

Visiting the 2018 Showcase of Miniatures

What can we see and do at the show?

You'll surely want to browse the 100 vendor booths filling the hotel's ballroom. The museum-quality craftsmanship of some wares and the whimsy of others make this area the highlight of the show for visitors, even those who make no purchases.

In the exhibition of completed scenes, you might find an elegant Victorian parlor, reduced in exquisite detail to the size of a bread box, set beside a busy neighborhood gas station from the 1940s. The dioramas vary from year to year, but creativity, artistry, and craftsmanship are always brilliantly displayed.

If you fall in love with something in the silent auction, be sure to place a bid before it ends at 2 p.m. on Saturday. On Sunday from 9:30 to 11 a.m., you can explore creating miniatures yourself by joining the free "Tools & Techniques" class. Find details about all activities (and a gallery of marvelous photos) on the [Showcase website](#).

What about kids?

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



Porcelain doll by [Lilli's Littles](#)

I want to go!

The show will be held Saturday, October 13 (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, October 14 (11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) at the [Doubletree Hotel San Jose](#). Tickets, good for both days, are \$7 for teens and adults and \$3 for kids (5-12). If you aren't staying at the hotel, you can park for \$5 with a show-validated ticket. Another transportation alternative is taking 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.

This is the Showcase's 43rd 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 PlaneTree's services!