

final notes for 2010 from the desk of the president

November has been a busy period for WVMGRS members with the new setup schedule, at the Wheaton Regional Brookside Garden, just before Thanksgiving. WVMGRS members built and assembled a complex train display at Brookside Gardens commencing November 16, 2010 and completing November 23, 2010. Jeff Mitulla's creativity, dedication, leadership and complete involvement has resulted in a smoothly functioning and operating train layout populated with a host of creative scenic displays. During the building phase members were exposed to a cooperative atmosphere, with volunteers performing a host of construction tasks and enjoying the accomplishment of the layouts form and features. As members arrived at Brookside, the excitement was apparent with everyone exceptionally friendly, cooperation and availability for the next building task. Members contributed in a host of ways, developing complex automated display components, building track layouts and tunnels, wiring power control and distribution, assembling town roads, installing scenery and trees. Finishing touches brought the layout to life with members placing figures, cars, and trucks in strategic locations throughout the display. WVMGRS can be proud of this enormous effort and successful results that reflect the dedication and commitment of those individuals that participated.

Special thanks to Jeff Mitulla, for exhibit coordination, primary leadership for setup activities, and Arnie and Ellen Hoffman for docent assignments. WVMGRS members are still urgently needed for many open schedule dates, to support the Brookside Gardens Holiday layout docent functions. The newsletter has detailed information for notifying points of contact for member scheduling for docent and tear down functions. This support is required and will continue from 9:30 am until 10:00 pm through Sunday January 9, 2011, with tear down January 10-12, 2011. Brookside Gardens exhibit is WVMGRS major show of the year and as many members as possible are encouraged to participate. Call or e-mail event coordinators indicated in the newsletter and become part of an exciting and rewarding event.

WVMGRS recent meeting was hosted by Ted and Mija Tucks. Lot's of food, nibbles and drinks was served for all to enjoy. The weather cooperated and member trains were operating over the garden layout. Ted spoke for a few moments and thanked Joel Magram who generously volunteered his time and help with getting the Abyss Western Railway running after our recent rain storms.

WVMGRS next meeting, the annual Holiday Party, will be hosted by Paul and Sue Harris at Fairfax Station, Virginia, on December 11, 2010. E-mail and phone messages have been sent to members with details for this event. Everyone is invited to come and have fun.

WVMGRS next display is at Fairfax Station and is the 20th Annual Model Train Display. Members are encouraged to support this exhibit on December 4-5, 2010 with setup Friday December 3, 2010.

The colder autumn weather allows WVMGRS members an opportunity to occasionally run your trains outdoors. This will be my last message as President of WVMGRS, it has been a privilege to serve in this capacity. Thanks to WVMGRS members and our board for outstanding support during my term. I look forward to WVMGRS future membership growth and successful events. Get involved you will gain more than you give.



Enjoy your trains, Marvin