



## Who We Are

We are a group of people who enjoy operating large scale model train layouts – by building, discussing and learning more about the hobby at every turn. We have formed a society to make it easier to accomplish these goals.

The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (WVMGRS) was a loosely formed group in the early 1980s, and officially formed an organization with a constitution and bylaws in 1987. We were included in the December 1987 edition of *Garden Railways* magazine as one of the initial seven Garden Railway Societies listed. As the name implies, we have members in D.C., Virginia, and Maryland, and even in Pennsylvania.



## Club Activities

Members volunteer to host our monthly meetings at their homes. Many of these members have outdoor garden layouts, some have trains in their basements, and some do not have a layout at all, but all our members have a desire to have fun with



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trains, and learn how others run trains. We have members who use battery operated systems, run DC, or are into DCC. Because of the wide variety of members, a newbie can learn just about all (s)he needs to create their own layout including landscaping and plants, learn about sound systems, learn how to kit-bash their trains, and most anything else about this hobby.

"Team Layout" (our retirees/hooky-players work/teach/learn group) gathers occasionally to help members with layout construction/



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refurbishment, a general spruce-up before hosting a meeting, and they've organized all-day workshops where aspects of the hobby can be covered in more depth than during our meetings. Several members host "operating sessions" where real train operations are simulated, complete with train orders and a tight schedule. Members have



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also been known to gather to watch full-size trains or visit a railroading museum.

We set up a number of public displays each year to help promote our hobby. Venues include train shows, civic festivals, museums, National Train Day, and we end the year with a 6-week display at Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland, for the holidays.



## Membership

Membership in the Society is open to everyone. There is a nice balance between members who are gardeners, and those members that are railroad enthusiasts first and foremost. Many husband and wife teams are members.

The Society is a great way to learn more about gardening for railroads as well as railroads for gardens. At each meeting there is at least one demonstration for members to enjoy and take away something that could benefit their own interests. Recent topics have ranged from the types of plantings that work best with a garden railroad in our climate to "Rockery 101" to radio controlled battery operated locomotives.

Check one box and circle amount enclosed:

| Membership                           | Jan/Mar | Apr/Jun | Jul/Sep | Oct/Dec |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual: | \$20    | \$15    | \$10    | \$25    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family:     | \$30    | \$22    | \$15    | \$37    |

Dues are prorated depending on the month of the year you join. Oct/Dec dues cover following year's membership.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Can you access the web to view our newsletters and other information? Y N

Newsletters are posted on the members' only link on our web. Please provide email address so you can be notified when they are posted:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

(Don't worry if you're not "on-line" – we mail a paper newsletter to those who request it)

Your interests: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a model railroader? Y N

If yes, what scale(s) do you model? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a garden railway? Y N

What is the name of your railroad? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to help with any of these?

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| Club Displays     | Y | N |
| Hosting a Meeting | Y | N |
| Giving a Workshop | Y | N |

[www.wvmgrs.org](http://www.wvmgrs.org)

## New Member Information

Membership dues are \$20 per individual membership per calendar year, or \$30 per family membership per calendar year. A family membership includes 2 adult voting members and/or 2 children under the age of 18. The renewal of dues should be paid by December 31 of each year.

**Note:** Checks may be made payable to: WVMGRS, and sent to the Membership Chair's address. Dues pay for the club newsletter and other functional expenses. If members are unable to receive the newsletter via email in full color, a black and white copy will be sent via regular mail.

### MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

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For more information on our activities, please see our website at [www.wvmgrs.org](http://www.wvmgrs.org).

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An Invitation  
To Join

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