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Fascinating hobby of garden model railroading on display June 9-10 in 11 locations

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It is a garden and model railroad enthusiast's "Dream Weekend" June 9-10 as the Greater Cincinnati Garden Railway Society (GCGRS) presents its 2012 Summer Layout Tour. The event is free to the public and is spread throughout numerous communities in Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky.

Garden Railroading is a fascinating hobby wherein model railroading enthusiasts design large-scale (G-Scale) model trains to fit in their outdoor private garden settings. And many of these amazing outdoor large-scale model trains will be on display at six layout locations Saturday (June 9) in Northern Kentucky-Southern Cincinnati, and five layout locations Sunday (June 10) in the Northern Greater Cincinnati area. The event hours are 1p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Northern Kentucky-Southern Ohio outdoor train layouts will be at private residences in Walton, Crestview Hills, Villa Hills, Taylor Mill and Burlington in Kentucky and Batavia and Delhi in Greater Cincinnati. The northern Greater Cincinnati area model train layouts will be in Fairfield, Mason, Oxford, and two separate locations in Colerain.

As an added bonus for tour-takers, in addition to the 11 free outdoor displays, two indoor model train displays are offering admission discounts in conjunction with the GCGRS Tour – Saturday at the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Covington's Devou Park and Sunday at the award-winning EnterTRAINment Junction in West Chester. The public just needs to mention they are on the GCGRS tour to receive the discount admissions.

For exact locations, maps, times, background and photos, the public can go to www.GCGRS.ORG. Maps are also available at EnterTRAINment Junction and the Behringer-Crawford Museum.

"The artistic workmanship in all aspects of these outdoor model train layouts is remarkable," says GCGRS President Larry Koehl, "and the appeal spans genders and generations. Model-makers enjoy the miniature buildings, bridges and diorama-like scenes. Gardeners and landscapers like the creative rock gardens and gardens with special water features plus the many small plant

varieties worked into the layouts. Train enthusiasts enjoy seeing various control and power methods, as well as the wide variety of locomotives and railroad equipment. And kids like the many miniature people and animals that live in the train layouts, plus the noises the trains make and figuring out where the train might go next."

The GCGRS mission is to provide a means for its members and others to exchange ideas, learn and enjoy the hobby of large-scale indoor/outdoor model railroading. Railroad gardening is an enjoyable hobby and the GCGRS is oriented toward fun for the entire family.

RESIDENCES THAT WILL BE DISPLAYING G-SCALE MODEL RAILWAYS IN THEIR HOME GARDENS AS PART OF THE SUMMER LAYOUT TOUR:

Mason:

Chuck & Pat Ellsworth, the Ellsworth Garden, 5728 Running Fox Ln., Mason OH 45040 (513) 336-9792

Oxford:

Alan & Liz Pantle, Midwestern and Rainbow Tunnel Railroad, 111 Country Club Dr., Oxford OH 45056 (513) 524-2124

Colerain:

Jim & Jane Matchett, J and J Railroad Co., 11929 Stonequarry Ct., Cincinnati OH 45251 (513) 245-2411



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Fairfield:

Bob & Barb Ampulski, OnTrackRR, 5674 Red Oak Dr., Fairfield OH 45014 (513) 829-4990

Colerain:

Ray & Charlotte Hughes, Skyridge Railroad, 9846 Skyridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45252 (513) 385-6599

Delhi:

Chris & Bev Deye, Brittany Ridge and Muddy Creek Railroad, 6974 Brittany Ridge Ln. Cincinnati OH 45233 (513) 467-9609

Batavia, OH:

Ron Hill, Big Maple Railroad, 4039 Amelia-Olive Branch Rd., Batavia, OH 45103 (513) 753-5859

Walton, Ky:

Dan & Pam Stenger, Cranberry & Linville River Railroad Co., 557 Mustang Dr., Walton, KY 41094 (859) 485-6844

Villa Hills, Ky:

John & Martha Lange, Clear Creek District, 2727 Wesley Dr., Villa Hills, KY 41017 (859) 331-5517

Burlington, Ky:

Harold & Peggy Bacon, Bacon's Schweitzer Gartenbahn, 2663 Sterling Pl., Burlington, Ky 41005 (859) 586-1117

Crestview Hills, Ky:

Mike & Jeanette Wolf, Fern Valley Railroad, 164 Lookout Farm Dr., Crestview Hills KY (859) 331-0472

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