



The Columbus Garden Railway Society

ON TRACK!

JULY 2019



New look for The Shelby and Sparta Railroad

**SUNDAY
JULY 28
2:00—4:00 p.m.**

**2:00 p.m. Trains
running
2:30 p.m. Meeting
and Snacks**

Bring lawn chairs

**Cecil Easterday
7320 Macbeth Dr.
Dublin 43016
614.582.3099**



*Hostess, article author
and photographer
Cecil Easterday*

The Easterday railroad started with AmericFlora92. Paul Busse had a railroad running through the German exhibit and there the seed was planted. In 1996 we called Paul and asked if he could build us a railroad within our budget. Paul suggested we organize a rail raising (similar to the Amish barn raising). In May of 1996, 40 plus members of Columbus Garden Railway Society arrived on site with their hammers, saws and battery-powered screw drivers and set to work with Paul supervising. All of the base for the 640 feet of track was finished that day!



That summer Jack and I bent and laid all of the track, then built the trestles. Our first open railway was August, 1998 for the LGB convention. The name of the railroad is Shelby (Jack's hometown) and Sparta (my hometown) Railroad.

Several years after that, Chris Myer and crew installed 400 feet of track — a large dog bone shape that wraps around the back of the railroad and an oval that I won't be using for this meeting, but I run Thomas and Friends there for the September open railroad tour.

There are several meaningful buildings on the layout thanks to the skill of Jim Kimmel. One is a replica of the house my grandfather built and that I grew up

in. Another is of the barn and farmhouse that belonged to Jack's grandparents. There is also a lighthouse, a replica of Point Betsy in Michigan. My family vacationed on Crystal Lake and would picnic in their lighthouse.



Directions to 7320 Macbeth Drive, Dublin 43016

From I-270, exit at Sawmill Road and go north to the second traffic light and turn left (west) onto Bright Road. After going through the round-about, continue on Bright Road. The first street on your right will be Macbeth, turn right 7320 is on the northeast corner of Macbeth and Macduff.

The Sutter Park Lumber Railway chugs along

The sun-gods shined on our June 30 railroad adventures. If you needed a 'garden railroad fix', this was the day to take care of that problem. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. the trains were rolling full steam ahead at the Abler home and the Collins home, just minutes from the Duggan home. With summer vacations, family reunions, picnics, yard work, preventing some of us from being able to attend our Sunday garden railroad meetings, June 30 was a great day to satisfy your fix.

Bob and Kathy Duggan's Sutter Park Lumber Railway greeted us with two trains running through their shaded back yard. Of course, when 'show time' arrives, there is always at least one stubborn locomotive that doesn't want to perform. But Bob was successful with two plus the street car taking us through his carnival, which was open for the day. A unique feature of the Sutter Railway was that several of the features were named after members of the Columbus Garden Railway Society. What a nice touch, Bob!



June 30 CGRS event hosts, Bob and Kathy Duggan



Unfortunately our clinic presenter was not available, but Bob Duggan stepped up to the plate and gave us a short clinic on how to take those shrub/tree/flower clippings and grow an offspring, successfully I might add, instead of throwing them on the compost pile. One of the 15 foot trees in his back yard was started in a pot from a clipping. I kept looking for Bob's green thumb, but couldn't see it. As I mentioned, the back yard was shady!



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Many thanks to Kathy for the snacks and drinks and to Bob for his work readying his railroad for a visit from 45 CGRS friends.

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At the short business meeting led by Doug Clark, Deb Sweet spoke of the upcoming open garden railroad tour in September. She hopes that some of our newer railroads can be open for the tour this year. Also, be sure to let Deb know you will be a host for the September 8 event. #

— S & S Railroad continued from the front page

As we got older, changes had to be made to make the railroad easier to maintain. The water feature, three pools with two waterfalls, was the first to go. It was so hard to let go of that. I really enjoyed it (except cleaning out the leaves every spring). Next a double reverse loop (always hard to keep running) was taken out, then some tunnels were rerouted.

At the end of the 2018 season, the mountains and the rest of the tunnels were removed. Each time a change was made, though, there was a positive — new gardening space. This latest change has really opened up the space. I'm trying to get the planting done in the new area before all of you get here for the July meeting but it might not happen. I'm working with Oakland Nursery and this is their busy time. They said they would try to get it done.



I look forward to seeing you on July 28! #

June 30th CGRS Pre-Meeting Mini Club Tour

by JoAnne Hamblin

Many Columbus Garden Railway Society members took advantage of our pre-meeting open garden railroads on June 30 before heading for the main event at the Duggan home. Many thanks to Richard and Barbara Abler and Bob and Cora Collins for opening their railroads. Each railroad was within minutes of the Duggan home and each railroad was quite different from the other two.



The Puddlefort and Patio Railroad of Richard and Barbara Abler is modeled after a central Wisconsin village and farmland and served by the Chicago & North Western railroad. A trolley line serves Puddlefort Village.

Host
Richard
Abler



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The Grand Rapids and Reed Lake Railroad of Bob and Cora Collins has four loops on a raised bed. Train operations are favored over gardening. Structures on the railroad are reflective of the imagined areas around Reed Lake in the suburbs of Grand Rapids at the turn of the 19th century.



Host Bob Collins,
Doug Clark,
Doug Kruest,
Alvin Mann



35th National Garden Railway Convention



ngrc2019.org

The Rose City Garden Railway Society (RCGRS) is proud to welcome you to Portland, Oregon for the 35th National Garden Railway Society Convention to be held from August 27 through August 31, 2019.

The convention will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Portland, near the Lloyd's Center. There will be more than 30 garden railway layout tours, an ice cream social, a BBQ at Oaks Park that includes a ride on a train pulled by the SP #4449, and a banquet dinner, and operation sessions where you can run the trains yourself.

- ◇ Ride behind the SP #4449 to a BBQ at Oaks Park—Locomotive cab rides available
- ◇ Willamette Shore Trolley—ride to and from and dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory
- ◇ Participate in one of four Operations Sessions
- ◇ Staver Locomotive Layout Tour
- ◇ Doyle McCormack (chief engineer, 1976 Freedom Train), Banquet Speaker
- ◇ Vendor Hall
- ◇ Five days of Clinics
- ◇ Five days of Layout Tours
- ◇ Two days of Seattle area Pre-Convention Layout Tours
- ◇ Two days of Southern Oregon Post-Convention Layout Tours
- ◇ Train Mountain G and 7 1/2" Gauge



The convention hotel is the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland, located at 1000 NE Multnomah Street, Portland, Oregon 97232. Please see the "[Accommodations](#)" page to reserve a hotel room at a discounted rate. **The convention discount rate ends 3 August, 2019. So make your reservations soon!**

RAILROAD GARDEN TOUR

**The annual garden tour is Sunday,
September 8th. Mark your calendars!!
WE NEED YOU!**

**Please let Deb know you are opening
your layout for the tour.**

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NEWS TABLE News

June 20, 2019, Mann home



Many thanks to Alvin and Beverly Mann for hosting the news table meeting on June 20. Doug Clark shared the agenda with all 21 present and Bob Duggan passed out the treasury update from Cecil Easterday. Bob also shared there are 42 registered for the fall bus tour with only a few empty seats. See the back page of this issue for upcoming events, including the C.O.S.I. Model Train Days.

A report from Deb Sweet updated us on the annual fall garden railroad tour for the public. Sign ups for hosts will begin at the July event at the Easterday home. The Experience Columbus Group membership is \$425 and the news table team thought that was not cost effective for our fall tour promotion. Deb does have several area venues promoting our event.

Dan Hill reported that Jeff Darbee is available to be our February banquet speaker. If he talks about the Columbus Union Station, there will be no fee. If he has to create another program, the fee will be \$500. The team wanted to go the 'free' route and Dan will contact Jeff to convey our wishes.

Gail Klink has been in contact with Mill Creek Railway in Coshocton and has booked C.G.R.S for the May 2020 meeting.

Jed Hacker reported we will have two garden railroads open, Richard and Barbara Abler and Bob and Cora Collins, only minutes from the Duggan home, for stops on the way to the June 30 event.

Bob Collins had sent an email to news table members with prices for CGRS merchandise with a new vendor, Big Ideas in Lancaster. Gail Klink is checking with a store in the Buckeye Lake area too. Dave Hamblin is checking with Age of Steam, now a museum, for a possible November 2019 event. This establishment in Sugar Creek is looking for docents and mechanics! Need a job? Marshall Winkle is checking to see if a footbridge could be the clinic project for the January 2020 meeting. #

NEWS TABLE, 7:30 pm Thursdays

July 18 — 6:15 pm — pontoon ride on Buckeye Lake—
7:30 meeting at Gail & Jerry Klink home,
4401 Hunts Landing Road, Unit 201, Hebron 43025;
740.403.1981; reservations to Klinks will get you
the code to get into their gated community
August 15 — TBA

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ON TRACK is intended as a medium in which to air the news and views of the Columbus Garden Railway Society members. CGRS is an informal group which meets monthly or thereabouts to share a common interest in garden railroading and to socialize. Membership is open to all interested persons. All articles in this newsletter are provided by the editor unless otherwise noted. Photographs by Dave and JoAnne Hamblin.



Rail raising with Paul Busse at the Easterday home, Dublin circa 1996. Do you recognize any of the C.G.R.S. members? Check with Cecil to see if you are correct!!

2019 CALENDAR



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July 28, Sun, 2-4 pm	July Event, Easterday home, Dublin
August 15, Thur, 7:30 pm	News Table—location to be announced
August 25, Sun, 2-4 pm	August Event, Mann home, Columbus
September 8, Sun, 1-5 pm	Annual Garden Railroad Tour-for public
October 17 to October 21	Fall bus tour to Tennessee
November 20-24	CGRS at Model Train Days, C.O.S.I.