



25th National Garden Railway Convention
Denver, Colorado
July 5-11, 2009



Registration Information

2009 NGRC
P.O. Box 73
Larkspur, CO 80118

Welcome to the 2009 NGRC registration process. In the beginning of this packet you will find all the detailed information regarding various convention "all-inclusive" registration package deals as well as a la carte items for those who want to customize their convention experience. Once you have decided which packages or a la carte items you want please proceed to the registration form in the back of this packet, fill out the form and return it. Remember, some events have limited space, so early registration is recommended. The convention will be held at the Denver Marriott Tech Center. Hotel reservations may be made *after* July 29, 2008 with Marriott either online or by phone.

Denver Marriott Tech Center
4900 South Syracuse Street
Denver, CO 80237 USA
(303) 779-1100

<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dentc-denver-marriott-tech-center/>

LIST OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY: Cog Railway and Royal Gorge Route

Take our bus to two train rides that will show you the extremes of Colorado. Sunday the bus will leave the Marriott and drive to the base of Pike's Peak mountain in Manitou Springs. There you will board the Cog Railway and share a breath taking ride to the 14,000 foot top of the mountain. There you will come to understand why Katharine Lee Bates wrote "America The Beautiful" after going to the top of Pike's Peak. After spending approximately a half hour at the top for some fantastic photo opportunities, you'll board the Cog Railway to return to the station below. (continued on next page)

Upon returning to the station, you'll board the bus and share your memories over a box lunch as the bus works its way to Canyon City. In Canyon City you'll board the train that will take you into the 1,000 foot deep Royal Gorge that has been carved by the Arkansas River. The 24 mile breathtaking ride along the narrow base of the gorge. You may even see some white water river rafters running class IV rapids!

MONDAY: Georgetown Loop RR & Gold Mine Tour

Once again we invite you to board our big bus for a ride to Georgetown, Colorado to experience a ride on the famous Georgetown Loop Rail Road. The route connects the towns of Georgetown and Silver Plume, climbing over 600 feet in just 3 miles of track, crossing four bridges including the Devil's Gate High Bridge.

Upon your return to the station, you'll return to the bus for a short ride to Idaho Springs and the Argo Gold Mine & Mill. It is quite interesting as it is one of the only stamp mills that remains as it was when it was working. At one time, when gold was \$18 - \$35 per ounce, the mill processed over 100 million dollars worth of gold!

After touring the Gold Mine you'll then be taken to some unique garden railways that have been crafted in the mountains to the west of Denver.

TUESDAY: Layout Tours, Banquet and Dance

Tuesday morning will be spent visiting garden railways in metro Denver. Upon your return to the Marriott you'll have the opportunity to attend some clinics and to visit at our hospitality area and cash bar.

Tuesday evening we invite you to our convention banquet where the guest speaker will be Colorado native and award winning novelist Margaret Coel. Ms Coel is a New York times best selling author of the acclaimed Wind River mystery series, and author of "Goin' Railroading". Immediately after the banquet there will be a short break to discuss future conventions. Then the music will begin for

dancing to the music played by our own DJ team Henry and Nancy Gonzales. All of those who attended the banquet will be welcomed to the dance.

WEDNESDAY: Layout Tours, Ice Cream Social and Exhibit Hall Grand Opening

Wednesday morning will be spent visiting garden railways in metro Denver. Upon your return to the Marriott you'll have the opportunity to attend some clinics, visit our cash bar and attend the Ice Cream Social in the hospitality area.

At 5 PM the Convention Hall will open for the first time and only registered attendees will be given admission.

Finally, at 9 PM you might end the day by listening to a Guest Speaker. (location in hotel to be determined)

THURSDAY: Layout Tours, Denver Dining Experience or Forney Museum

Thursday morning your bus will take you to garden railways in metro Denver. Upon your return to the Marriott you'll again have the opportunity to attend clinics and visit with new and old friends at our cash bar.

Thursday afternoon the Convention Hall will be open from noon until 5 PM.

In the evening there will be some options:

Option 1 at 5PM, is for those who enjoy fine dining. We have arranged for you to be transported to some of Denver's best and most unique restaurants. At the restaurant you will be responsible for paying for whatever you order as well as tips and any other charges made by the restaurant.

The restaurants you have to choose from are:

- 1) The Fort - Steak, Wild Game, Elegance - Entrees from \$24 - \$52
- 2) The Buckhorn Exchange - Steak, Wild Game, Old West Fare - Entrees from \$22 - \$49
- 3) The Wynkoop Brewing Company - Burgers, Sandwiches, Steaks - Entrees from \$8 - \$23

There is very limited seating at each of these restaurants. Reservations are to be made individually with the Restaurant Coordinator _____. You may contact her by email at _____. The transportation to the restaurants will depart the Marriott at 5:15 PM.

Option 2 at 6PM, will be to take a bus to the Forney Museum of Transportation for a self-guided tour of their one-of-a-kind collection of over 500 exhibits relating to historical transportation.

FRIDAY: Layout Tours, BBQ at the Colorado Railroad Museum

Friday morning your bus will take you to garden railways in metro Denver.

In the evening, we will be bused to the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, Colorado for train rides and a BBQ.

SATURDAY: Ski Train to Winter Park, Layout Tours in Fort Collins

The convention hall will be open to the public from 10 AM to 4 PM.

There will be an optional Train Ride into the Rocky Mountains and through the Moffat Tunnel. Once in Winter Park you are on your own to walk around, buy yourself a chair lift ride, lunch, go shopping or enjoy other activities going on.

There will also be an optional tour of the garden railroads in Fort Collins.

VACATION PACKAGE OPTIONS

6 DAY PLATINUM VACATION:

Day 1 - Sunday: Bus trip to Pikes Peak Cog Railway ride, box lunch, and Royal Gorge Railroad ride.

Day 2 - Monday: Bus trip to Georgetown Loop RR ride, mine tour, and tour several garden railroads.

Day 3 - Tuesday: Layout tours, return to hotel for clinics, banquet and dance.

Day 4 - Wednesday: Layout tours, clinics, and convention activities, ice cream social, opening night of exhibit halls.

Day 5 - Thursday: Layout tours, clinics, convention activities, followed by a bus trip to a local restaurant or a bus trip to the Forney Museum.

Day 6 - Friday: Layout tours, clinics, and convention activities, bus trip to the Colorado Railroad Museum with steam train rides, Galloping Goose rides and a western BBQ dinner.

The Platinum package includes convention registration, access to the exhibit hall and all other convention benefits. Bus transportation will be provided for each event. Convention car and merchandise not included. Total price based per person.

Platinum Package (with Royal Gorge Route dinner)	\$554	after January 31, 2009: \$610
Platinum Package (with Royal Gorge Route lunch)	\$539	after January 31, 2009: \$593
Platinum Package (with Royal Gorge Route coach)	\$499	after January 31, 2009: \$549

5 DAY GOLD VACATION:

Day 1 - Monday: Bus trip to Georgetown Loop RR ride, mine tour, and tour several mountain garden railroads.

Day 2 - Tuesday: Layout tours, return to hotel for clinics, banquet and dance.

Day 3 - Wednesday: Layout tours, clinics, and convention activities, ice cream social, opening night of exhibit halls.

Day 4 - Thursday: Layout tours, clinics, convention activities, followed by a bus trip to a local restaurant or a bus trip to the Forney Museum.

Day 5 - Friday: Layout tours, clinics, and convention activities, bus trip to the Colorado Railroad Museum with steam train rides, Galloping Goose rides and a western BBQ dinner.

The Gold package includes convention registration, access to the exhibit hall and all other convention benefits. Bus transportation will be provided for each event. Convention car and merchandise not included. Total price based per person.

Gold Package \$374 after January 31, 2009: \$410

4 DAY SILVER VACATION:

Day 1 - Tuesday: Layout tours, return to hotel for clinics, banquet and dance.

Day 2 - Wednesday: Layout tours, clinics, and convention activities, ice cream social, opening night of exhibit halls.

Day 3 - Thursday: Layout tours, clinics, convention activities, followed by a bus trip to a local restaurant or a bus trip to the Forney Museum.

Day 4 - Friday: Layout tours, clinics, and convention activities, bus trip to the Colorado Railroad Museum with steam train rides, Galloping Goose rides and a western BBQ dinner.

The Silver package includes convention registration, access to the exhibit hall and all other convention benefits. Bus transportation will be provided for each event. Convention car and merchandise not included. Total price based per person.

Silver Package \$274 after January 31, 2009: \$301

DRIVER'S SPECIAL:

Day 1 - Monday: Self guided layout tours

Day 2 - Tuesday: Self-guided layout tours, return to hotel for clinics, banquet and dance.

Day 3 - Wednesday: Self guided layout tours, clinics, and convention activities, ice cream social, opening night of exhibit halls.

Day 4 - Thursday: Self guided layout tours, clinics, & convention activities.

Day 5 - Friday: Self guided layout tours, clinics, and convention activities, bus trip to the Colorado Railroad Museum with steam train rides, Galloping Goose rides and a western BBQ dinner.

Driver's Special: \$200 after January 31, 2009: \$220

A LA CARTE MENU OPTIONS

Items are listed by day of the week. Each item price is based per person.

Basic Convention Registration (must be purchased in addition to any other items)

You must purchase the convention registration with any other purchase from the A la Carte menu. Included with registration: convention program, ID badge, admission to exhibit halls, clinics, and ice cream social.

Individual Registration: \$91	after January 31, 2009: \$119
Couples Registration: \$110	after January 31, 2009: \$135
Family Registration: \$150	after January 31, 2009: \$175

Sunday:

Cog Railway to Pikes Peak, Royal Gorge Train Ride (Lunch, Dinner, or Coach) box lunch included for return bus trip.

Coach: \$150 after January 31, 2009: \$170
Lunch: \$200 after January 31, 2009: \$230
Dinner: \$220 after January 31, 2009: \$250

Monday:

Georgetown Loop Train Ride, Mine Tour, Bus Tour of Mountain Garden Railways (box lunch included)
\$108 after January 31, 2009: \$124

Tuesday:

Garden Railway Bus Tour in Denver (5hrs.): \$20 after January 31, 2009: \$25
Convention Banquet and Dance: Select one per person: \$76 after January 31, 2009: \$83

Wednesday:

Garden Railway Bus Tour in Denver (7hrs.): \$24 after January 31, 2009: \$28

Thursday:

Garden Railway Bus Tour in Denver (5hrs.): \$18 after January 31, 2009: \$20
Forney Museum Bus Trip: \$15 after January 31, 2009: \$18

Friday:

Garden Railway Bus Tour in Denver (6hrs): \$20 after January 31, 2009: \$24
Colorado RR Museum Evening with BBQ: \$36 after January 31, 2009: \$40

Saturday:

Garden Railway Tour in Fort Collins (10hrs.): \$54
Train Ride into the Rocky Mountains/Moffat Tunnel: \$100

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- ★ Registration for the platinum, gold, and silver convention tour packages and individual bus tours will close after April 6, 2009 as buses fill up. (Bus seating is available on a first registered, first served basis and will be limited to full bus loads. Bus seats will be assigned according to date of purchase.)
 - ★ Registration for the Driver's Special will close June 8, 2009.
 - ★ Basic Registration for the convention will close Monday, July 6, 2009 at 7 PM
 - ★ A La Carte registration will close after April 6th, 2009 as buses fill up.
 - ★ Changes or cancellations, will not be accepted and no refunds will be made after April 30, 2009
 - ★ Sign in and picking up of registration package will take place in the lobby area 50 feet to the right of the DTC Marriott (Hotel Registration desk.
 - ★ Times for sign in and picking up of registration packets will be as follows:
 - Saturday, July 4, from 6 PM to 8 PM;
 - Sunday, July 5, from 5 PM to 8 PM;
 - Monday, July 6, from 5 PM to 8 PM;
 - Tuesday, July 7 from 7 AM to 4 PM.
 - ★ The registration packet includes your convention badge, tickets to special events and bus tours that you have purchased.
 - ★ Your convention badge should be worn at all times as it tells members of the convention committee that you are authorized to be where you are.
 - ★ All prices are subject to change.



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MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete this form and return to:
2009 NGRC
Box 73
Larkspur, CO 80118.

Registrations must be postmarked by January 31 in order to be included in the early registration discounted rate. Registrations submitted and postmarked after January 31st will be calculated at the full rate and will not be processed until the full balance has been received.

Name:	Postal or ZIP Code:
Address:	Telephone: () -
City:	Email Address:
State/Province:	RR Club Affiliation:
Please list badge names (first & last) of all people in your group below and enter the total amount from each person's individual registration form in the column on the right. Please fill out a registration form for each member in your party and mail all forms to the registrar.	
Guest #1	\$
Guest #2	\$
Guest #3	\$
Guest #4	\$
Total Amount Due	
	\$

Payment Information

Payment Method (circle one): Check (include check # _____) or Credit Card	
Credit card type (circle one): Visa Master Card American Express Discover	
Name on credit card:	Exp. Date:
Credit card number:	3 Digit Security # (on back of card)

Guest Name:

PACKAGE MENU

6 DAY PLATINUM VACATION PACKAGE (select either Dinner, Lunch or Coach and enter the amount)

Dinner Train Early Discount \$554 - after Jan. 31, 2009: \$610

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Lunch Train Early Discount \$539 - after Jan. 31, 2009: \$593

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Coach Train Early Discount \$499 - after Jan. 31, 2009: \$549

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Banquet Entree (circle one) Beef Chicken Fish Vegetarian

Thursday Evening Option (circle one) Fort Buckhorn Exchange The Wynkoop Forney Museum...None of the above

5 DAY GOLD VACATION PACKAGE

Early Discount \$374 - after Jan. 31, 2009: \$410

\$

Banquet Entree Options (circle one) Beef Chicken Fish Vegetarian

Thursday Options (circle one) Fort Buckhorn Exchange The Wynkoop Forney Museum None of the above

4 DAY SILVER VACATION PACKAGE

Early Discount \$274 - after Jan. 31, 2009: \$301

\$

Banquet Entree Options (circle one) Beef Chicken Fish Vegetarian

Thursday Options (circle one) Fort Buckhorn Exchange The Wynkoop Forney Museum None of the above

DRIVER'S SPECIAL

Early Discount \$200 - after Jan. 31, 2009: \$235

\$

Banquet Entree Options (circle one) Beef Chicken Fish Vegetarian

If you have chosen your vacation package, you do not need to sign up for any items in the a la carte section, but please look in our Extras section to reserve an extra train trip or garden railroad tour on Saturday.

A LA CARTE MENU

*****You must purchase the convention registration with any other purchase from the A La Carte Menu*****

CONVENTION REGISTRATION please select the appropriate option and enter the price in the corresponding right column.

One convention program, ID badge(s), and admission to exhibit halls, clinics and ice cream social included with registration.

Individual Registration Early discount: \$90 after Jan. 31, 2009: \$120

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Couple Registration Early discount: \$110 after Jan. 31, 2009: \$135 (only one per couple)

\$

Family Registration (family of 3-4) Early discount: \$150 after Jan. 31, 2009: \$175 (only one per family of 4 or less)

\$

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Banquet and Dance with Guest Speaker, Margaret Coel \$76 after Jan. 31, 2009: \$83	
Entree Options (circle one): Beef Chicken Fish Vegetarian	\$

WEDNESDAY:	
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THURSDAY:	
Garden Railway Bus Tour in Denver (5 hours) \$20 after Jan. 31, 2009: \$25	\$
Bus Trip to Forney Transportation Museum (admission included): \$15 after Jan. 31, 2009 \$18	\$

FRIDAY:	
Garden Railway Bus Tour in Denver (6 hours) \$20 after Jan. 31, 2009: \$25	\$
Bus Trip to the Colorado Railroad Museum/BBQ: \$36 after Jan. 31, 2009: \$40	\$

EXTRA Activities!

SATURDAY:	
Garden Railway Bus Tour in Fort Collins (10 hours) \$55 after Jan. 31, 2009: \$65	\$
Train ride into the Rocky Mountains and Moffat Tunnel afternoon in Winter Park: \$100 after Jan. 31, 2009: \$120	\$

Summary of purchases for this guest	
Individual Vacation Package Subtotal:	\$
Individual A La Carte Menu Subtotal:	\$
Individual Extras Subtotal	\$
Individual Subtotal (enter this figure on the first page of the mail-in registration form)	\$