

South County Garden Railroaders

Invite you to our 21st annual

Garden Layout Tour

to benefit the

“St Josephs Center & the Community Pantry”

on SATURDAY, August 15, 2015 from 9AM to 4PM



visit 10 model railroads running thru some of the most unusual backyard gardens in Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Prunedale and Hollister. Please bring non perishable food [canned goods, pasta, cereal, etc] to donate [cash or check to “St Josephs Family Center” or “the Community Pantry” also gratefully accepted] and pickup a guide book after August 1st at Garden Accents at 11155 Lena Avenue, Gilroy [near 101-Masten exit], BookSmart at 80 East 2nd Street, Morgan Hill [Near Depot Street at RR Tracks. For more information call Dale [408-848-1440] or Email “dalemcanally@verizon.net” or Dave [408-842-1843] for more information.

Our Thanks

We thank you for your donations. Now is a particularly difficult time of year for the St Josephs Family Center and Community Pantry organizations. Donations peak during the Holiday season but summer time is when kids are out of school [no school lunch program] and really need our help. With the economy so bad, this year is particularly difficult.

Garden Railroad Tour Etiquette

- We reserve parking in our driveways for the handicapped. Please park on the street unless you need the handicapped parking.
- Please sign the guest book when you visit us. Comments are appreciated.
- Introduce yourself to your host and ask all of the questions you want to. We enjoy sharing what we have learned.
- Plan your tour to avoid needing to use of your host restrooms. Some of us are on septic systems and cannot handle heavy usage.
- Carpooling is encouraged. Some sites have very limited parking and the fewer vehicles are better.
- Well behaved children are always welcome. Please do not allow them to climb on or walk thru our layouts. Many of plants, buildings and trains are fragile, unlike the toys they are used to. Unruly guest of any age will be asked to leave.
- Smoking is prohibited [engines may smoke at will]

Frequently Ask Questions

1. Are the plants real? Yes – we spend a lot of time locating fine leafed plants that work in our layouts and look to be “in scale”. Unfortunately, so are the weeds real.
 2. May I take pictures? Yes – but please ask before you walk out on the railroad.
 3. Do you leave it out year round? We leave the track out year round. The trains are usually taken inside. Buildings are sometimes left out – sometimes not [weather can be particularly unkind to wooden structures].
 4. How much does it cost? A lot or a little. The major startup expense is track which can cost \$3 to \$10 per foot depending on the type of material and brand. You will have to buy enough for a viable layout all at one time [you can always expand]. Engines and rolling stock can be anywhere for \$200 for a starter set to as high as \$6000 for a highly detailed museum quality live steam locomotive. Plants can be found at local nurseries at reasonable prices. Structures are available in kit form or can be made from scrap found in the shop so price can vary substantially for a high detail kit of a large structure such a lumber mill.
 5. Where do the locomotives get their power? Usually from the tracks which have a 22v DC power applied by a power supply. Some also can run on battery power or real live steam engines [just like the real ones do]
 6. Will I get electrocuted if touch the track? No – you may feel a slight tingle, but that is all.
 7. How much room do you need for a Garden Railway? Not a lot. Today you’ll see layout as small as 20’x20’ to taking up the whole yard. It’s up to you.
 8. Where can I find out more? A good place to start is by joining a club. The Bay Area Garden Railway Society www.bagrs.org is our local group. Most major metropolitan areas have clubs as well.
 9. How is garden railroading different from other model railroads? Garden railroads are more of a family affair involving gardening, model building, track installation, etc. Many families have divided responsibility for each aspect among its members. It also tends to be more social than other model railroad groups.
 10. What is “the Community Pantry” and “St Josephs Family Center”? They are two independent local food banks that provide thousands of bags of food to the hungry in our community each year. Both have websites - www.communitypantry.com and www.stjosephsgilroy.org.
 11. How much should I donate? The stock answer is “All you can and then some”. We do not set any donation amount so that all who wish to can participate. As a guide line consider donating what you can afford for you and your family for a full day’s entertainment. Should you wish to donate more as the day goes on, any site would be glad to accept and forward it to the food banks. If you give a check, please make it out to “St Josephs Center” or “the Community Pantry”. [we do not have a checking account, so we can’t deposit checks] Both food banks send acknowledgements to address on the checks receive for tax purposes.
 12. Can I give a gift card instead of cash or check? Yes – both food banks are grateful for gift cards. They really prefer Nob Hill or Safeway as both organizations are especially generous to them.
 13. How do I find out about next year’s open house? Send an email to Dale at dalemcanally@verizon.net giving your email address and ask to be added to our list. We also get a lot of publicity from our local papers and merchants.
- . Directions are given to each layout from Highway 101 starting in Morgan Hill and proceeding South to Hollister & Prunedale for each open house. Direction from one to the next listed on last page as well

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| Morgan Hill | Gary, Jolene & Lucas Knoth Gary & Cheri Broeder John Wright & Doris Lord | 305 Kalana Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 2200 Llagas Creek, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 2315 Kimberly Court, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 |
| Gilroy | Garden Accent Nursery Bob & Linda Elia Horace & Nan Fabing Nigel Mallinson Dave & Peggy Hartwig | 11155 Lena Avenue, Gilroy, CA 95020 8430 David Court, Gilroy, CA 95020 505 La Sierra Way, Gilroy, CA 95020 8520 Culp Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020 6690 Devon Place, Gilroy, CA 95020 |
| Hollister | Curtis, Ellen & Kevin Hill | 791 Ridgemark Drive, Hollister, CA 95023 |
| Prunedale | Dan Smith | 18043 Lillian Lane, Prunedale, CA 93907 |

Morgan Hill Open Houses:

L&G (Lucas and Grandpa) Railroad: This is a 42 foot by 62 foot freelance mainline railroad on a raised planting area. The railroad is wheelchair accessible. The railroad has been under construction for about two years. All of the track work and basic landscaping are completed. There is a castle on the hill with a small built-in waterfall. There is a tunnel and as well as two 4’ long trestles and a 16’ curved trestle. There is a waterfall into a lake, a second waterfall into a stream and several dry washes with bridges. There is approximately 500 feet of track including a six track storage yard housed in a shed. Five year old Lucas likes to select the trains so it would not be unusual to see abnormal combinations of running gear. Nancy Schramm of Carmans Nursery will be at this site to

answer plant related questions and will have plants for sale. Directions: from 101 Southbound, exit on Bailey Avenue West to Santa Teresa, left on Santa Teresa [South] 2 ½ miles and right on Kalana 200 yard. From 101 Northbound exit at Cochrane Road West to Monterey Road, right on Monterey [North] to Tilton Avenue, turn left to Hale Avenue (Santa Teresa), right 1 mile to Kalana, left on Kalana. **Gary, Jolene & Lucas Knoth, 305 Kalana Avenue, Morgan Hill (408)463-9412**
gary.w.knoth@prodigy.net

Llagas Creek Railway: The first Llagas Creek Railway was built in 1987 and has been rebuilt several times over the past 26 years. The current railway consists of a large loop with 10 foot radius curves, a “Y” and a triple track Steam-up yard. Railway runs “Live Steam”, just like the real ones. The line features two cast concrete arch viaducts, one over 9 feet long and 2 feet in height. Extensive use of local rock and a variety of plantings help the line blend into the surrounding area. Gary & Cheri Broeder 2200 Llagas Road, Morgan Hill, CA 95037- (408-779-4391) cervelo8@gmail.com Directions: From 101 Southbound - Turn right onto Cochrane Rd - 0.8 mi Turn left onto Monterey St [Stop Light] - 0.5 mi Turn right onto Old Monterey Rd [Stop Sign] - 0.2 mi Turn left onto Llagas Rd - 1.1 mi Bear right to stay on Llagas Rd - 1.2 mi Turn left to stay on Llagas Rd - 0.7 mi [The last intersection is Dahlberg]

The John Wright Railroad [First Time Open]: John has been planning this railroad for several years but other priorities seem to keep getting in the way. This year, he has finally manage to find time to get 700’ of track laid and will have engines running. A good chance to see a brand new layout and watch it mature over the coming years. John Wright & Doris Lord, 2315 Kimberly Court, Morgan Hill, CA 95037 – 408-776-7862 jwrightea@aol.com Directions from 101: 0.7 mi Turn left onto Monterey St, 0.5 mi Turn right onto Old Monterey Rd 0.2 mi, Turn left onto Llagas Rd, 1.1 mi Turn right to stay on Llagas Rd, 1.2 mi, Turn left to stay on Llagas Rd, 0.6 mi Turn left onto Dahlberg Dr, 0.4 mi Turn right onto Kimberly Ct, John is on Left.

Gilroy Open Houses

Grass Farm’s Garden Accents: This will most likely be the largest and most uniquely merchandised selection of garden art and plant material that you have ever seen. Fountains, statuary, water features, pottery and garden art are arranged in four themed gardens. It is in the English garden that you will find the small, but well done garden layout. Please stop by and use our clean restroom and enjoy complimentary refreshments. Directions: From U.S. 101 take the Masten Ave. exit west. Turn right at Manna (first street), and right on Lena (again first street). The store is at the end of Lena on right side. *Grass Farm’s Garden Accents, 11155 Lena Ave, Gilroy (408) 846-4555*
info@garden-accents.net www.garden-accents.net

Bob & Linda Elia Family Railroad: Our railroad was started May of 2006 and just completed June of 2007. It has two loops on different levels. The lower section has 80 feet of track crossing two bridges and a tunnel. There is a town (unnamed) and farm with a passing siding and spur. A point to point trolley line operates in town. The upper section is a logging theme. There is about 30 feet of track with 2 spurs. It has a water fall and creek with 2 curved trestles. The layout is track powered. The rolling stock is both steam and diesel. This RR is not modeled after any particular era. The railroad features Bob’s renowned wooden bridges & trestles. **Directions:** From Highway 101 take the Leavesley Rd exit and turn right. Leavesley Rd becomes Welburn. Turn right on Hanna Street, left on Sherwood Drive, left on David Court. *Bob & Linda Elia, 8430 David Ct, Gilroy, CA 95020 (408)842-4075* rj67lfelia@msn.com

Sisquoc, Solvang & Zaca Railroad: Started in 2005, this railroad does not represent any particular railroad or time period. There is approximately 190 feet of Llagas Creek track, with track power operating standard and narrow gauge trains. The dog-bone design has a farm on the south end with mountains, a tunnel and trees on the north end. On display will be two 7 1/2 gauge live steam locomotives and a diesel switcher. Also, an operating station board from the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad. **Directions:** From Highway 101 take Leavesley Exit West. Cross RR tracks and Monterey Street to Welburn Avenue. Turn left at Hanna Street, turn right at La Sierra Way. **Horace & Nan Fabing, 505 La Sierra Way, Gilroy nfabing@garlic.com**

Hilary Logging, Lumber & Mining Co: This railroad has a service yard as well as a logging camp for its lumber jacks. A point-to-point elevated section has two bridges and a section of trestles. If you haven't got a lot of room, this is a magnificent example of what can be accomplished in a small space. The Hilary Co may have also struck oil as well as gold!! **Directions:** From US 101 take 10th St. exit west, (right). Cross Monterey, to 2nd left, Rosanna, turn left. This street ends at London; turn right, left on Devon, 2nd house on left. **David & Peggy Hartwig, 6690 Devon Place, Gilroy (408) 842-1843 davehart1@verizon.net**

Hollister Open Houses:

San Benito Southern Railroad: This is a very well planned railroad that occupies a small area of the yard. Visitors will be impressed with all that has been accomplished in its short existence. Much of the work has been done by Kevin with the help of mom and dad. It is based on a 1950s mainline with a saw mill, pine forest and mine. Handicap accessible. **Directions:** Go south on 101 to Hwy. 25 toward Hollister. Go 11 miles, left at Wright [becomes McCloskey] 2½ miles. Drive south on Fairview for 3½ miles; at Airline the street becomes Ridgemark Dr., cross over to gate for the Ridgemark Golf Club. Tell the guard you're visiting the Curtis Hill home at 791 Ridgemark. Follow Ridgemark (it bears left) about ¾ mile; house is on right. **Ellen, Curtis & Kevin Hill, 791 Ridgemark Drive, Hollister 95023 (831) 637-3260 trainman@charter.net**

Prunedale Open House

The Dan Smith Railroad: This layout is built on a sandstone hillside. Has 150 ft of track, 5ft wide and 130 ft long. 50 feet of trestles 2 and 3 feet high. 6% grades and 2ft radiuses. 2 hand bored tunnels into the sandstone. All hand laid track and handmade bridges and buildings. Has logging and mining towns and locomotive shops. The layout construction was began in March of 2009 and is an ongoing construction endeavor. **Directions:** From US 101 south to Prunedale exit San Miguel Canyon. Go through 2 signal lights and at 1/2 mile turn right on Langley Canyon Rd. Follow to the Y and take a left on Valle Pacifico. Follow until you come to a sign on right saying Lillian Lane. Take it up the hill all the way to the last house on left. It will have white corral board fencing. Turn in driveway. **Dan Smith, 18043 Lillian Lane, Prunedale (916) 919-1832 naviguesser@sbcglobal.net www.bswrr.com**

Directions from Knoth in Morgan Hill to each layout ending at Smith in Prunedale:

From 101/ Chocrane Road, in Morgan Hill: Go West 0.7 mi, Turn right onto Monterey Rd, 0.9 mi Turn left onto Tilton Ave, 0.4 mi Turn right onto Hale Ave, 2.3 mile Turn left onto Kalana Ave to Knoth on Right

To Broeder from Knoth: Return to Hale, Turn right onto Hale Ave, 2.0 mi Turn right onto Willow Springs Rd, 2.6 mi Turn left onto Oak Glen Ave, 1.4 mi Turn left onto Llagas Rd, 0.1 mi to Broeder on Right

To Wright from Broeder: Depart on Llagas Rd to the right 500 feet, right on Dahlberg Dr, 0.4 mi right on Kimberly to Wright on Left.

To Garden Accents from Wright: 0.7 mi Return to Llagas and turn left, 0.6 mi [becomes Oak Glen], 1.7 mi turn left on w Edmundsen, 2.0 mi Turn Right on Sunnyside [becomes Santa Teresa] 0.4 mi, Turn Left on Fitzgerald [becomes Masten] 0.7 mi, Turn Left on Manna, turn Right on Lena to Garden Accents on Right.

To Elia from Garden Accents: Return to Masten and turn Right to Monterey [Light], turn left to Welburn 2.0 mi, turn Right on Welburn to Hanna, turn right on Hanna to Sherwood, Turn left on Sherwood to David Ct on Left, Elia on David on left side.

To Fabing from Elia: Return to Hanna and turn right 0.3 mi to La Sierra, turn right and Fabing is on Right.

To Mallinson from Fabing: Continue on La Sierra to Carmel and Turn right, 0.2 mi to Welburn and turn Left, 0.6 mi and turn right on Kern, Turn left on Culp to Mallinson on Left.

To Hartwig from Mallinson: Return To Kern and turn Right to 1st Street 0.4 mi, Left on 1st to Church 0.2 mi, right on Church to London Dr 1.4 mi, right on London to Devon Place 0.2 mi, Hartwig on left on Devon.

To Hill from Hartwig: return to Church and turn right to Luchessa, turn left on Luchessa to Monterey, turn right on Monterey, take 101 south to CA 25, take ca 25 to Hollister 15.2 mi to Ridgemark Drive, right on Ridgemark to gate, right on Ridgemark to Hill on Right.

To Smith from Hill: Return to CA25 [Airline Hiway] and turn left to Union Road 1.3 mi, turn left on Union to CA 156 4.8 mi, turn left on CA 156 to US101 4.8 mi, turn South on US101 to exit 337 [San Miguel Canyon Rd, 7.7 mi, take San Miguel to Langlely Canyon 0.6 mi, turn right on Langlely Canyon 0.4 mi bear left onto Valle Pacifico Rd to Lillian Lane, Turn Left on Lillian to Smith on Left 0.2 mi.