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Sixteenth Annual “Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains” Free and Open to Public Viewing November 23 - December 31, 2018

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Puritas Nursery is proud to present, for the sixteenth consecutive 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.

This year there are a total of 20 trains, three different gauges (sizes), running on three distinct layouts.

The main HO gauge layout is a beautifully landscaped 8' x 30' table with 4 trains and 2 trolleys chugging through hills and valleys of live trees, shrubs, and flowing water. Children delight in using the two carpeted “tunnels” beneath the display as “kids-only” shortcuts to cross from one side of the layout to the other.

Our G scale layout will feature several garden theme scenes including Wizard of Oz, Lion King, the Kamm's Corners Farmers Market, a Circus, Star Wars and a Fairy Garden. Scavenger hunts will delight kids and parents alike! Children will also be sure to enjoy the O-scale track that allows them to run Thomas the Train themselves!

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

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, which uses living plants, 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.

Date: November 23 through December 31, 2018

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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All members of the press and general media attending the Holiday Trains Display will receive a celebratory gift to commemorate their visit.