



Saturday September 8 the OMSS will be

ON PARADE

Our Annual Show and Competition at Historic Fort York
10 am to 3:30 pm

Join us as the Society hosts its yearly celebration of our hobby. We've got a great show planned, all it needs is your participation. This issue is all about the show.

We will be back at Fort York again this year. The vendor tables and competition area will be in the "Blue" Barracks. Additional displays will be in the adjacent Blockhouse No. 2 (see fort map below).

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50th Anniversary Year 1962 - 2012

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2012 Meeting Dates

January 8
February 12
March 11
April 15
May 6
June 10
October 14
November 18
December 9

**Annual Show
Saturday September 8**

Admission

There is no admission fee for our show, but members and visitors are required to pay fort admission. (Adult \$8.99, Senior \$4.31, Youth \$5.50, Children \$4.25.) Admission may be paid at the canteen in the North Barracks at the western entrance to the fort.

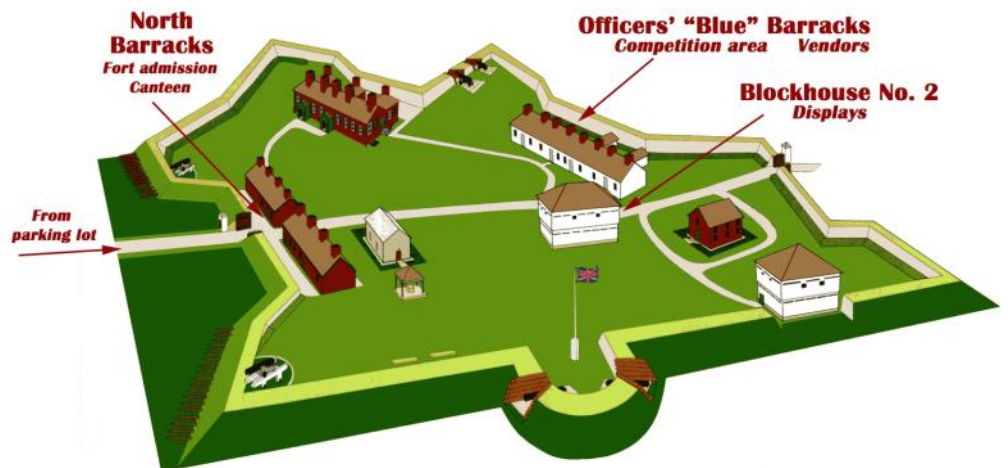
Anniversary Dinner

The 50th Anniversary Dinner at Fort York on the 8th of September is sold out. We will no longer be able to take any last minute attendees regardless of the circumstances. To all those that are attending we thank you for interest and promise you a special night. Please remember to bring your dinner ticket when you come as they will be collected at the door. Admission to the dining area will begin at 6:45 pm.

Richard Walker of W. Britain will be our guest speaker at dinner.

Show Chairman

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The newsletter is edited by Gary Lenius.

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President's Column

From our President Guy Elliott...

Hi, everyone. Well it's just over a week to our Annual Show – and this year, to the Fiftieth Anniversary Dinner. I'm going to be briefer this month as there are all the Show details to cover in this issue.

Everyone savours the summer in Toronto because we love it so much better than the frozen depths of winter. But late August means the CNE and that heralds the end of summer. I've never actually felt that way because this time of year isn't an end, but a beginning. As a Secondary School History teacher autumn was always the start of the school year, with the excitement of new students and new classes. And as an avid curler the season begins in October. But then nine years ago I joined the OMSS and added another reason to look forward to the fall. Our year is really parallel to the school year and I'm getting excited to get back to our meetings. In fact summer, with its warmth and so many other things to do, rather seduces me away from the hobby. I do less painting and less work on my soldiers. September and the new start energizes me to start up again and I formulate great plans and make resolutions of all the things I'm going to do with my soldiers. And this year it all begins with a bang – our Annual Show!

A lot of members have put a lot of work into making this the best show ever. I'm unable to credit all of them in this short space, but let me briefly highlight four people/groups. First of course is Norm White who is in charge of all aspects of the show. It is a lot of work and a lot of responsibility but Norm does it all and still manages to keep smiling. Scott Dummitt is the Chair of the Fiftieth Anniversary Committee and also has worked long and hard on the Dinner and other matters and this is all tied-up with the Show. Your Executive has worked with the Competition Judges for much of the past year to try to refresh and improve the Competition in its entirety. In fact by the time you read this, you should have or are just about to get a Judging Criteria Document Package by e-mail or in the post. And this brings me to my final mention: Gary Lenius. He has worked with all of the people / groups above – and with me – to help make your Society a better place.

We'll all be there for the Show on Friday and Saturday. Please say hello!

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Vendor Tables

We have over 30 tables booked in our vendor area. Lots of great merchandise to choose from. We may be able to squeeze in 1 or 2 more. \$45 for an 8 foot table. If interested contact Norm White.

Show Schedule

Friday September 7

9:00 am Show set-up starts
2:00 pm Vendor and exhibitor set-up
to
4:30 pm

Saturday September 8

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
3:30 pm Show closes; tear down and pack up;
set-up for dinner
4:00 pm Sergeant's Mess of the Queen's York
to
6:00 pm Rangers at Fort York Armouries will be
open.
6:30 pm Foregather for dinner
6:50 pm Seating for dinner
8:15 pm After dinner speeches

Volunteers Needed for Dinner Set-up

After the show closes to the public at 3:30 and the vendors pack up we need to rearrange the tables and chairs in the main room for the dinner. We need a few good men!

Dress for dinner

Just a reminder that we are encouraging members to dress appropriately (e.g. jacket and tie) for the Anniversary Dinner. Military mess dress, kilts or period uniforms are all welcome.

For those who need to change clothes for the dinner, the downstairs washrooms in the Blue Barracks will be available between the show and dinner. Please enter by the rear door as the main room will be closed for the dinner set-up.

Parking Security

We will have a security person supervising the parking area during the dinner so collections and merchandise left in your vehicles should be safe.

Displays still needed

We need your displays to make our show a success. Here's a chance to show off your particular take on our hobby. If you're planning to bring a display let Norm White know your space requirements so he can reserve you a spot.

Fort York: Getting There

Fort York is located at 250 Fort York Boulevard. 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 just outside the fort's west 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 veterans 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.

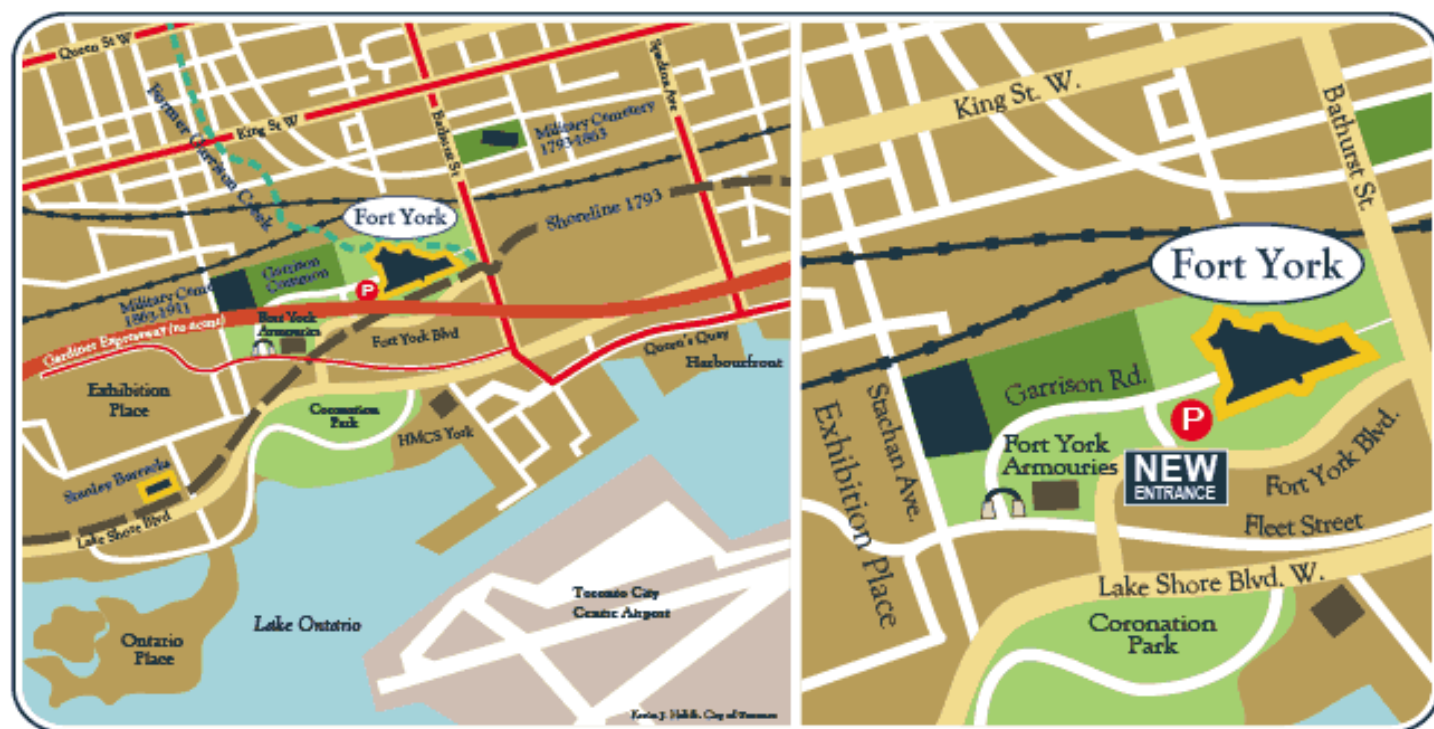
Vendors and participants with large displays will be able to drive their vehicles into the fort and directly to the display building during the set-up times only. Vehicles must be escorted in, show personnel will be on hand to assist with this. **It's strictly drive-in, unload and drive out. You can't 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 show attendees to their Sergeant's mess after the show closes on Saturday afternoon. It's nearby at the Fort York Armouries (see map). A great chance to enjoy some hospitality and fill in the time before the dinner.

Security Volunteers Needed

As usual we will need lots of help to keep an eye on things around the show throughout the day. So volunteer an hour or two while you're down at the show and help us out.





OMSS 50th Anniversary Dinner & Show

Scott Dummitt, 50th Anniversary Committee Chair

With the annual Show & Competition and our 50th Anniversary Dinner fast approaching I wanted to take a moment and mention a few things.

This year we will have displays from both Borgfeldt (Canada) Ltd and William Britain Limited. I ask that you show these companies how much we appreciate their participation in our show. They do this show to support our hobby and to support the OMSS. I know that we all have our complaints about certain products but please let's show our good side and our hospitality to these companies as I am certain that we would like them to make appearances again. Remember of all the major Toy Soldier manufactures that we contacted, only William Britain Limited had the courtesy to respond and make an appearance. They have shown a lot of class towards the OMSS and we want them to know how much we as members and collectors appreciate it.

The **OMSS 50th Anniversary Queen's York Ranger** created by William Britain Limited will be available at the show. All currently paid up members will receive a figure and extras can be purchased through Henry Chow and 'SCOTT J. DUMMITT PRESENTS'. The figures retail for \$32.00 each plus tax. Check with the individual retailers for offered discounts on the Anniversary figure and bring your membership card.

Don't forget that Janet MacKay will be running a show canteen again this year with lots of goodies. The proceeds will once again be donated to a good cause and we thank Janet for her efforts. Meanwhile Frank MacKay will be coordinating display and mer-



chandise parking drop-off. Please remember your vehicles must be escorted to the drop-off area. Empty your vehicles and return to the parking lot outside the fort and then set your items up. The show will also be closing a half hour earlier this year to accommodate our 50th Anniversary dinner so please have everything out of the Blue Barracks by 4:30 pm at the latest. We have volunteers to help carry and move your items out to your vehicles.

The **50th Anniversary Dinner** is also being held on the same evening as our show. Richard Walker from William Britain Limited is our guest speaker. We will also have Merle Tubman, Vice President of Borgfeldt (Canada) Limited, and Stuart Hessney, Editor of Toy Soldier & Model Figure magazine in attendance at the dinner. I ask once again that you show them the Canadian hospitality that we are famous for.

Seating for the dinner will not be open until 6:45 pm. Please keep out of the main dining area until that time as the caterer and staff will be moving back and forth and the musicians will be setting up. The back entrance to the washroom area in the 'Blue Barracks' will be open for those who would like to use them to change in.

There will be a few RESERVED seating places at the dinner. These are reserved for 50th Anniversary Committee members, and their guest, who are required to perform certain functions during the night's events. Please respect these reserved seats. Arrangements have been taken into consideration for those that require assisted seating and we will seat those members first. All other seating is first come, first served. Both prior to and after the dinner, the Sergeant's & Warrant Officer's Mess of the Queen's York Rangers will be open for members to have a drink. We will have some door prizes at the dinner and everyone will go home with a special 50th Anniversary wine glass.

Goodbye to Old Friends

Sadly we have lost two long time members over the summer.



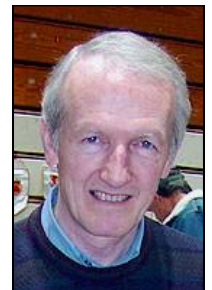
Bruce Boyd

passed away on July 18. Bruce was one of the founding members of the Society in 1962. He later left the club but rejoined again and was an active member for many years. In 2010 he was honoured with a life membership.

David Zink

passed away on August 7th after a short illness. David was the proprietor of the Grenadier Militaria shop in Port Perry and had been a member since 1987.

A Celebration of Life service is being held September 15, 1-3 pm at the Legion in Port Perry. Details at www.grenadiermilitaria.com/Memorial_David_Robert_Zink.html



Vendors at This Year's Show

Once again we have had great response on our vendors' area, with 32 tables booked at publication time. Lots of old favorites and a few new faces. There will be plenty of fine quality merchandise from all aspects of the hobby so bring lots of cash!

David Purton	Castings and boxed sets
Toy Soldiers Club (Quebec City)	New toy soldiers www.toysoldiersclub.com
Frank Ellis	Toy soldiers, figures, etc. (plastic and metal)
Frank Barrett	Britain's and other toy soldiers including plastics, plus a few high quality special pieces
Ed Tansley	Military miniatures
Don Ritchie	
Scott J. Dummitt Presents	Toy soldiers, action figures www.gjioecanada.com
Grant Lawson	Toy soldiers, models toysoldiertoronto.com
Les Eslary	Figures, books, magazines
Henry Chow	Toy soldiers, die-cast planes, plastic model kits
Hugh McLachlan	Figure kits, bases
Carefree Hobbies	Collector's Showcase, Thomas Gunn, First Legion, Britain's, King & Country figures, kits www.carefreehobbies.com
History Builders (Brian Fletcher)	Military miniatures, books, building services
Gary and John Parsons	Collection of the late Robert Parsons
Earl's Treasures (Earl Fligg)	Action figures and accessories
Shane Bennett	Action figures
Wayne and Diane Harrison	Toy soldiers (Colonial, Zulus, etc.)

Also returning is the Society sale table, organized and staffed by Jeff and Heidi Duncan.

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Seeking Kit from Melhuish Sale

James Hamilton is looking for a kit that was part of the sale of Don Melhuish's estate at the April meeting. It's a plastic kit of a large scale (8 inch?) US Marine or Army Infantryman from World War 2 that was in a plastic bag. If you could bear to part with it please contact James at 416 621 8977 or hhamilton@bell.net

Royal Marine Band for Sale *Price Reduced*

Mike Pidgeon has a 30 piece Royal Marine Band for sale (with boxes). Made by "All The Queen's Men". Price: \$200.00, O.B.O. Pictures available on request.

Contact Mike Pidgeon, 905-478-4724

Email: mpidgeon@rogers.com

Airborne!

Dragon Models British Airborne "Red Devils" Arnhem 1944 model, original box with great graphics, 1/16 Warrior Series, unbuilt, parts still in original plastic bags inside box, \$10 & great read hardcover book, Sgt. Don Malarkey with Bob Welch, Easy Company Soldier, "The Legendary Battles of a Sergeant from WW2's "Band of Brothers" \$10. These are plus shipping if you want them mailed. Contact David Dorward at 905-584-5838 or dkdorward@sympatico.ca

Seeking Grant's Royal Scot

Frank MacKay is looking for figure No. 2 in the series put out some years ago by the William Grant's Scotch Whiskey company. Preferably in the original packaging. If you have one to spare contact him at frank_mackay@hotmail.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.

Chicago Toy Soldier Show September 20-23

The big one! The actual show's on the Sunday (23rd) but room trading starts from the Thursday. At the Hyatt Regency Woodfield 1800 East Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173

See toysoldiershow.com

Hastings and Prince Edward Regiment

Militaria Show & Sale Saturday September 29

9:00 am to 2:30 pm. 220 Murray Street, Peterborough Ontario - Admission: \$3.00 Per person, Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult. Maximum family charge \$7.00. Show features militaria displays, vendors, modellers, snack bar and more. Additional information available at (705) 749-3149. Several club members have volunteered to put on a display at this show.

Ajax Plastic Model Contest - Sat. Oct. 27

Annual model show put on by the local IPMS groups. 10 am to 4 pm, \$2 admission. At the J. Clarke Richardson Collegiate, 1355 Harwood Ave. N. Ajax. Our club sponsors the Best Figure award at this show. For more info see www.ipmstoronto.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

A shout out to **Mike Chrus** who is going in for hip replacement surgery on September 6. We'll miss you at the show but hope all goes well and you're back on your feet soon.

Albert LaBelle

A blast from the past... **Robin Ward** is looking for any historical material related to Albert LaBelle and his shop. Copies of any news articles, obituary, etc. would be appreciated. You can contact him at 905-836-2271 or swardn225@rogers.com

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