

Railway fun day in Garden Hill

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GARDEN HILL -- All aboard the Cleveland Pendock Railway for the Toot For Music fundraiser.

A railway dubbed the Cleveland Pendock Railway (CPR), featuring 400 feet of track, miniature villages and garden scale trains, opens to the public Aug. 18 for the fundraiser, said Cleveland Pendock, who set up the railway on his property. Toot For Music will raise money for the Northumberland Hills Music Festival, a non-profit organization chaired by Dianne Pendock. Ms. Pendock created the miniature villages and her brother, Tony Deveau, an engineer, did the electrical work, said Mr. Pendock. The creation of the garden railway started in April, said Mr. Pendock. Although he has worked weekends and evenings creating the railway, it has been fun, he said.

"It's like having a second childhood," said Mr. Pendock.

The Pendocks moved to Garden Hill six years ago and enjoy attending the model train show in Port Hope, said Mr. Pendock. Each time they visited the show, the couple gravitated to the garden railways, a type of train set outdoors as opposed to indoors, he said. The trains are considerably larger than indoor sets, he added. They thought the railway would look nice in their garden.

"One thing led to another and no sooner we got started and we were up to 400 feet of track," he said.

The opening at the Pendock's home in Garden Hill will be an official Port Hope civic event, said Mr. Pendock. Deputy Mayor Jeff Gilmer will read a proclamation by the town and Ward 2 Councillor, Greg Burns, will drive in the last spike, he said.

The day should be fun for families. Visitors can stroll through the gardens which feature trails, two ponds and waterfalls. There will be music throughout, as well as face painting and balloons for the children. There will also be hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks for sale.

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 18. The rain date is Aug. 19. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children six to 16, and free for children under six years old.

The Pendock residence is at 8081 Caldwell Crt. in Garden Hill. Go north on County Road 10, west on County Road 9, right on Woodlands, left on Frost, right on Caldwell Court. For more information, contact Dianne Pendock at 905-797-1134.



Cleveland Pendock, CPR, the Cleveland Pendock Railway. GARDEN HILL -- Cleveland Pendock will open CPR, the Cleveland Pendock Railway on Aug. 18 at his home in Garden Hill. The garden railway features 400 feet of track, miniature villages and garden scale trains. The event is a fundraiser for the Northumberland Hills Music Festival, a non-profit organization chaired by Mr. Pendock's wife, Dianne Pendock. August 13, 2012. *Submitted photo*