

## Yesterday, today...

For nearly as long as there have been model horses, there have been horse lovers inspired to remake them into something more.

It's a unique folk art, and the past half-century has seen the creation of countless custom model horses.

As time goes by, more and more are surfacing outside the hobby, after having left longtime hobbyists' hands. But with much about them a mystery to the uninitiated, many are relegated to toy status, damaged, or even destroyed.



## ...and tomorrow!

That's where the Vintage Custom Model Equine Center (VCMEC for short--just say "vee-see-mek"! ) comes in! We believe it's important not only to preserve these vintage works, but also to promote them as the folk art that they are, by providing details about their artists and history, and events where they can be shared and shown.

*We've always known  
they're art.*



*Now let's share it with  
the world.*



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## VCMEC Hobby House & Museum

Now under renovation, our 19th-century showplace in Michigan will feature a museum and much more.

Renovation began in 2015 on the VCMEC Hobby House & Museum, the physical home-to-be of the Vintage Custom Model Equine Center. This state-ly 19th-century structure in southwestern Michigan--midway between Detroit and Chicago, and directly off an exit of I-94--will welcome hobbyists as well as introduce visitors to this unique equine folk art and how to get involved in the hobby.

One of its most exciting features will be our museum of vintage custom model horses, with revolving exhibits devoted to various artists and other aspects of the model horse hobby.

Renovation will require some years to complete, but the VCMEC Hobby House & Museum's grand opening is getting closer, day by day!



## VCMEC, the Event!

Compete with your vintage custom model horses either in person or online at Vintage Custom Model Equine Congress!

**Vintage Custom Model Equine Congress** is a bi-annual live show, held for the first time in May 2016, that brings enthusiasts together as their vintage custom models compete for prizes. From the people's-choice Vintage Custom Showcase contest to the judged showrings of the Breed Challenge, it's a day full of ways to celebrate these survivors from the 1960s to the 1990s!

The **VCMEC Online World Championships** is an online photo show series that spans 18 months. Its inaugural edition began in September 2016. It's designed to determine the world's top vintage custom equines through competitions focusing on conformation and breed type, color, and workmanship, judged by an array of respected hobbyists.



## Artist Signature Guide

This online resource displays artists' signatures and more to help identify the creator of your vintage custom horse.

With up-close photos of the signatures, initials, pseudonyms, and symbols used by model horse artists to sign their creations, this valuable reference guide is intended to help decipher the artists behind these one-of-a-kind works of art!

It's mobile-friendly, too, making it a handy research tool wherever and whenever you find a wayward vintage custom model horse.

We're always looking for new additions to the Guide, so if you have vintage custom models by artists not yet in the Guide, or different versions of signatures on models by artists already in the Guide, we'd love to add them! You'll find a submission form on the Guide's top page, <http://www.vcmec.org/signature-guide.html>.

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