

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

At the core of every organization is the idea of making it easier to provide for its members what its members cannot easily provide for themselves. *North Ohio Garden Railway Society* membership provides the opportunity to meet men & women with fresh ideas and years of model railroading experience on a unique scale and in a unique environment. "We Grow Trains in Our Gardens" is a motto that few other railway fans can engage. Go bigger and you're outdoors riding around on a land parcel set aside for these giants. Go smaller and you're indoors, probably in the basement, attic or garage.

Garden railroading is a marriage of landscaping, flowerbeds and imagination. You'll find as many diverse layouts as you will people... from quaint to period to rustic to modern to historic to fanciful to whimsical. If you've explored the possibilities, then you've already discovered that G-Scale railroading opens creative and rewarding possibilities that merges beautifully with gardening and open-air enjoyment. You've also found that it can significantly tax the budget. That's when a membership pays off in real \$\$\$.

Along with a vast resource of knowledge, muscle and experience, NOGRS membership makes available resources and opportunities in acquiring tools, buildings, parts, rolling stock and the know-how necessary for a successful display. NOGRS has been doing this for over 20 years.

And it doesn't stop there. NOGRS members have been involved in installing public displays in prominent shopping venues, entertainment facilities, for children's programs and senior facilities. Our Christmas displays have been news-worthy. Some members have written for prominent modeling publications. You've seen another one of our member's creative work at a large nearby amusement park and at various retailers. Our membership participates in the community, dispersed across a large portion of North Ohio. Every year, an updated Members' Directory is published.

Along with Garden Railroading, NOGRS provides the opportunity to visit interesting railway sites around Ohio and beyond its borders. A yearly group pilgrimage to one of Eastern United States' largest train shows where ideas and resources abound, not to mention the opportunity to do a little sight-seeing in the area.

NOGRS membership is a great way to keep in touch with people of like interests. Even though the distances are large, there's almost always someone close by and the social venues, like our annual holiday party, appreciation dinners and building projects provide opportunities to make new acquaintances and refresh old ones. Keep us vital. Please renew your membership or consider joining us today. Email Kevin Kipp for membership.

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