

Visiting the 2016 Showcase of Miniatures

What can we see and do at the show?

One highlight of your visit will surely be the exhibit area, where you might find an entire Victorian parlor reduced in exquisite detail to the size of a bread box. We never know what scenes will be exhibited, but creativity, artistry, and craftsmanship are always brilliantly displayed.

You'll also want to stroll the booths of 100+ vendors, including 14 international dealers – even if you have no plans to purchase anything, you'll enjoy browsing their wares. Bid in the silent auction (ending at 2 p.m., Saturday) or try for a raffle prize. You can even explore creating miniatures yourself by joining the free "Tools & Techniques" class on Sunday morning. Find details about all these activities (and a gallery of marvelous photos) on the [Showcase website](#).

What about kids?

It's a great event to share with kids of kindergarten-age and older. They can shop at the children's sale table and, between noon and 3 p.m., create their own imaginative, 3-D works of art for free. Very affordable [classes for kids](#) over the age of eight will be offered on Saturday only.

I want to go!

The show will be held Saturday, October 8 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, October 9 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at the [Doubletree Hotel San Jose](#). Tickets are \$7 for teens and adults, \$5 for seniors (62+), and \$3 for kids (5-12). You can park all day for \$12 with a show-validated ticket, or take a pleasant, [ten-minute walk](#) from VTA's [Metro/Airport light rail stop](#). Wheeled bags and infant strollers must be checked at the show.

Tell me about the show's background.

Last year was the Showcase's 40th anniversary, thanks to a wonderfully dedicated committee of local miniaturists who volunteer their time, energy, and talents. PlaneTree Health Library has been the show's beneficiary since 1997.

See you there – and thank you for supporting our services!

