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# *The Foghorn*

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Finely made model of the English East Indiaman, *Falmouth*, 1752 by F. A. Craven in the **Museum of Science and Industry**, Chicago, IL. A bit dusty after not being cleaned for at least over 50 years, I suspect.



## *Future Course Headings...*

After releasing the September issue of the **Foghorn**, I became informed of many other relevant maritime activities that should be of interest to us. So, I am issuing an updated schedule of public events for everyone's benefit.

- **Future meetings: In-person meetings still cancelled until further notice.** Our next scheduled virtual meeting will be **Thursday, October 14 at 7 PM.** Keep an eye on your inboxes for Jim Rhetta's announcement and Zoom link information. And take pictures of your projects for show and tell if you can!

The **Silicon Valley Scale Modelers** chapter fo the **International Plastic Modelers Society** recently restarted their in-person meetings again, and our Prez, Jim Rhetta, attended the last session and was impressed. It was at **The Game Castle**, located at:

The Game Castle  
1350 Coleman Ave.  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Which is near the San Jose Mineta International Airport. Jim is looking into scheduling an in-person SBMS club meeting there, perhaps around October 30. Stay tuned for more news on this.

- **Museums are starting to open!**

Great News! I see the museums are starting to open and have been doing so for the past few months! **For the most part, masks are required and being fully vaccinated is helpful.** To see what museums are open, I recommend checking their websites and/or calling. Check the museum list in the included **SBMS Resource Guide** for contact information.

- **Cancelled-October, 2021. Nautical Research Guild Annual Convention, Oxnard, CA.** The in-person NRG convention for this year has been cancelled as the problems with the coronavirus pandemic are anticipated to continue to the end of this year. It has been rescheduled still at the **Channel Islands Maritime Museum** (Fig. 1) for October, 2022. Check the NRG website for more news on this.

A virtual visit to this wonderful little museum can still be done via its website at:

<https://cimmvc.org>

and there are several very nice video tours of the museum on YouTube as well.



Fig. 1. Model of *USS Confederacy* in the Channel Islands Maritime Museum.

• **October 3-11, 2021 Fleet Week in San Francisco Bay.**

It looks like our traditional annual **Fleet Week** US Navy ship exhibition with the **Blue Angels** air show (Fig. 2) is scheduled to be on! We all certainly hope this will, indeed, come to pass. More details at:

<https://fleetweeksf.org>



Figure 2. The **Blue Angels** flight demonstration team over San Francisco. Hair raising performance! (US Navy)

• **Sunday, October 17, 11 AM-5 PM. Models of Japanese boats on exhibition at the Asian Art Museum in San Francisco.**

Our own **Clare Hess** will be exhibiting his famous models (Fig. 3.) of Japanese wood coastal craft at the **Asian Art Museum** in San Francisco on **Sunday, October 17**. The exhibition is titled “**At the Crossroads: Healing Through Art, Stories, and Music Across the Asian Diaspora**”. This exhibition will put on display a variety of artistic creations by members of the Asian diaspora of which Clare and I are members. Clare’s models are part o this display.



Fig. 3. Two of Clare’s models of Japanese coastal boats. Left is a *Hacchoro* boat. Right is a *Hobiki-Bune*

This will be a great opportunity to visit the Asian Art Museum if you have not been there in a long time due to COVID or just out of sheer busyness or laziness. **Again, masks are required and being fully vaccinated is helpful.**

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at;

<https://about.asianart.org/ticketing/>

• **Saturday, October 23, 2021, 10 AM-4 PM, USS Hornet in Alameda.**

The Sacramento branch of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) is holding an exhibition of models at the **USS Hornet** aircraft carrier in Alameda on **Saturday, October 23, 10 AM-4 PM**. While most of the models will be of aircraft and armour, there will be ships and naval aircraft as well.



I presume admission will be for the tour of the ship as well as of the exhibition. That would be \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors.

The **USS Hornet** is located at:

707 W. Hornet Ave.  
Alameda, CA 94501

Tickets may be purchased at the door or at:

<https://uss-hornet.org>

**Again, as for all in-person events, masks are required and being fully vaccinated is helpful.**

• **Monday, October 25, 2021, 6:30 PM, Silicon Valley Scale Modelers.**

It looks like the Silicon Valley Scale Modelers branch of the International Plastic Modelers Society (IPMS) is resuming in-person meetings which began this month (Fig. 4). Their meetings look to be on the last Monday of each month which would make October 25, 6:30 PM the next one. However, I cannot guarantee that scheduling, so I suggest checking their meetings web page at:

<http://www.svsm.org/meetings>

to confirm before going.



Fig. 4. Enjoying a display of models at a meeting of the **Silicon Valley Scale Modelers.**

They have changed their meeting location to:

The Game Castle  
1350 Coleman Ave.  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

**Again, I recommend masks and being vaccinated against COVID-19 to protect yourself and others.**

• **Saturday, December 11, 2021, 4 PM, PST, *Lost at Sea: Art Recovered from Shipwrecks.* Virtual online tour at the Asian Art Museum.**

This exhibit on Asian art recovered from two shipwrecks that originated in Vietnam was on display at the **Asian Art Museum** in San

Francisco early last year, but had to close prematurely due to the COVID pandemic. The museum has now scheduled a virtual online tour of these artifacts on **Saturday, December 11 at 4 PM** (Fig 5)



Fig. 5. Vietnamese artifacts recovered from a shipwreck.

One of the wrecks is from a trading vessel that sank in the 15th century off Vietnam's **Hoi An** coast with a cargo of more than 250,000 ceramic objects made for export.

The other is from a French steamer that sank off the coast of Somalia in 1877 loaded with sculptures from a ruined temple of the Cham Culture of central Vietnam which thrived from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Century AD.

Online admission is \$5, and tickets can be purchased at:

<https://calendar.asianart.org/event/exhibition-excursions-lost-at-sea-art-recovered-from-shipwrecks/>