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The Miniature Society of Cincinnati is proud to present our  
**43rd Annual Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale**  
**Saturday, July 10, 2021**



21 May 2021

You are cordially invited to participate in our highly anticipated 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale sponsored by the Miniature Society of Cincinnati. As you may be aware, both our original Show dates and our planned postponed dates had to be canceled due to COVID-19. **We're now holding our Show on Saturday, July 10, 2021**, in the Expo Center Showroom at EnterTRAINment Junction. Our fun, pirate theme "Tales of 'Shrunken' Treasure!" will surely bring out pirate talk in all of us!

Our wonderfully versatile venue, EnterTRAINment Junction, is conveniently located just off I-75, north of Cincinnati in West Chester, Ohio. There is ample free parking. The building is mostly ground level and handicapped accessible. If you've never been there before, and especially if you're a model train enthusiast, we're sure you're going to love it and want to come back for more!

*MSC is a not-for-profit organization, affiliated with the National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts (NAME).*



## COVID-19 Preemptive Measures

As the world is still in the throes of, and slowly recuperating from, the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been actively monitoring developments and guidelines for events such as ours. No doubt you have many questions about safety and how all of this is going to work. While still subject to change by July, here is what we know as of this writing:

EnterTRAINment Junction adheres to all CDC health protocols. Temperature checks are no longer mandatory; however, if any staff or visitor is ill or running a fever, it is asked that they stay away. Six-foot social distancing is no longer required but is still advisable. Stations dispensing hand sanitizer are available in select areas of the facility. All public areas and restrooms are cleaned and sanitized every hour. Face masks are required of all visitors age 10 and above, except when eating or drinking at the Junction Café. (We understand that the CDC changed this indoor mask recommendation just last week, but Ohio has not yet changed its position. Masks must still be worn indoors, at least until June 2<sup>nd</sup> when Ohio is planning to lift all COVID-19 health orders. Of course, you are welcome to wear your mask to continue to protect yourself.) We expect that EJ's rules will also change by the time of our Show. We'll let you know the latest when we email your Dealer Packets prior to the Show.

EnterTRAINment Junction was completely closed to the public for four months during 2020. They are now open and functioning as normally as possible. They are holding parties in the Town Square party rooms and, in recent weeks, have hosted two well-attended doll and craft shows in the Expo Center. The Junction Café within EnterTRAINment Junction is open, although, due to staff constraints, they are no longer able to cater lunch for us.

What this means for us is to be prepared. Bring your face masks; we don't know yet if wearing them will be optional, and with a mix of vaccinated / unvaccinated adults and children, you might want to keep wearing masks anyway. We encourage you to have received your COVID-19 vaccination(s) two to three weeks prior to coming to the Show. If you are running a fever or feeling ill, please don't expose the rest of us to whatever it is—stay home. We ask that you bring your own hand sanitizer and any other sanitizing wipes or products you desire to keep at your table (we are not able to provide that for you).

Many Dealers are switching to a card or contactless type of payment such as Square, which may be an option you'd like to consider. EnterTRAINment Junction has recently upgraded their network to fiber optic, and WiFi is available to the public throughout the Expo Center. We have been told that you can log into the Guest account through your own Facebook, Google, or LinkedIn account. That said, we also understand that WiFi may not be accessible from all areas of the *building*. If we learn more, we'll include it in your Dealer Packet.

And just a caveat... We will hold your Application and all table fee checks until we are absolutely certain that the Show will go on. If by chance circumstances with COVID-19 change for the worse, or if we don't have enough commitment from all of you to be able to hold our Show, we would notify you and return or shred the checks.

## About the MSC Show & Sale

Our Miniature Society of Cincinnati Shows are well known for friendly hospitality. We strive to provide a profitable event for our Dealers, exceptional exhibits that will inspire creativity (and hopefully, shopping!) in all who attend, and numerous door prizes for that element of surprise. With an established record and centrally located in the Mid-West, our Dealers and attendees hail from numerous surrounding states.

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 actual 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 now carpeted with commercial carpet tiles over concrete. Security is provided during Show hours by local police officers. The building is locked after hours. More specifics will be emailed in your Dealer Packet prior to check-in.

Coffee, tea, and water are provided gratis for Dealers and staff during Show hours. Our club members bring fruit and snacks to supplement. While simple fare is available onsite at the Junction Café, you may also request delivery from local food emporia through Grubhub, DoorDash, or the like. *Note: So far, ordering in is allowed during the decline of COVID-19 but this may change.*



## Hours

Because we have downsized to a one-day Show, our hours have changed slightly from previous years. We are again offering an optional Friday afternoon setup as well as Saturday morning setup, which starts one hour earlier to allow for an extra Show hour. You must be ready to open for business at 10 AM Saturday morning. And you must be packed up and out no later than 7 PM Saturday evening (EJ's rules).

### Friday

MSC Show Dealer & Exhibit Setup ..... 2:00 PM to 5:30 PM

### Saturday

MSC Show Dealer & Exhibit Setup ..... 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

EnterTRAINment Junction Opens to Public ..... 10:00 AM

**MSC SHOW OPEN TO PUBLIC ..... 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

Junction Café Closes ..... 5:00 PM

MSC Show Dealers Pack Up ..... 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

EnterTRAINment Junction Closes to Public..... 6:00 PM

**Important: We MUST be out no later than 7:00 PM.**

## 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 <https://cincy-miniatures.org/index.php/mscshow/> for links to the EJ website, their brochure, and a map.

## Application Process

You'll notice on the Application that we lowered our table fees this year, from \$115 down to \$80 (that's a 30% discount!). We did this to support you in coming to our Show because (1) due to COVID-19, we could not hold our Show for the past year-and-a-half; (2) we decided to reduce our hours to a one-day Show; and (3) we wanted to help you and your business. But don't get too spoiled—so far it's just for this year!

Please fill out and sign the Application on page 6. **Be sure to include your email address** so that we can send you a confirmation that we received it (most important these days with the state of the postal system), and also include your **mobile phone number** in case we need to contact you while you are en route. Write a check or money order made payable to: THE MINIATURE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI. Send both to: MSC Show & Sale, P.O. Box 43503, Cincinnati, OH 45243.

Because we'll be spreading tables a bit farther apart, sales space will be more limited than past Shows. It's important to send your Application as soon as possible, and definitely have it **postmarked no later than June 11, 2021**. If we sell out (as we have done for the past 4 years), your name will be added to our waiting list in the order your Application is received, to be contacted in case of cancellations. Because we are less than 2 months until the Show, there will be no refunds unless MSC decides to cancel.

## Contact

We encourage you to visit our website <https://cincy-miniatures.org/index.php/mscshow/> to view current information about our Show & Sale. Posted there are Show flyers in PDF format that can be downloaded and printed to help promote the Show. If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance, please email Ingrid (me) at [cincyminis@gmail.com](mailto:cincyminis@gmail.com). If you know of another artisan or Dealer who may want to apply, feel free to pass this information along to them, have them email me, or direct them to the Dealer Contract that can be downloaded from our website. We're excited about our upcoming Show, especially after so long a lapse. We're all looking forward to seeing you there!

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



## A Note About Service Animals

In 2018 we encountered a situation that brought 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 be considerate enough to notify us in advance if you plan to bring a service dog, or, for that matter, any other live animal, with you (no pets, though). We will do our best to accommodate you. We ask that you also accommodate us. One month advance notice would help us so that we can adjust the floor plan, if need be. Plus, while your animal is with you at the Show, it must be kept away from the food table, and it must be leashed or contained so that it does not roam and become a tripping hazard for the public.

And if you are reading this and find it difficult to be around furred animals yourself due to allergies or other sensitivities, please tell us on your Application. That will also 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 – 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Dollhouse Miniatures Show & Sale  
**WHERE:** EnterTRAINment Junction, 7379 Squire Court, Cincinnati, OH 45069  
**WHEN:** One-Day Only – Saturday July 10, 2021 from 10 AM to 5 PM  
Set Up – Friday 2 to 5:30 PM and/or Saturday 7 to 10 AM / Tear Down – Saturday 5 to 7 PM

### Contract Conditions

Please read carefully to avoid any misunderstanding of the requirements.

**APPLICATION:** Although the Miniature Society of Cincinnati (MSC) hopes to be able to accept all Dealers who apply to participate, we do reserve the right to decline any Application if such action is deemed to serve the best interests of the MSC Show & Sale.

- **FEES:** Table fees are as noted on the Application and must be mailed with the completed Application form. If a check is returned due to nonsufficient funds (NSF), a \$35 service charge will be assessed; in addition, MSC reserves the right to void that Dealer's contract.
- **TAX COLLECTION:** It is each Dealer's responsibility to know and abide by applicable State of Ohio tax laws and regulations. MSC is not permitted to collect State of Ohio and Butler County sales tax; we will, however, provide you a Butler County sales tax chart. If you are from another state, you may obtain a Transient Vendor's License from the State of Ohio for a \$25 nonrecurring fee (you will find a link on our website).
- **SERVICE ANIMALS:** If you intend to bring an "assistance dog," "animal assistant," or "emotional support animal," please indicate this on the Application form and notify both EJ and MSC at least one month in advance. Also bring registration and veterinary papers with you.

**MSC PROVIDES:** Tables, chairs, electric, badges, Dealer booth signs, Show programs, floor plans, tax tables, publicity, security, and a Public Address system.

- **TABLES:** Dealer tables are 96" x 30" (8' x 2-½'). You may rent a maximum of three tables. Dealers may share tables. You may use only the tabletop space for sales. 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. Clear and safe walkways must be maintained around the tables; 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. To aid in planning table placement within the room, please list your specialties and preferences on the Application. Understand that we will consider special requests but cannot guarantee all requests will be met.
- **ELECTRIC:** One electrical outlet per Dealer will be provided to which 600 watts (110 volts) may be attached.
- **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' attendees. EnterTRAINment Junction will assist with publicity by emailing their client list and promoting our Show on their website.
- **SECURITY:** Security during Show hours is provided by local police officers who are paid by MSC. The building is locked after hours. Any accusation of theft will be investigated and prosecuted as allowed by Ohio statutes.

**WORKING THE SHOW:** Please bring your own carts or dollies. EJ only has a few carts available to use on a first-come, first-served basis.

- **SET UP:** You must be prepared to bring in your merchandise on your own, set up during the posted times, and be ready for Show opening.
- **SHOW TIMES:** You are asked to man your table(s) at all times and to remain open for business through the entire Show. Do not remove or pack any merchandise until the posted Show end time. Please see a Show Chair if you require relief or special circumstances arise.
- **TEAR DOWN:** You must remove your merchandise on your own after the Show and clear your area of trash.
- **DOOR PRIZES:** Door prize tickets are made available to all attendees, Dealers, and staff. Each Dealer is asked to donate a door prize, but it is not mandatory. Our club will supplement door prizes with gift certificates, which may be redeemed toward purchases at any Dealer table. These gift certificates are to be accepted by you the same as cash, which you can then exchange for cash at the MSC Registration Table.
- **MERCHANDISE:** Only dollhouse miniatures (1/12th scale and under), accessories and supplies may be sold at the MSC Show & Sale. All items on your table must be clearly priced. No more than 10% of your sales space may contain clearance or discounted items. You may NOT post signs announcing table-wide sales or wholesale discounts that would effectively undermine fellow Dealers. While estate items are allowed, "garage sale" type items are not. 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.
- **FOOD & BEVERAGE:** Free coffee, tea, and water will be provided during Show hours. Other than the snacks brought by MSC members, outside food and beverages are discouraged. Please patronize the available concession stand.

### A FEW RULES:

- **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 and leave the premises.
- **MISCONDUCT:** Dealers are ultimately responsible for their own conduct and that of their associates, employees, representatives, family and/or children while attending the MSC Show & Sale. Activities must not cause a scene or in any way detract from the MSC Show & Sale or EnterTRAINment Junction attractions, or negatively affect personnel including attendees, other Dealers, MSC staff or EJ staff. Use and abuse of alcohol or other drugs will not be tolerated. Infractions will be handled on a case-by-case basis in an appropriate manner, to the extent that the offending Dealer may be asked to remove their merchandise and leave the premises.



# APPLICATION

Your signature below and your payment are evidence that you have read and agree to the above Contract Conditions.

Asterisk (\*) indicates required entries. Please print legibly.

- \* Business Name for table sign \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Primary Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Associate Name(s) for badges \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Street Address \_\_\_\_\_
- \* City \_\_\_\_\_ \* State \_\_\_\_\_ \* Zip \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_ \* Email \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Website \_\_\_\_\_
- \* My miniature specialties are (may be included in Show Program): \_\_\_\_\_

Special requests for table assignment or placement \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer that my table(s) NOT be placed near another vendor with a service animal.

I will be bringing:  Assistance dog  Animal assistant  Emotional support animal  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## SALES TABLE(s) Circle One

I wish to reserve **1 2 or 3** table(s) @ \$80 each (maximum of three). **Total enclosed for table(s) \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

Please make check or money order payable to: THE MINIATURE SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI.

Mail payment with this signed Application to: MSC Show & Sale, P.O. Box 43503, Cincinnati, OH 45243.

**Application & payment in FULL are due by June 11, 2021.** You will receive a confirmation of your reservation via email.

Also watch for a Dealer Packet containing last minute Show information, which will be emailed the week of June 28, 2021.

- I understand that table rent for the Miniature Society of Cincinnati (MSC) Show & Sale includes only tabletop space, two chairs, electric, badges, and dealer booth signs.
- I agree to have personnel, hired and paid by me, at my table(s) during the entire time that the Show & Sale is open. I also agree to have sufficient stock to anticipate sales for the total hours of the Show, all merchandise will be clearly priced, and not more than 10% will be discount priced.
- I assume and accept full responsibility for any and all injury or loss to me or my property, employees, or agents at any time for any cause while on the premises of EnterTRAINment Junction (EJ). I expressly release MSC and EJ, in which the MSC Show & Sale is held, from and against any loss, expense, claims, damages, causes of action, injuries, suits or damages, suits to person or property, including attorney's fees, arising out of or related to my participation in the MSC Show & Sale. I shall provide and pay for my own insurance if I so choose.
- If I cancel my reservation for the MSC Show & Sale for whatever reason, I understand that I forfeit my entire payment for the table(s).
- If premises are destroyed by disaster, fire, or any cause whatsoever making it impossible to have the MSC Show & Sale, or if MSC deems to cancel the Show & Sale for any cause whatsoever, I will not hold MSC or EJ responsible, I waive any claim for damages, and this contract is terminated. I will accept my payment returned within two months after notification of the cancellation of the MSC Show & Sale.

\*Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Referred by \_\_\_\_\_