



MODELLING MODELS — Paul Edgar, left, and Bill Daisley of the Capital Area Model Society are preparing for the sixth annual Spring Model Contest, being held in the city April 16. The event is expected to attract competitors from the Maritimes, Ontario and other parts of North America. (Stephen MacGillivray Photo)

Model Airplanes, Ships, Tanks Included In Upcoming Contest

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Everyone is invited but please don't touch.

That's the message from Bill Paisley, organizer of the sixth annual Spring Model Contest to be held at the Brookside Mall April 16.

"The crowds in the past have been generally well behaved, but sometimes you do get the odd little kid who doesn't know any better," he says.

Although some modellers have suffered losses in the past due to curious spectators, the advantages of participating in the annual event far outweigh the risks, says Mr. Paisley — especially since there's no better way to fit hundreds of different types of airplanes, ships, cars and tanks under one roof.

The event, hosted by the Brookside Mall and the Capital Area Model Society, is expected to attract competitors from across the Maritime Provinces as well as from Ontario and other parts of North America.

The competition, advertised in a number of hobby magazines, has even attracted a letter of interest from a model builder in Latvia.

But, "he probably won't be attending," says Mr. Paisley.

Last year there were 199 models entered in the contest with another 250 to 300 on display. More than 150 model builders participated.

Although Mr. Paisley says he's unsure what to expect this year, he says the response so far has been "impressive" and adds that he expects to at least match last year's turnout.

Not only does the annual event allow model builders to compete, it also allows them to exchange information on model kits and modelling techniques.

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. with competitors only allowed two entries in any one category.

Prizes will be awarded to the best models in 11 categories. They are: junior (under 13), armor, ships, auto, sport vehicles, commercial vehicles, modern armor diorama, open class diorama, science fiction and fantasy, aircraft, and figures.

Judging will take place from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., when the presentation of awards will take place.

Ribbons for the top models in each category will be provided by the Brookside Mall. Other trophies and prizes are being provided by various sponsors.

The "Best of Show" trophy will also be provided by the Brookside Mall.

The models will be on display from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. with members of the club and other model builders on hand to answer any questions.

There is no entry fee and local competitors do not have to be members of the CAMS, although anyone is encouraged to join.

The CAMS is a loosely affiliated organization with anywhere between 20 and 30 members at any given time, says Mr. Paisley. About half of the membership belong to the armed forces.