

Upcoming Exhibits and Events

OVER THE RAINBOW: TOYS FROM THE LAND OF OZ

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2017 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017

Published in 1900, L. Frank Baum's *Wizard of Oz* is considered America's first fairy tale. Since then, the story of Dorothy's fantastical journey through the Land of Oz has enticed generations. Explore the original literary story and its many retellings, including the 1939 Technicolor film, *Return to Oz*, and *The Wiz*, through playthings, first edition books, and original costumes.

THE THREE-DIMENSIONAL IMAGINATION OF DONNA MOORE

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2017 – SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018

You may not know who Donna Moore is, but if you grew up in the 1980s and 1990s, there is a good chance you played with one of her soft toys. Based in Kansas City, Moore was one of the most prolific toy designers of the late 20th century and her products were sold all over the world. From the "Crazy Crop" characters for Hallmark to the Beatles John, Paul, George, and Ringo for Determined Products, explore Moore's career and artistic process.

LITTLE ADVENTURES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017 – SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2017 | 1-3:30PM

Explore the museum collection through gallery talks and guided tours, then visit the hands-on workshop to make your own toy or miniature. From robots to miniature rugs, each week features a new theme. Included with museum admission. Become a member today to enjoy all ten weeks for free!

MINIATURE MASTERPIECES

JUNE 7 | JUNE 10

Fancy yourself a tiny Leonardo da Vinci? Be inspired by T/m's fine-scale miniature painting collection with works created using brushes that only have one hair! Then, channel your inner Vincent van Gogh or Johannes Landman to paint your own miniature masterpiece on canvas and finish it with a frame of your choice.

STUFFED ANIMALS

JUNE 14 | JUNE 17

They're soft and cuddly, and you can never have too many of them. But what does it take to design one from beginning to end? Explore toy designer Donna Moore's innovative plush toys, and stitch your own small teddy bear to take home.

MINIATURE ROOM SETTINGS

JUNE 21 | JUNE 24

Journey across the world and through time from Tudor England to Colonial America on a tour of T/m's magnificent miniature rooms. Back in the present, make your own miniature room setting in a tiny tin complete with furniture, wallpaper, and flooring.

TOYS GO TO WAR

JUNE 28 | JULY 1

When the world went to war, toys often followed suit. Discover the stories behind the museum's toy soldiers, airplanes, and tanks. Then, make your own parachute trooper and launch it off the museum's grand staircase.

SPLENDID CERAMICS

JULY 5 | JULY 8

From tiles and dishware to vases and sculptures, learn how miniature ceramics are crafted. Then, try your hand at molding and painting a miniature plate.

TOYS OF THE FUTURE

JULY 12 | JULY 15

Blast off on a tour of astounding toys inspired by outer space. But make sure to return to Earth to create your own moving robot out of recycled materials.

ROCKING ROCOCO

JULY 19 | JULY 22

In the 18th century, Rococo style was all the rage. Journey through the museum's miniature Palace of Versailles to learn about French royalty, and make your own miniature desk fit for a king.

OZ-SOME OPTICAL TOYS

JULY 26 | JULY 29

Thaumatrope and Zoetrope and Magic Lanterns, oh my! Discover these wonderful whirling toy inventions from the Victorian age and create your own 3D optical toy featuring a *Wizard of Oz* scene.

WOVEN WONDERS

AUGUST 2 | AUGUST 5

Stitches smaller than the eye can see? Find out how artist's quilt, weave, and needlepoint in miniature. Then, use a loom to weave your own miniature rug.

SURPRISE PROGRAM

AUGUST 9 | AUGUST 12

We wish we could tell you what this one is about, but the museum's education interns are keeping the topic on lockdown. But we do know that it will be a brand *new*, fun program, so come enjoy it with us!

FAREWELL TO SUMMER FREE DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017 | 10AM-4PM

FREE ADMISSION

Check one last thing off your "summer fun" list with free admission to The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures.

MINIATURE MASTERWORKS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

Presented in partnership with the International Guild of Miniature Artisans, Miniature Masterworks is a three-day event at The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures featuring fine-scale miniature artists showcasing and selling their work. Attendees will be able to tour the museum's collection of fine-scale miniatures, meet the artists, attend gallery talks and programs, and view the works presented with the Barbara Marshall Award for Artistic Achievement. Learn more at toyandminiaturemuseum.org/masterworks.