

MODEL RAILROAD GARDEN LANDMARKS OF AMERICA RESOURCE GUIDE

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Chicago Area Garden Railroad Society

Contact Person: Bob Hanselman
(847) 533-6219
www.cagrs.com

LGB Model Railroad Club of Chicago

Contact Person: Jim Rusch
(630) 830-0378
www.LGBMRRCC.com

Midwest Rails Modular Club

Contact Person: Bert Lattan
(847) 295-7959
www.midwestrails.org

MAGAZINES AND WEBSITES

Garden Railways magazine

Kalmbach Publishing Company
(800) 446-5489
www.trains.com/grw

Steam in the Garden magazine

Steam in the Garden, Inc.
(607) 642-8119
www.steamup.com

www.mylargescale.com

Join for online chats, forums, articles,
and more about garden-scale trains.

www.nmra.org

The home page for the National Model
Railroad Association offers basic informa-
tion, projects for beginners, and a list of
publications related to model railroading.

www.greatesthobby.com

This website is the hub of a campaign called
"World's Greatest Hobby," launched to raise
public awareness of the hobby of model
railroading and to make it easy for
newcomers to get started.

BOOKS

Freezer, Cyril J. *The Garden Railway Manual:
A Step-by-Step Guide to Building and Operat-
ing an Outdoor Model Railway.*
Sparkford, Somerset, UK:
Patrick Stephens, 1995.

Miller, Allen W. *Getting Started in Garden
Railroading.* Iola, Wis.:
Krause Publications, 2001.

Schleicher, Robert. *The Large-Scale Model
Railroading Handbook.* 2nd ed. Iola, Wis.:
Krause Publications, 2000.

VIDEO

Building a Basic Garden Railroad

This 19-minute, step-by-step guide
produced by the Large Scale Model Railroad
Association (©LSMRA, 2000) shows how
you can set up your own garden railroad in
a single weekend. Available through Kalm-
bach Publishing. VHS only.
Call (800) 533-6644 for more information.

RETAIL SOURCES FOR PLANTS

Here are recommended sources for
miniature plants. Call your local nursery
or garden center to see if they carry the plants
that interest you.

Arrowhead Alpines

P.O. Box 857
Fowlerville, MI 48836
www.arrowheadalpines.com
(517) 223-3581

Forestfarm

990 Tetherow Road
Williams, OR 97544-9599
(541) 846-7269
www.forestfarm.com
Plants from around the world.

Midwest Groundcovers

P.O. Box 748
6N800 Route 25
St. Charles, IL 60174
(847) 742-1790
www.midwestgroundcovers.com
Ground covers, perennials, shrubs,
grasses and more.
Mail order is not available.

Mini Forests by Sky

P.O. Box 1156
Mulino, OR 97042
www.miniforest.com
Miniature plants for small-scale use.
(503) 632-3555

Plant Delights

9241 Sauls Road
Raleigh, NC 27603
www.plantdelights.com
Specializing in perennials.
(919) 772-4794

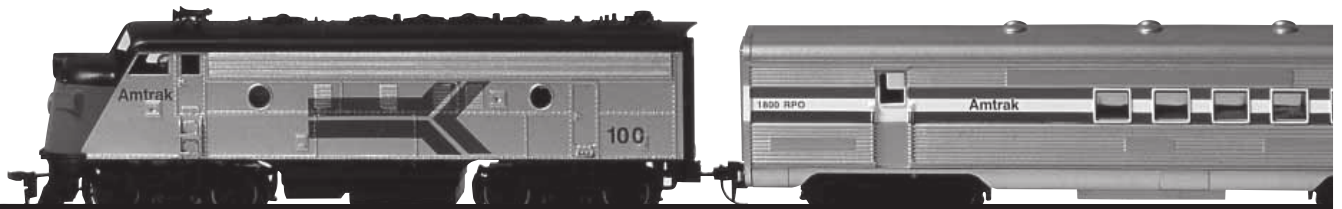
Rich's Foxwillow Pines

11618 McConnell Road
Woodstock, IL 60098
(815) 338-7442
www.richsfoxwillowpines.com
Garden conifers and rare trees.

Siskiyou Rare Plant Nursery

2115 Talent Ave
Talent, OR 97540
(541) 535-7103
www.siskiyouareplantnursery.com
Hard-to-find hardy perennials, shrubs
and smaller conifers.





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HOBBY STORES

Bob's RRR Hobbies
1310 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Vernon Hills, IL 60061
(847) 478-1145

Chicagoland Hobby
6017 Northwest Highway
Chicago, IL 60631
(773) 775-4848

Hill's Hobby
60 West Dundee Rd.
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
(847) 541-3500

St. Aubin Station
11100 Route 176
Woodstock, IL 60098
(888) 782-8246

Trains and Toys of Yesterday
7923 W. Golf Road
Morton Grove, IL 60053
(847) 470-9500

RECOMMENDED PLANTS FOR GARDEN RAILROADS

Blue Star Creeper
(*Laurentia fluviatilis*)
This low, creeping perennial has small green leaves and tiny blue star-shaped flowers in late spring. Here you'll see it in the Pacific Northwest area.

Common Boxwood
(*Buxus sempervirens* 'Suffruticosa')
This is a compact, slow-growing boxwood that can be kept as small as 6 inches if clipped regularly. You can see it next to Napa Valley.
(*Buxus microphylla*, assorted cultivars)
A variety of boxwood cultivars including 'Kingsville Dwarf', 'Green Velvet', 'Green Mountain' and 'Wintergreen' can be trimmed into small trees.

Cranberry Cotoneaster
(*Cotoneaster apiculatus*)
This shrub displays arching branches with lustrous, dark green, tiny leaves that create a wavy, mounding effect. Red cranberry-like fruits are dense and persistent into early winter. See it throughout the exhibit.

Cutleaf Birch
(*Betula pendula* 'Trost's Dwarf')
This is an unusual birch species in that it can grow in sunny conditions and its leaves resemble those of a threadleaf maple. A dwarf weeping variety, the cutleaf birch will grow 3 to 5 feet tall, forming a low mound of arching branches. It will develop its characteristic white birch bark as it matures.

Duckfoot English Ivy
(*Hedera helix* 'Duckfoot')
This evergreen ground cover or vine is adaptable to all sun or shade conditions. The 'Duckfoot' variety has been selected for its small size and its uncanny resemblance to grapevines in miniature. It is showcased in the Napa Valley area.

Dwarf Rhododendron
(*Rhododendron* spp.)
You can find several varieties of dwarf rhododendrons growing in the Pacific Northwest area of the exhibit. Look for *Rhododendron impeditum* with purplish-blue flowers and azalealike foliage, or 'Patty Bee', which blooms pale yellow with purple-bronze winter color.

Dwarf Alberta Spruce
(*Picea glauca* 'Conica')
Cone-shaped dwarf Alberta spruce trees can be seen by Old Faithful in the Yellowstone National Park area.

Golden Scotch Moss
(*Sagina subulata* 'Aurea')
Scotch moss is a low, flat perennial that looks like a golden carpet. With tiny white flowers in summer, it makes a good hillside cover for the mountains throughout the Model Railroad Garden.

Hinoki False Cypress
(*Chamaecyparis obtusa* 'Torulosa')
Twisted, threadlike branches (resembling thin, green coral) suggest an ancient, windswept tree. 'Torulosa' is used in the Yellowstone Park and Yosemite Park areas.

Littleleaf Fuchsia
(*Fuchsia microphylla* 'Isis')
Tiny 1/4-inch reddish-pink trumpets bloom from early summer until frost. Small, dark green leaves densely cover reddish branches and stems. Fuchsia can be trained as a small single-trunk tree or allowed to grow as a small dome-shaped shrub. See it in the farm and numerous other locations.

Stonecrop
(*Sedum* spp.)
Related to succulents, these herbaceous perennials have thick, waxy leaves and require little water. They come in a variety of colors and sizes, many of which can be seen within the Model Railroad Garden. You can view several varieties of sedum in the desert area of Mesa Verde National Park.

Threadleaf Maple Varieties
(*Acer palmatum*)
Look in the San Francisco area of the exhibit for lovely examples of these miniature maple trees. Vivid fall color is characteristic of many threadleaf maples such as 'Seiryu', which has bright green leaves that turn red and yellow in fall.



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One of the treasures of the Forest Preserve district of Cook County