

Newsletter of the

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“ON PARADE”

At Fort York Historic Site

Saturday June 12, 2010 10 am to 4 pm

Our Annual Show and Competition

It’s “all hands on deck” to make our annual show a success. This issue of the newsletter has all the details.

Norm White, Bren Furlong and the rest of the Show Committee have been working for months to get the show organized. Now we need your participation to bring it off. Come on down and support and celebrate your Society.

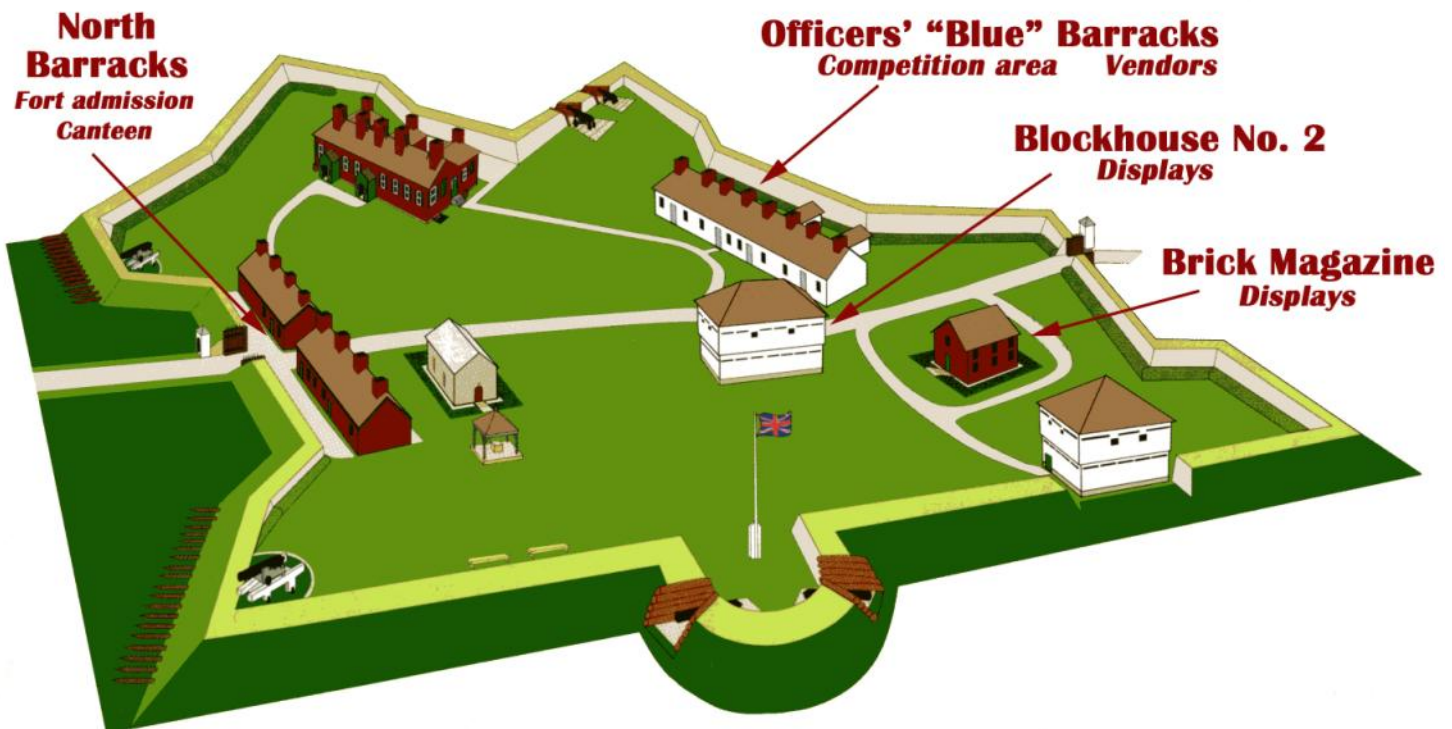
Bigger Than Ever

This year we will be expanding the show into a third building, the brick magazine that’s located just to the east of the blockhouse. We will be making this available to the 1/6 scale group from Ottawa for their display and possibly some others. See the map below.

We will also have our biggest vendor area yet. A list of vendors attending is on page 2.

Celebrating the Navy

2010 is the centenary of the Canadian Navy. We’d like to celebrate this theme at the show and are looking for suitable displays and competition entries. So if you’re a closet swabbie here’s your chance to strut your stuff.



Location

Historic Fort York, Toronto. See Page 3 for detailed directions and map. The show is being held in the Junior Officers' Barracks (the "Blue Barracks") and Blockhouse #2 straight up the main path from the fort entrance. Additional displays will be housed in the Brick Magazine just to the east of those two buildings.

Fort York website: www.fortyork.ca

Show Schedule

Friday June 11

12:00 pm Show set-up starts
2:00 pm Vendor and exhibitor set-up
to
5:00 pm

Saturday June 12

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

Show Set-up

We will be setting up the show areas starting at noon on Friday. Volunteers welcome!

Vendors and members with displays are welcome to set up on Friday afternoon, but give us a couple of hours to get things organized. 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. 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.

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.

Admission

There is no admission fee for our show, but members and visitors are required to pay fort admission. Fort admission prices are Adult \$8.76, Senior \$4, Youth \$4, Children \$3. Admission may be paid at the canteen in the North Barracks at the western entrance to the fort. If you get to the show before the canteen opens please visit it later to pay your admission.

Show Security

Jim Matresky has volunteered to coordinate security for the show. He will need lots of volunteers to oversee the three buildings for the day. If you're coming down to the show lend us a couple of hours. Many hands make light work!

Vendor Area

We've had a good response from vendors and are looking forward to well-stocked vendor area with lots of great merchandise to tempt you.

At time of publication the following vendors had booked tables:

Frank Barrett
John Brown
Charles Buchanan (sculptor)
Henry Chow
Dennis DeRusha
Pat Dillon Antiques
John Drown
Scott Dummitt Presents
Earl's Treasures and Collectible Toys
Frank Ellis
Les Eslary
Brian Fletcher
John Hambly Wood Products
Hedwig and Sergeant Major
Brian McDonald
Dave Purton
Don Ritchie
Ed Tansley
Toy Soldiers Club (Quebec City)
W.S. Hobby

In addition thanks to Jeff Duncan we will once again have a club sale table. Donations are welcome.

We still have room for one or two more tables if you act right away. Table rental is \$45 for the day. If you are interested in booking a table contact Bren Furlong as soon as possible. It's first-come-first-serve and we had to turn people away last year.

Displays Needed - Reserve Your Space!

Norm White is coordinating our display space. If you're planning to bring out a display you need to contact him, so he can plan for what space you'll need. Remember, this year all displays are eligible for Collector's Trophy awards.

Show Contacts

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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

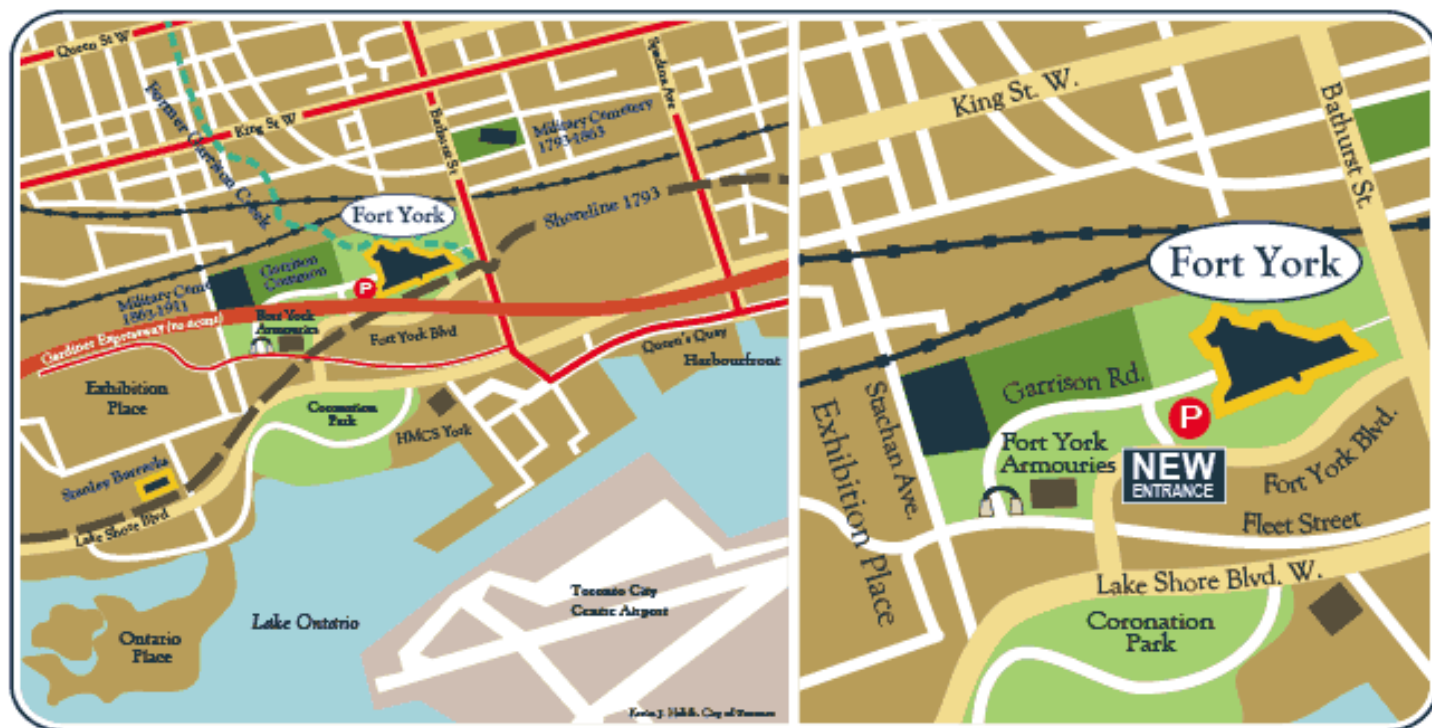
Free parking is available outside the fort gate.

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 so eat hearty.



New Journal Available at the Show

Editor Frank MacKay (rhymes with "pie") has promised to have the latest issue of our Journal hot off the press and ready for pick-up at the show. So make sure you get your copy and save us having to mail it out.

Club Notes

Gail Stone has (re) joined the executive as a member at large.

Thanks to **Richard Arnold** who donated a number of items to the club. Some were sold at the April meeting and some will be on the club sale table at the show.

Welcome to new members **James Hamilton** and **Justin Thornton**.

Keith Demmery

A special shout out to our old friend Keith Demmery. He's been in poor health for the last while and hasn't been able to get out to any meetings. He sends his regrets but he's not feeling well enough to take his usual table at the show this year. We'll miss you Keith and we'll be thinking of you.

Norman Herskowitz

We'd also like to say hello to member Norman Herskowitz. He has been in ill health for some time but asked to be remembered to the members. He still looks forward to our newsletters and Journals.



Jim Anderson's Figures

Many members will remember the late Jim Anderson as a skillful and prolific painter of figures. His work was featured at our annual competitions for years. His collection is now on sale at The Grenadier, Dave Zink's store in Port Perry. He's located at 269 Queen Street. Store website www.grenadiermilitaria.com

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.

Kits and Figures for Sale

John Hoffman, a former member now living in Fergus, is interested in selling off his unpainted figures, including quite a few Historex kits. He also has several 30 mm Napoleonic vignettes by "Under Two Flags" and 3 Waterloo dioramas that won awards at OMSS shows.

You can contact him at jhoffmann00@cogeco.ca or 519-787-1020.

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.

OMSS Blazer Crest

Some years ago the Society had blazer crests made. Former president Bryan Gibbins has one he doesn't need anymore and wonders if anyone would care to have it. Bryan is in Meaford and can be reached at 519-538-0386 or by email at brygib@rogers.com

President John Murdock	Member at Large Gail Stone
1st Vice President Jim Matresky	Journal Editor Frank MacKay
2nd Vice President Guy Elliott	Program Chairman Eric Clarke
Treasurer Gary Lenius	Membership Chairman Ian Pearson
Past President Norm White	

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

2010 Southern Ontario Military Muster August 13-14, 2010

The Canadian Transportation Museum and Heritage Village is holding a two-day military event. It will feature military vehicles on display and in action. There will also be re-enactors from WW2, WWI and War of 1812. There will be tactical demonstrations from section to platoon to joint attacks. Also militaria vendors and a flea market. Located at 6155 Arner Townline in Essex county (SE of Windsor) See www.militarymuster.org for details.

30th Annual Chicago Toy Soldier Show September 23 - 26, 2010

The big one. 200+ dealers and manufacturers. The formal show is on the Sunday (26th) but room trading starts Thursday. At the Hyatt Regency Woodfield Schaumburg, Illinois

Website: www.toysoldiershow.com

Michigan Historical Collectors Show November 20-21, 2010

Toy soldier and militaria dealers and historical miniatures competition. At Madison Place in Madison Heights Michigan (north Detroit area). 9 to 4 Saturday, 10 to 3 Sunday admission \$6. 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

Upcoming Meetings for 2010

Sat. June 12 — Annual Show

September 12

November 14

October 17

December 12

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