

Hello and welcome to the Rose City Garden Railway Society's Summer Tour! This year we have added two new garden railroads. It is unlikely anyone will see them all in a day, so chose the ones you like. The ** in the driving instructions indicate places you can start following the directions if you don't take them in order. You can also use a GPS to help you find our garden railroads.

The Rose City Garden Railway Society began in the early 1990's and as of today we are 52 families strong, making our membership of 86 people. Almost all the garden railroads that you will visit are one of a kind. They were created with a vision and either built into an existing landscape or the landscape was created to fit the railroad or perhaps some of both.

One of the most interesting aspects of our hobby is that there is usually something of interest for everyone, be it trains, flowers or ground covers, Bonsai, water features, miniature buildings, miniature people, or creating vignettes for the imagination.

Garden railroading is the fastest growing segment of the model train hobby. The equipment you will see is G scale approximately ½ inch in scale (½"=1 foot) and specifically built for operation out doors. Most trains get power through the rails. But within this hobby you can also see battery-powered equipment with radio controls and even live steam engines. The rails are brass, aluminum, nickel silver or stainless steel and stay outside all year.

Many of the plants we use are small, dwarf, or miniature, pruned to look like the 1:1 scale adult trees, with accents of mosses and thyme's to create meadows a myriad of small blooming flowers to create the miniature world of garden railroading.

Be sure to look at the pages in the back of the book "About our Club" If you join our club today on June 18th and you get a credit of the \$10 you paid for your Summer Tour Booklet against your 2011 dues. It then costs only \$20 for a single or \$26 per couple to join our railroad family. Attend any or all of our monthly potlucks, run trains, go on tours, participate in work parties and clinics, get our monthly newsletter, attend movies, ride trains, and have some fun with us. It is an even better value than attending our Summer Tour!

Thank you for coming and enjoying the 2011 Railroads in the Garden Summer Tour.

Jeff Lang
President