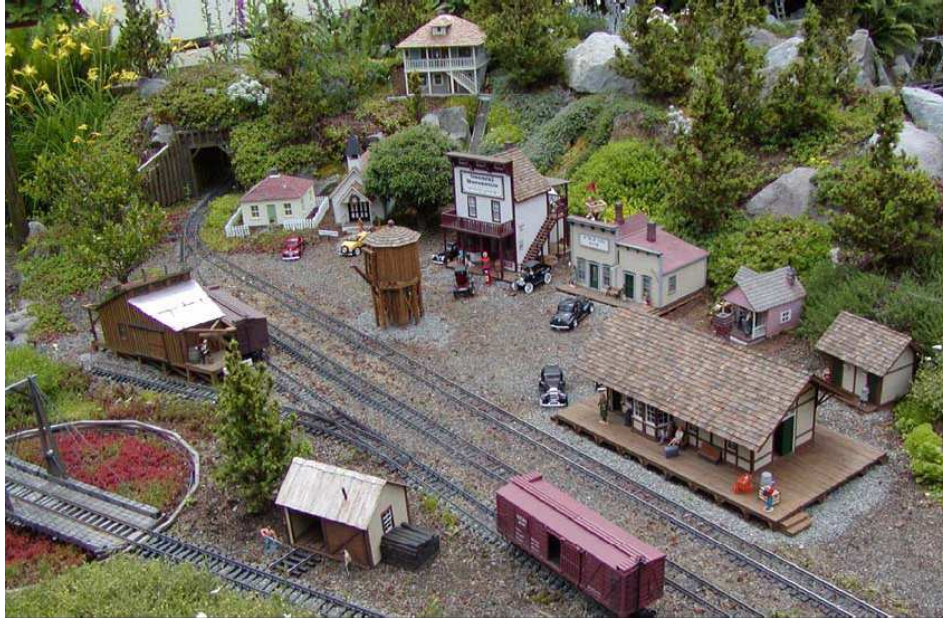


Rose City Garden Railway Society



What Is A Garden Railroad?

Garden railroading encompasses a wide variety of interests that can vary in degrees from the master gardener that happens to have a train and track running through the garden to the “engineer” that has much track and a few selected plants. Most garden railroads have a theme, i.e. logging or mining railroad, a particular era, or a particular road name. Gardening is enjoyed by millions of people and so is model railroading. The two activities enjoyed together gives twice the reward.

The object of garden railroading is to have fun and create a nice visual image. In a garden railway, you are dealing with real life. Mountains are made of soil and rocks. Streams and ponds are made of water. Rain can cause washouts, snow can stop trains, leaves and branches can fall on tracks. Plants must be maintained. But the joy of a garden with a railway feature (or a model railroad with a garden feature) is for many people a very satisfying and relaxing activity.

Garden railroading is the fastest growing part of the model railroading hobby, not in the least because it lives within the pastime of gardening, an interest and environment that can appeal to the entire family. The action and color of the trains bring an additional feature to this environment and become an activity the whole family can join.

Do you need a yard? Absolutely not, there are dozens of interests within the hobby and many families are excited about sharing their systems. Our society meets for parties to run trains, help with maintenance of a layout, hold how-to seminars, modular railroading displays, and other specific interests. We welcome you to join.

Meet the finest and friendliest families who love to play with trains in the garden. We meet at least once a month except in December. All meetings are centered around a layout visit, potluck, clinic or some other activity. Our newsletter comes out a minimum of four times per year. We look forward to meeting you; please come to our next meeting whether or not you have decided to become a member. Please **contact an officer** on our web site and call or email to find out what and where our next activity is and how to get there.

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How to Join

The dues are \$30 per year for an individual and an additional \$6 per year for a Spouse/Significant other or family member. There is only one class of member and all dues paying members have a vote in the business of the society. All dues are payable in December for the following fiscal year.

Name _____
Spouse/Significant other _____
Address _____
Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Telephone Number _____ Email: _____
My Interests: _____

Return the bottom section of this page with your dues payment to: Steve Cogswell, Treasurer RCGRS, 17520 S. Holly Lane, Oregon City, OR 97045. Make checks payable to RCGRS.