

The Long Island Miniature Collectors Society October 2024

(Something for everybody – even mistakes) October 15th – next monthly meeting of the LIMCS

Freeport Recreation Centre - 7:30 pm

Painter extraordinaire, Michael Hilleary, will be dialing in via iphone to go

through his method of Painting Faces using Scale 75 Artist Acrylics. We will present a slide show at the meeting and Michael will dial in to go through them and his method. The presentation contains many in process shots of Michael's fantastic figures and painting techniques. Please try and attend as you do not want to miss a discussion from one of the current top painters in our miniature field. This is the last meeting before our annual show (November 15 & 16) - so please attend to find out the details (and work assignments)

Your stuff? Why not bring a figure or model or diorama or whatnot that you have or are still working on to a meeting – we have some really talented, experienced, and helpful members who can critique, advise, suggest, guide, and help you with making it even better. **Award Medals** for our show – we're moving ahead on this – more to follow. We need to get the word out – so in addition to our regular attempts to get

some local papers (covering Nassau and parts of Suffolk counties), with coupons (so

notifications into Newsday, we are currently looking into running advertisements in

as to be able to keep track of this effort and if it is worth while doing again). The consideration of making bigger posters was also discussed, as were possible handouts/flyers with our new QR code that can be easily scanned by cell phone cameras and instantly connect with our website for more information. We need to focus on building the attendance at our shows (and in our membership) – any other ideas? We need your help, so please seek opportunities in your areas to advertise and promote both our show and our club. And please let us know

(from dues and show fees) the Club has initiated an additional fund-raising option selling items at tables in our own and at other shows. So far it has been a success. But to continue to do this, we need two things from our membership: 1. Donations – as in books, magazines, pictures, model kits (all parts included), figures, tools, etc. 2. Volunteers – to man the tables at these shows (ours and others)

Donations may be made at any of our meetings. See John Jefferies or Scott Miller

The Club Table at various model shows! In order to augment our meager earnings

for details, to make donations, or to volunteer. 1. How about a "Movie Night" – show a movie and eat some popcorn

Future Meeting ideas: 2. Summer painting meetings? Bring a figure and some paint and brushes

3. Fiftieth Anniversary Party! (We're that old?)

4. Any other ideas? Let us know.

military over the years, starting with German flats in the 1500's right on through to the

Take Away from our September meeting Scot Miller continued his very interesting history of miniature figures (military and non-

1970's. Along with his fascinating discourse (and personal experiences) he supplied the attendees with a printout to follow and quite a number of actual examples from his

- personal collection. Some of the makers of particular interest were: **Pierre Alexandre**/Palx 1935 – 1948
- with his crude 54-60mm "Trades of Paris, the "everyday Life in France of Louis XIII, using soldered lead sheets; **Marcel Baldet** 1940-1972 who was one of the earliest

also wrote a book on fogures in 1961); **Gaston Auger** 1935-1945 whose primary work was of Louis XIV=Second Empire period standard bearers (which were sold by Louis Vuitton/Vichy shop during WWII; Roger Berdou 1946-1976 who did only mounted Napoleonic figures on commission (with no two horses being the same) and was considered one of the best; **Gustove Vertunni** 1940-1955 who made mainly French (and some American) toy soldier like figures painted by DesFontaines.

commission makers with his wide range of figures in the built up/French style (who





And then there was **Josaine DesFontaines** 1949-1976+ (who had studied art &

design and worked for Christian Dior fashion house). She made totally scratch-built

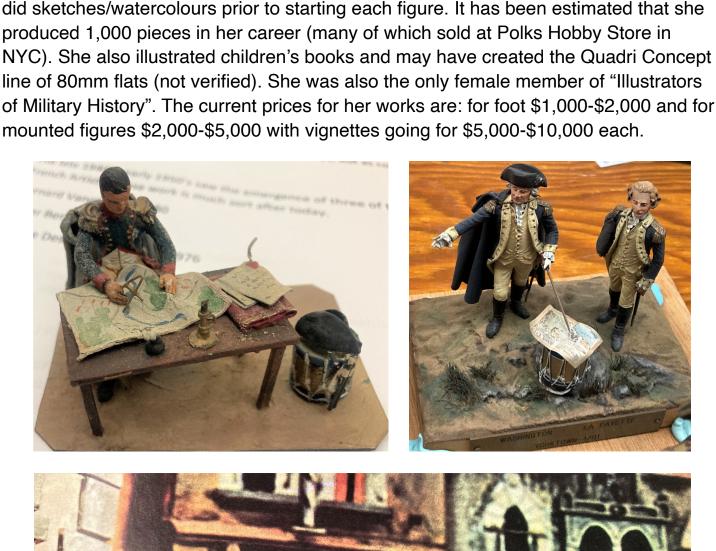
posed and dressed in soldered cut lead/copper (from paper patterns – as in dress

commissioned figures (with no two being the same) using a basic form sculptured and

making) – no glues, painted in oils. As with her fashion design experience at Dior) she

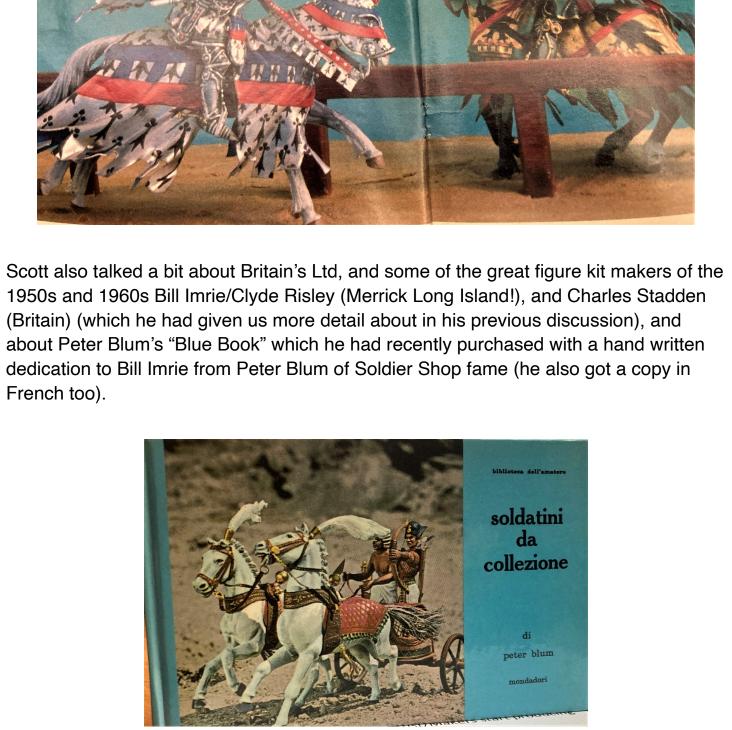
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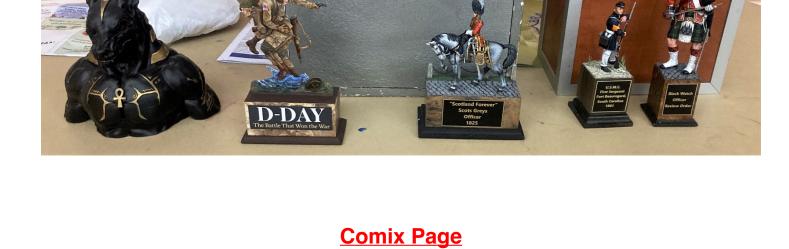












That's Donald Burgess' work on the cover (which Greg DiFranco now proudly owns)

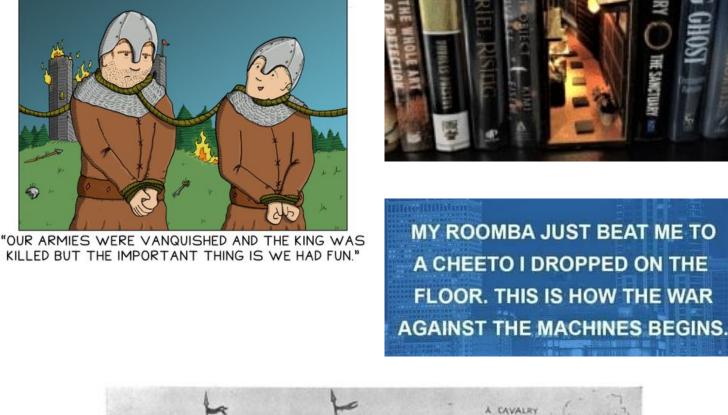
poisoning from handling so many lead figures. Take warning!

Washington Show.

An additional note was about how at one time Scott had contracted a mild case of lead

Photos from our August meeting - see what you missed

Jack Muldoon showed us the figures that had gotten him so many incredible awards at the



DURING AN ADVANCE

BROTHER GENERALS HAVING A QUIET CUP OF

TEA AT THE FRONT

NUTS

UHLANS PREPARING TOAST FOR TEA

LUNCHEON BASKETS UP TO AEROPLANES

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years, and each Expo is hosted by a different model club in a different part of the world. It's a huge and amazing show, but because of the rotating location there is a unique website for each show, but there does not appear to be a master webpage to reference for this show vet. Looks like it will be held at the Palais des Congrès de Versailles on the Rue de le Chancellerie, just outside THE Palace (125 ft as the crow flies) July 4 – 6. 2025 NOW is the time to start thinking about if you are going to go INTRODUCING WORLD'S LARGEST MUSEUM OF FANTASY MINIATURES DISCOVER IMAGINATION UNLEASHED ACROSS 25,000 SQUARE FEET DISCOVER WHAT'S COMING **OVER 16,000 MINIATURE MASTERPIECES**

The World Model Expo is like the Olympics of figure shows. It only occurs every three

LOCATION located just south of the Las Vegas Strip at the Starr exit. 11410 Dean Martin Dr.

> Painting Studio/Classroom Museum, Artist & Game Sto

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Contest and Show Calendar for Miniature Painting and Sculpting – Bird with a Brush ERKO'S VAULT TRENT DENISON FRANCESCO FARABI **BEN KOMETS** IVAN MELNIKOV **COMING SOON TO LAS VEGAS IN 2024** Spanning 25,000 square feet, Verko's Vault will be conveniently Las Vegas, NV 89141 Miniature Museum **Walk Through Diorama** Museum Theater