

* Early Bird Special * EOY Deadlines * After-Hours Events * Two Days *

The Miniature Society of Cincinnati is proud to present our
43rd Annual Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale

April 4 & 5, 2020



31 October 2019

You are cordially invited to participate in the 43rd Annual Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale sponsored by the Miniature Society of Cincinnati. Our show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 & 5, 2020, in the Expo Center Showroom at EnterTRAINment Junction, West Chester, OH, which is conveniently located just off I-75, north of Cincinnati in West Chester Township. There is ample free parking. The building is mostly ground level and handicapped accessible.

With an established record and centrally located in the Mid-West, our attendees hail from numerous surrounding states. Consider stocking up your inventory to be with us first, launching the show season.



About the MSC Show & Sale

Our Miniature Society of Cincinnati shows are well-known for friendly hospitality. We strive to provide quality exhibits, numerous door prizes, and a fun and profitable event. Held in the large "Expo Center," accessed from the Town Square inside the EnterTRAINment Junction (EJ) building, you can bring your merchandise directly from the parking lot to the showroom floor via a separate, non-public access door. We encourage you to bring your own cart to navigate the long hallway (EJ provides a few carts that may be borrowed, but they do not have enough for everyone). Note that during Show hours, we ask that you park your vehicle further away from the building to allow guest parking close to the building.

The room is well-lit. Electricity, chairs, and a highly-visible pole sign are provided at no cost. You may reserve up to three tables, which are 8 feet long by 30 inches deep, with 1.5- to 2-inch thick molded plastic tops. You are asked to provide your own fire-retardant, floor-length table covers. The showroom floor is concrete under carpet tiles; you may bring a floor covering if desired.

Coffee, tea, and water are provided gratis during show hours. EJ is offering our dealers the option to pre-order lunch, which they will deliver directly to your table. Security is provided during show hours by local police officers. The building is locked after hours. More specifics will be provided prior to check-in.

Hours

If you have participated with us before, our show hours are the same as last year. We are again offering an optional Friday afternoon setup as well as early Saturday morning setup.

Friday:

MSC Show Dealer & Exhibit Setup	2:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
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Saturday:

MSC Show Dealer & Exhibit Setup	8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
EnterTRAINment Junction Opens to Public	10:00 A.M.
MSC Show Open to Public	11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
FREE MSC Show Dinner & After Hours Event (<i>see below</i>)	5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
EnterTRAINment Junction Closes to Public	6:00 P.M.

Sunday:

MSC Show Opens to Dealers	11:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON
EnterTRAINment Junction Opens to Public	12:00 NOON
MSC Show Open to Public	12:00 NOON to 4:00 P.M.
MSC Show Dealers Pack Up	4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
EnterTRAINment Junction Closes to Public	6:00 P.M.

Important: We MUST be out no later than 6:00 P.M.

* FREE Saturday Dinner & After-Hours Event *

We understand that you'll be focused on the show, and after a long day, you might enjoy a well-deserved break. We're offering two very special treats for our dealers and hard-working club members:

1. On Saturday at 5:00 P.M. (the close of the show), dinner is on us! We invite you to unwind and dine with your friends and associates. We'll host a casual pizza, salad, and dessert buffet on the Junction Café patio. It's a great time for networking.
2. After dinner, or anytime from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., be our guest to tour the Train Journey and Museum at your leisure. If you have not experienced the Train Journey before, don't miss this opportunity—it's well worth your time! And even if you've seen it before, you might enjoy going through again because EJ is always adding to the display.

EnterTRAINment Junction is staying open one hour longer just for us, after the public has gone home, to cater our pizza buffet and to keep the Train Journey/Museum open. You may choose to participate in either one or both. Each registered dealer is entitled to TWO (2) FREE buffet and admission tickets. If you'd like to invite additional family members or guests, you may do so by paying \$10 per person per event. So that we can estimate a head count, we ask that you please let us know your intentions on the Application and include payment for the third person and above.



About EnterTRAINment Junction

Opening in 2008, EnterTRAINment Junction (EJ) has become a premiere family attraction in Southwestern Ohio. Billed as the world's largest indoor, interactive G-scale train display, the "Train Journey" is a delightful visual trip from the past to the present. Covering over 25,000 square feet with 90 trains, 2 miles of track, a 16-foot-high mountain, waterfall and flowing river, prepare to be amazed! In addition, the facility houses a café, Town Square style party rooms, a gift shop, a hobby shop, the Expo convention room, the American Railroading Museum, and the A-Maz-N Funhouse attraction, all under one roof. Go to our website at <http://cincy-miniatures.org/shows.html> for links to the EJ website, their brochure, and a map.

Application Process & "Early Bird Special" Rate

Because sales space is limited and we like to plan ahead, we ask that your Application and money be submitted by December 31, 2019. To qualify for the "Early Bird Special" rate, send your ENTIRE table fee by December 31st and pay only \$100 per table (a 13% discount off the regular price of \$115 each). Or, you can send a deposit of \$25 per table (maximum of three tables) with your Application by December 31st, with the full balance due by March 15, 2020. (That is also the date after which no cancellation refunds will be processed.) We hope this encourages everyone to reserve as soon as possible! If we sell out (as we have done for the past three years), your name will be added to our waiting list in the order your Application is received, to be contacted in case of cancellations.

Example of an "Early Bird Special" Rate Compared to a Regular Table Rate:

We are reserving three sales tables...

(1) Choose the Early Bird Special and send the entire amount by December 31st... a total of \$300, saving \$45.

OR (2) Send a deposit of \$75 by December 31st and the remaining \$270 by March 15th... a total of \$345.

Please sign and return the enclosed Application (page 5). **Be sure to include your email address** so that we can send you a confirmation, and also your **mobile phone number** in case we need to contact you. Write a check or money order made payable to: THE MINIATURE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI. Send to: The Miniature Society of Cincinnati, P.O. Box 43503, Cincinnati, OH 45243, postmarked by December 31, 2019.

Deadlines

Application with payment in full or \$25 per table deposit postmarked by..... December 31, 2019

If balance due, second payment postmarked by March 15, 2020

Cancellation prior to March 15, 2020 Refund remittance less \$10 processing fee

Cancellation after March 15, 2020 No refund

Contact

If you have additional questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please contact:

The Miniature Society of Cincinnati
 P.O. Box 43503
 Cincinnati, OH 45243

or email Ingrid at: cincyminis@gmail.com

MSC website: cincy-miniatures.org

We encourage you to visit our web site at <https://cincy-miniatures.org/index.php/mscshow/> to view current information about our Show & Sale. Show flyers in PDF format are posted there that can be downloaded and printed if you'd like to help spread the word. If you know of another artisan or dealer who may want to apply, feel free to copy and pass this information along to them.

We're excited about our upcoming show and look forward to seeing you there!

~ Ingrid M. Farnam-Koblish
Dealer Chair, for the MSC Show Committee



A NOTE ABOUT SERVICE ANIMALS: Two years ago we encountered a situation that brings up questions and intervention: For the first time in over 40 years, one of our long-time dealers brought her emotional support dog with her to our Show. While the dog had legitimate papers and our venue approved it in advance, MSC had not been notified. As it happens we have several MSC members who are highly allergic to dogs, even supposed "hypoallergenic" ones, and wouldn't you know, the floor plan was arranged so that the dealer and MSC staff members were within sneezing distance of each other. Had we known, we could have at least adjusted the floor plan and our members could have brought their allergy medications with them!

So lesson learned... PLEASE notify us at least one month in advance if you plan to bring a service dog, or, for that matter, any other live animal, with you. We will do our best to accommodate.

And if you are reading this and find it difficult to be around furred animals due to allergies or other sensitivities, please tell us on your Application. That will enable us to better plan the room layout. Thank you for understanding!

In delving further into the laws, here is what we found:

Under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a service animal is simply a dog that is individually trained to perform tasks or do work for the benefit of a person with a disability, and the work the animal does must be directly related to the person's disability. Ohio has two different sets of laws on service animals and public accommodations. To simplify it, they define: (1) "assistance dogs" as those that have been trained by a nonprofit special agency to accompany people with disabilities; and (2) "animal assistants" as any animal that directly assists a person with a disability. Because the definition of disability in the Administrative Code includes both physical and mental impairments, this provision appears to include psychiatric service animals and animals trained to perform other services for those with disabilities.

None of these laws cover pets or "emotional support animals," that is, animals that provide a sense of safety, companionship, and comfort to those with psychiatric or emotional conditions. Although these animals often have therapeutic benefits, they are not individually trained to perform specific tasks for their handlers. Thus under the ADA and Ohio law, owners of public accommodations are NOT required to allow emotional support animals, only service animals or animal assistants that aid those with disabilities.

Adapted from <<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/ohio-laws-on-service-dogs-and-emotional-support-animals.html>>.



DEALER CONTRACT

WHO & WHAT: *The Miniature Society of Cincinnati – 43rd Annual Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale*

WHERE: *EnterTRAINment Junction, 7379 Squire Court, Cincinnati, OH 45069*

WHEN: *Two-Days – Saturday April 4, 2020 from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. & Sunday April 5, 2020 from NOON to 4 P.M.
Set Up – Friday 2 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. and/or Saturday 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. / Tear Down – Sunday 4 to 6 P.M.*

Contract Conditions

Please read carefully to avoid any misunderstanding of the requirements.

TABLES: Dealer tables are 96" x 30" (8' x 2-1/2'). You may rent a maximum of three tables. You may only use the table-top space. Dealers may not share tables. There is very limited storage space beneath each table. All of your sales inventory must be stored on, beneath, or immediately behind your table(s) and within your assigned floor area behind your table. Nothing may be set up in front of or next to tables, as fire regulations prohibit this. Under no circumstances may anything be placed in front of EXITS. Note that table placement is determined by the Dealer Chair and MSC Show Committee; final arrangement will not be definite until the show. To help us determine your placement, please list your specialties and any preferences on the attached Application.

FEES: Table fees are as noted in the contract. Table fee includes two chairs and two badges. If you have more than two workers at your booth, admission will be charged for additional personnel.

ELECTRIC: One electrical outlet per dealer will be provided to which 600 watts (110 volts) may be attached.

SET UP: You must be prepared to bring in your merchandise on your own. Bring carts or dollies if needed. You must set up during the posted times and be ready for show opening.

SHOW TIMES: Dealers are asked to remain open for business throughout the show times. Do not remove or pack any merchandise until the posted show end time. Please see a Show Chair if special circumstances arise.

DOOR PRIZES: Each dealer is asked to donate a door prize but it is not required.

MERCHANDISE: Only dollhouse miniatures, accessories and supplies may be sold at the Show & Sale. You may not post table-wide sales or wholesale discounts that would effectively undermine fellow dealers. MSC reserves the right to request that any merchandise and/or exhibit be removed that it deems inappropriate to the standards of the Miniature Society of Cincinnati.

TAX COLLECTION: Taxes are the responsibility of each show dealer. MSC is not permitted to collect State of Ohio and Butler County sales tax. If you are from another state, you may obtain a Transient Vendor's License from the State of Ohio for a \$25 nonrecurring fee.

SECURITY: Security during show hours is provided by local police officers, paid by MSC. The building is locked after hours.

NO SMOKING: No smoking is permitted in the facility. Any violators will be handled in an appropriate manner to the extent that you may be asked to remove your merchandise from your table(s) and leave the premises.

FOOD & BEVERAGE: Free coffee, tea, and water will be provided during show hours. Other than the snacks brought by MSC members, no outside food or beverage is permitted. Please purchase other food and beverages from the available concession stand.

TEAR DOWN: You must be prepared to remove your merchandise after the show. Although we have handled this in the past, we are no longer able to move your items for you.

PUBLICITY: Publicity may include text, images, or video published on Internet, local radio, TV, newspaper, and miniatures magazines, as well as flyers at other miniature shows, museums, and local establishments. Postcards and email will be sent to prior years' customers. EnterTRAINment Junction will assist with publicity by emailing their client list and promoting the show on their web site.

MSC PROVIDES: Tables, chairs, electric, badges, dealer booth signs, show programs, floor plans, tax tables, publicity, security, and a public address system.

SERVICE ANIMALS: If you intend to bring an "assistance dog," "animal assistant," or "emotional support animal," please have registration and veterinary papers available and notify both EJ and MSC at least one month in advance.

