just past the CNE turn left onto Fort York Blvd., cross Fleet St. and then turn left at the fort entrance.

Parking

Free parking is available outside the fort gate.

Public Transit Directions

Take the 511 streetcar south from Bathurst subway station to the first stop south of Front Street (just over the bridge). There is a foot bridge connecting Bathurst Street to the fort's eastern gate.

Food at the Show

No need to pack a lunch or leave the fort to forage. Janet MacKay has once again volunteered with her IODE chapter to provide a food service for us on show day. They will be selling muffins and coffee in the morning and sandwiches and cold drinks later in the day. As we saw last year it's top rate grub. They will be located in the Blue Barracks. Proceeds go to the IODE's program in support of our troops overseas so eat hearty.

Show Set-up

We will be setting up the show areas starting Friday morning. Volunteers welcome—please arrive between 9 and 10 am.

Vendors and members with displays are welcome to set up on Friday afternoon. We have said 2:00 for this as we can't guarantee when exactly the tables will be delivered. Otherwise you'll have two hours on Saturday morning before the show opens to the public at 10:00 am.

Vendors and participants with large displays will be able to drive their vehicles into the fort and directly to the display building during the set-up times only. Vehicles must be escorted in, show personnel will be on hand to assist with this. **It's strictly drive-in, unload and drive out. You can't leave your vehicle inside the fort while you set up.** Similarly, after the show closes vehicles will be allowed in to pack up, under supervision, as soon as the grounds are reasonably clear of visitors.

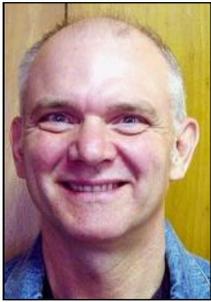
Invitation to Queen's York Rangers Mess

Grant Lawson, sergeant-major of the Queen's York Rangers has invited the setup crew to their sergeants' mess at nearby Fort York Armouries after the Fort closes on Friday. A great way to wait out the traffic before heading home.

Security Volunteers Needed

Jim Matresky will be coordinating security for the show. He will need lots of help, so volunteer an hour or two while you're down at the show.





President's Column

From our President Jim Matresky...

Our May meeting certainly was a lively affair with lots of discussion taking place regarding plans for our 50th Anniversary celebration. Bren Furlong announced that the date for the Annual Show and Competition and for the Anniversary Dinner will be September 8, 2012. We have had to move the date from June to September because the Fort York venue was not available until that time. Bren consulted with the membership at the meeting and the overwhelming majority of people present indicated that Bren should have a ceiling of \$50.00 per person to plan a dinner. Each person will be allowed to bring a guest (at the same maximum of \$50.00) and the Society will pay half the total cost for each dinner. In other words, the Society will match whatever amount we as members end up paying out of our own pocket for the dinner and celebration on the 8th. Bren will have more information, of course, as we get closer to the date.

Dr. Gerald Collette came dressed as a Confederate surgeon and spoke to our members about Canada's role in the American Civil War - a great warm-up for our Annual show this year since our theme is the Civil War. I hope all of you are able to make it to the Annual Show and Competition on Saturday June 11, 2011. Norm White has been working very hard to make the Show another great success. We really appreciate Ian Pearson and Phil Andrews for all the work they are doing in organizing the competition part of the Show. Please see me, Jim Matresky, if you are able to help out with Security at the Show. Even if you can only afford an hour or so, it would be appreciated. Fort York is scheduled to open for OMSS at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday for those who need to get there early to finish setting up.

The sale of Paul Aitchison's collection at Bren Furlong's on Saturday May 28th was a great success, with the Society making well over \$1600.00 Thank you Bren, for the use of his garage and to Guy Elliott, Gary Lenius, and John and Evelyn Brown for all their work not only at the sale on Saturday but also in setting up on Friday. Also thank you to others who were able to help on Friday even if for only a short time. A special thank you to Don Ritchie who helped to price the items. Many people got some truly great bargains and Paul's family were indeed happy that Paul's collection was being enjoyed by so many of his friends. Most of the items that were not sold at the "garage sale" will be

Meeting Dates for 2011

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| June 11 (Annual Show) | September 11 |
| | October 16 |
| | November 13 |
| | December 11 |

2011 Executive Committee

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| | 50th Anniversary Chairman Bren Furlong |

available at the Annual Show on June 11.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to go to our web site at www.omss.ca to view all kinds of information on the Society, including a new feature by Scott Dummitt in which he summarizes, in greater detail, the happenings at our latest meeting.

Enjoy these last few days in preparing for the Show. Whether you are a vendor, a competitor, a buyer or just plain enjoy model soldiers, I am sure you will have a great time.

2012 Show Date Set

Our 2010 Annual Show will be held Saturday, September 8, 2012 at Fort York. We have had to move the show from our customary June date because the fort has been reserved that month for events marking the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812. We tried for a date in May but that didn't work out either. **Bren Furlong** had to do a lot of negotiating with the Fort York people to get a date nailed down and we all owe him a vote of thanks for his perseverance. We value our connection with the fort and no-one was eager to try to find an alternate venue for next year.

By the way we will also be marking 200 years since the War of 1812 by making it our theme for the 2012 show. So start working on those ideas.

2012 Show: Dinner Proposed

Next year we will be celebrating the Society's 50th anniversary. Bren Furlong is chairing our 50th Anniversary committee and one of the ways we are looking at marking the year is by holding a dinner at the Annual Show. It would be held at Fort York in the Junior Officers' Barracks on the Saturday evening following the show. As discussed with the membership at the May meeting the cost would be partly subsidized by the Society as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations. Further details will be passed on as plans develop.



Crowley Collection for Sale

We have been contacted by Noreen Crowley who is looking to sell her late husband Gary's collection. They are mostly Britains sets of Napoleonic and Revolutionary War subjects, plus some Don Troiani Civil War sets and some Conte Revolutionary War and Zulu War sets. She has sent me a list which I will send out by email or I can mail it out on request.

You can contact her at 905-894-9781 or by email at gcrowley@sympatico.ca. She's in Ridgeway (down near Fort Erie).

Prince August Molds

Scott Dummitt is now the Canadian contact for Prince August Limited Molds. He has a small selection of Napoleonic and Traditional Toy Soldier Moulds in stock as well as the casting starter kits. He will order in other molds for interested customers with a small deposit. Sets of three molds are approximately \$60.00 plus tax. He is also looking for a source for casting metal. At this time Cerrotru (a type of hobby casting metal) is approximately \$17.50 - \$21.00 a lb. He hopes to have a stock of it on hand for hobbyists.

Calvin Tan Figures at Hornet Hobbies

Some of Calvin Tan's original WWII figures are currently on display at Hornet Hobbies 1563 O'Connor Drive. These are gold medal winners from some of the top international shows. Great inspiration for painters. You can also see some of his work online at zyclyon.blogspot.com

Seeking Composition Figures

Hans Doring is looking for composition figures from such makers as Elastolin, Lineol and Hausser. You can contact Hans at 416-421-9951 in the evenings. Hans is also looking for someone who can do some repairs to composition figures for him.

Looking for Painted Figures

Stanley Kershman is interested in buying painted connoisseur figures and flats. You can contact him at stanley3211@hotmail.com or 613-726-2999.



If you know of an upcoming show that might interest our members, drop Gary a line.

Toronto Toy Auction June 5

Burlington Holiday Inn & Conference Centre at 3063 South Service Rd. Burlington, Ontario Preview 11.00am, Sale 1.00pm See www.antiquetoys.ca for auction list.

Chicago Toy Soldier Show Sept. 25

The big one. Room trading all weekend and formal show Sunday. 10:00 am to 3:30 pm. At the Hyatt Regency Woodfield 1800 East Golf Road Schaumburg, IL 60173 Details at www.toysoldiershow.com

MMSI Chicago Show October 14-16

The other Chicago show, hosted by the Military Miniature Society of Illinois and featuring connoisseur figures. See the website www.mmsichicago.com for details.

3rd Annual Military History Weekend Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16

Sponsored by: W Britains, Osprey Publishing and the Virginia War Museum. Saturday 10am-5pm; Sunday 10am-3pm. At the Hospitality House Hotel 415 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185

Website: www.militaryhistoryweekend.com

The Hobby Show November 4-6

Includes the Great Canadian Game Show. Formerly held at the International Centre they are moving to Downsview Park in Toronto this year. See www.thehobbyshow.com

Michigan Historical Collectibles Show Nov. 12-13

Combined model soldier and militaria show.

At Madison Place 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights MI, 48071 (I-75 and 13 Mile Road) Website: www.michiganshow.com

Looking out for each other

Know of a member who's been ill or in hospital? Let Gail Stone know so that we can send them the Society's best wishes. Contact Gail at 905-332-0653 or by email at gstone4@cogeco.ca