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### **Eighteenth** **“Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains”** **Free and Open to Public Viewing** **November 26 - December 31, 2021**

Cleveland, Ohio - November 20, 2021

**Puritas Nursery is proud to present, for the eighteenth year, truly unique and expansive holiday model train displays that capture the spirit of the season and bring out the kid in all of us.**

The pandemic got in the way of our 2020 Holiday Trains presentation, but this year, easing COVID restrictions have enabled us to bring the trains back bigger and better than ever! Masks will be required to view the trains, and “hands on” activities such as the scavenger hunt and interactive displays will not be available.

This year there are over a dozen trains, in three different gauges (sizes), running on three distinct layouts.

The main HO gauge layout is beautifully landscaped with live plants, on an expansive 8’x 30’ table. The layout includes 3 trains and 2 trolleys chugging through hills and valleys interspersed with living trees and shrubs, and a functioning waterfall cascading from table top to floor level.

Presented by hobbyists Mark Gombar, Dave Powers, and Dave Craven, the Lionel O gauge layout spreads across a 7’x30’ area utilizing five rail loops across rural, urban, and wintry scenes. There’s lots of action for the kids of all ages to enjoy!

Our G scale (Garden scale, the largest size trains) layout will feature several garden theme scenes including Wizard of Oz, a Circus, Star Wars and a Fairy Garden.

The size, extent, and variety of the displays make for great family photos and cherished holiday memories. Cameras are welcome. It is remarkable that these original works of art are designed and created by a team of passionate volunteers and model railroad hobbyists between Halloween and Thanksgiving.

The main HO display was designed by Dan Gryczan, an ardent model railroad enthusiast and a good friend to Puritas Nursery. Gryczan, Dale Heyink, owner/operator of Puritas Nursery, the entire nursery staff, and numerous volunteers put hundreds of hours into the construction of the displays.

The train layout is set up in a heated greenhouse. Vegetation includes miniature evergreens and conifers, herbs, and junipers. Poinsettias add color and may be sold right off the train layout. The layout will evoke fond memories of Christmases past when downtown stores like Sterling-Linder, Halle’s, and others featured model trains in their toyland displays.

Photo galleries of past year’s layouts may be viewed at: [www.puritasnursery.com](http://www.puritasnursery.com).

**Date:** November 26 through December 31, 2021

**Time:** Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Weekends, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

*Note! We will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve.*

**Cost:** Free to one and all. Media inquiries are welcome!

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