



BMEA SHOW - PUBLIC DISPLAY TABLE - GUIDELINES

Have you decided to accept our invitation to display one of your miniature creations that you have made using a kit? We are very much looking forward to sharing some display space to showcase the diversity of 'miniature-making' as a hobby, and to encourage our fellow enthusiasts to 'think outside the box'.

The display space is not unlimited as just one table will be available, so we do need to set a few conditions which will help us to keep your work safe while it is on display with us. Depending on size of each submission, we are hoping at any one time to be able to display 12-20 projects. Or more if there are also a number of very small-scale projects able to fit into small gaps on our table!

If we have a large number of visitors arriving with a display item all in a short space of time we might need to (a) at times, temporarily limit the number of items we can accept for a 'free entry pass' until some table space is clear again and (b) temporarily limit the time on the display table so that we can rotate display items if we have accepted more than will safely fit.

We anticipate items in a range of shapes and sizes and will fit in as many as possible without overcrowding, to ensure visitors can see your contribution clearly.

- The display item should not be fragile, especially if it does not have a base, as we need to be able to handle it safely if we need to move it while re-arranging items on display.
- It does not have to be dollhouse-related, but it must be a 'miniature' made from a kit.
- We are open to displaying planes, trains, cars, TTG items, fantasy, sci-fi, steampunk creations....a book nook could suit, but not a whole 'layout'.
- It does not have to be in a particular scale (but large projects such as 1:6 would usually be too big for table display unless you would like to showcase a specific item/accessory you have made from a kit and provided it fits within specified dimensions)
- Your miniature should not require a space on the table greater than approximately 30cm x 30cm.
- We regret that we cannot supply a power source for lighting/running any miniatures on the public display table.

- You agree to allow photographs of your miniature by BMEA members and show visitors, knowing they might also appear subsequently in our club magazine or posted on social media.
- You permit us to remove your item from the display table and store it out of sight if we need to clear table space for more items, or conversely to hold your item temporarily off-table until we have space available to show it.
- We will need to be able to attach a label with your name to your project so that we can correctly identify ownership. (We can also display your name on the table as the maker if you would like us to do that.)
- We will keep a record of each item handed to us for display with details of the owner (including a contact number) and we will provide some form of receipt or docket which you must retain and show to us when you come to reclaim your item. (Showing us a form of id, e.g. drivers licence or student card, both on delivery and on collection would help ensure we only hand your miniature back to the rightful owner.)
- You must reclaim your item before you go home from our show.
- If you have a box for transporting your miniature, it might be best if the box can be stored in your vehicle while we have your item on display especially if you are attending during a busy time. If we do need to store it under one of our tables for you, it must be clearly labelled with your details.
- Visitors to the show will be instructed NO TOUCHING and bollards & rope type arrangements will be in place to try to keep people at a safe distance from the display table.
- We will ensure that one of our members is on hand supervising the display and will do our best to keep your miniature safe while it is with us, but we otherwise display it without obligation, and you are taken to accept this by virtue of placing the item in our display.
- BMEA reserves the right not to accept items for display if they do not accord with the values and constitution of our organisation e.g. if they contain elements which could be deemed offensive/divisive/potentially distressing or otherwise inappropriate, noting that our show visitors are diverse in culture and age.
- One display model for one visitor's free entry (subject to other provisions above).

Despite all these rules, even if they might seem a bit tough, we do hope you are keen to share your miniature creations with us and with our show visitors, and potentially with the members of our Facebook group. We share so many skills and interests across the different categories of hobbies based on miniatures of one kind or another. We hope that our public display table might help to highlight this and promote increased cross-over participation and sharing of expertise among the greater community of 'miniaturists'.