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Annual Show
Saturday May 3
2014

It's time for the OMSS to get....

ON PARADE

Our Annual Show and Competition
at Historic Fort York

Saturday May 3, 2014 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. We are back at Fort York again this year.

This issue of the newsletter is all about the show.

We need...

Volunteers for show setup on Friday

A few good men needed. We'll be starting around noon. Let Tom Elliot know if you can help out.

Entries for the Annual Competition

Don't be shy! We've got lots of trophies this year. All types of models welcomed.

Displays

Give your fellow members and the public a glimpse of some of your collection. Member's displays are always a highlight of the show and a great public favorite. Let Tom Elliot know what space you require and he'll set aside a spot for you.

This year's theme is the 100th Anniversary of the First World War. So we'd particularly like to see displays from the Great War period. But displays of all periods and subjects are welcome.

Volunteers for Show Security

While you're at the show, help us out by taking a turn at security. It's just a matter of keeping a quiet eye on the displays and answering people's questions.

Vendors

We have a couple of spots left in our vendor area. Only \$50 for an 8 foot table. Contact Tom Elliot as soon as possible to reserve.



Show Contact

Tom Elliot 905-542-2393 email telliott45@hotmail.com

See you there!

Fort York: Getting There

Fort York National Historic Site is located at the end of Garrison Road, just east of the CNE grounds and just west of Bathurst Street along the original shoreline of Toronto.

Due to construction of the new visitors centre the entrance off Fort York Boulevard is closed to automobiles. You must enter by Garrison Road from Fleet Street just west of the Fort York Armouries (as shown at right).



Driving from the East

1. Take the Gardiner Expressway west to the Spadina/Lakeshore exit.
2. Continue onto westbound Lakeshore Blvd. West.
3. Turn right at Fort York Blvd.
4. Make a quick left turn at Fleet St.
5. Turn left into the fort entrance just past the Armouries.

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Parking

Parking is available just outside the fort's west gate. It is a "Pay and Display" system. Purchase a ticket from the machine and display on your dashboard. The rate is \$1.50 an hour with a daily maximum of \$8. (Coin or credit card)

Driving from the West

1. Take the Gardiner Expressway east to the Jameson exit.
2. Continue onto eastbound Lakeshore Blvd. West.
3. Just past the CNE turn left onto Fort York Blvd.

Public Transit Directions

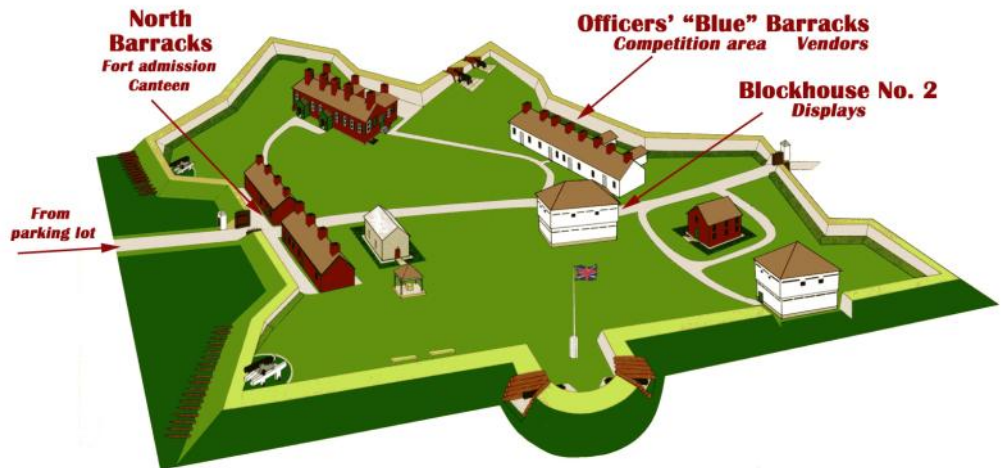
Take the 511 streetcar south from Bathurst subway station to the stop at Fort York Boulevard. Walk west on Fort York Boulevard to the footpath under the Gardiner Expressway up to the West Gate of the fort.



Show Layout and Details

The map at right shows the layout of Fort York and the buildings housing the show.

(Feel free to explore the other buildings and displays within the fort.)



Our show will be held in building known as the Officers' "Blue" Barracks. (It's actually painted white.) The vendor and flea market area and the competition area will be here. Additional displays will be in the adjacent Blockhouse No. 2 on both the ground level and upstairs.

Schedule for May 3rd

- 8:00 am Set-up for vendors and exhibitors
- 10:00 am Show opens to the public
- 12:00 pm Deadline for competition entries
- 3:00 pm Announcement of competition awards
- 3:30 pm Show closes, packing up begins.

Show Set-up

Vendors and members with displays are welcome to set up on Friday afternoon. We have said 2:00 pm for this as we can't guarantee when exactly the tables will be delivered and set up. We must be out of the fort by 5 pm. Otherwise you'll have two hours on Saturday morning from 8 am to 10 before the show opens to the public.

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. **For safety reasons all 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.

Admission to Fort York

There is no admission fee for our show, but members and visitors are required to pay Fort York admission. (Adult \$9, Senior \$5.50, Youth \$5.50, Children \$4.25.) Admission may be paid at the canteen in the North Barracks at the western entrance to the fort.

Vendor Area and Flea Market

We have more than 25 tables offering toy soldiers old and new, books, modeling supplies, action figures and more. Lots to look at and there's sure to be something to tempt your pocketbook.

We will also have a Society sale table with a wide range of items that have been donated by the members.

Food Service

No need to pack a lunch or leave the fort to forage for food. On site catering will once again be provided by a volunteer crew from the International Order of Daughters of the Empire. They will be selling muffins and coffee in the morning and sandwiches and cold drinks later in the day. As we have seen in previous years it's top rate grub at reasonable prices. They will be located in the Blue Barracks within the vendor area.

The IODE is donating all proceeds to John McDermott House, a palliative care unit for terminally ill first responders and military personnel at Sunnybrook Hospital. A great cause so chow down!

Washrooms

Public washrooms are located downstairs at the right rear of the "Blue" Barracks building. There are also washrooms across from the fort entrance.