

# THE MEBANE TRAIN DISPLAY

## HOLIDAY TRAIN CAR DESIGN CONTEST

### 2023



### GIVE AN O-GAUGE TRAIN CAR YOUR PERSONAL HOLIDAY TOUCH.

Two age categories: **12 and under** and **ages 13 - 16**. There will be one overall winner from each age category. Additional recognition from the remaining combined entries will be made for the following:

**Holiday Traditions:** Lionel began making trains in 1900 and electric trains been a staple of many families' holiday traditions ever since. This recognizes the entry that is classic, timeless, and emphasizes tradition.

**Positively Charming:** Some imaginations refuse to be constrained by the normal holiday pageantries and trappings. This recognizes the most whimsical entrant that truly goes where their imagination takes them.

**Artistic Originality:** Recognizing the entry that takes basic art supplies / materials and decorations from around the house and transforms them into something special.

**Exterior Illumination:** Did your dad teach you everything you know about exterior illumination? Well show us what you got! (Be sure to check every bulb.)

**Little Surprises, Big Charm:** This *bonus recognition* will be eligible to all entries even if otherwise recognized in the categories above. This is the *Mebane* Train Display and our judges have strong *Mebane* ties. Drop in a subtle *Mebane* themed "Easter Egg" into your entry regardless of theme. If the judges see it and love it, the honor will be yours.

Entries accepted through **2:00 PM on Saturday, December 16th**.

**Adults who wish to make a holiday car are welcome to bring a decorated car in and we will gladly include it in what is displayed.**

**(Additional contest details on the back)**



**ALL ENTRIES** will be put on display beginning December 2<sup>nd</sup> or as soon as they are submitted. They will continue to be displayed until Saturday, January 13th. All entrants have the *option* to have their picture along with their car entry posted to the Display's Facebook page. Entries must be picked up by no later than the February 10th opening or will otherwise be turned over to the ghost of Christmas Future.

There are no limitations to the brand / type of train car used other than the cars have to be O-gauge and capable of being placed on 3 rail track (which means no paint on the actual wheels!!!!). Our volunteers scoured the tables at this year's train shows to find approximately 50 used cars that will be provided free to entrants. The cars provided by the Display are not expected to be returned to any sort of original condition after use. So have fun and be as creative as you can! Those cars will be available on a first come, first served basis at the Display during any of our openings beginning on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> or on Tuesday evenings between 6:30PM and 8:00PM after that date. If the Display's supply of cars runs out, there are many affordable used train cars on EBay. We encourage you to search there to find just the right car.

There are no restrictions on the type of materials used or the height of your entry. We will attempt to run as many of our entries as possible behind the Display's engines, but if there is any amount of material outside of the entry, it is very likely that the entry will be unable to negotiate the tight turns on the display. Entries unable to navigate the tracks will be displayed prominently on a siding at the front of the Display and will receive equal consideration in the judging.

If you have additional questions please message us through Facebook or our website.

