

April 2021

April 18th Meeting  
In-Person at the Cradle of Aviation  
11:00 am -3:00 p.m.  
Masks Required



### Reminder



Long Island Garden Railroad Society's  
FIRST ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY SUPER 50/50 Raffle

\$5.00 each.

Limited to 500 Tickets

If you need more contact George at [glstama1@earthlink.net](mailto:glstama1@earthlink.net)

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### For Our In-Person April Meeting

In accordance with our club COVID procedures as posted on our website and the requirements of the Cradle of Aviation all participants must wear masks.

A committee has been formed to safely serve the food provided.

When you enter the museum you must sign in at the Volunteer Sign In Table. We will be in an area away from the general public.

Please see our website at <https://ligrs.org/> for full club policy.

Go to Member Info > Forms, Rules & Policy and open the policy pdf file.

### COA Spring Modular Display Photos See Page 9



Memorial module to our deceased members.

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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

# Smoke n' Cinders



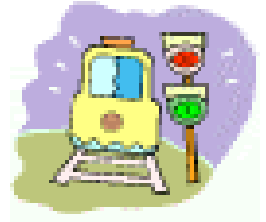
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## 2021 LIGRS Meetings & Events Schedule

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
Mar 25-Apr 4, 2021 Set up Mon., 3/22-24 Take down 4/5	Modular Display	9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Cradle of Aviation
April 10, 2021	BOD Meeting	10:00 AM	Cradle of Aviation
Apr. 18, 2021	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Cradle of Aviation
May 15, 2021 <b>SATURDAY*</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	TBA
Jun. 26, 2021 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Steve Gittelman
Jul. 17, 2021 <b>SATURDAY*</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Betty Engel & Jay Geyer
Aug. 21, 2021 <b>SATURDAY</b>	Summer Picnic **	TBA	LI Live Steamers
Sep. 18, 2021 <b>SATURDAY*</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Geri Coney & Bill Arndt
Oct. 16, 2021 <b>SATURDAY*</b>	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	Dorothy Mahan
Nov., 2021	Monthly Meeting	11:00 AM	
Dec., 2021	TBA		

**\*Saturday home-hosted meetings have a rain date the following day, Sunday**  
**\*\* Subject to pandemic restrictions**

## View From The Cab



We just had our March meeting, which was an in person meeting held at the Cradle of Aviation. Turnout was good much better than I had anticipated. I believe every one there was glad to have an in person meeting; there were small groups gathered all over our meeting area just talking with their friends, just like before the virus hit and this was beautiful to see.

Today we finished setting up for our spring modular show at the Cradle. New for the club we never did a spring show at the Cradle before. Fourteen members helped with set up. What was nice was three of our newest and youngest members took a day off from work to help. That was great.

Over the next few articles View from the Cab, I want to review the results of the letter that Ray Shelton sent and review the results, hopefully we can make the club better and grow. However, **we will need every ones input.**

For starters only 50% of the letters sent out responded back. We still would like to hear from the other 50%. Nearly all wanted to do shows but one third would not help with setup or assist at shows. Their reasons for not helping are somewhat justified. Covid, age, physical conditions, work, too far to drive. Covid, I understand but hopefully in future things will get better, and you can attend. Age I'm there already and physically I'm not far behind, but I will show up at meeting and shows I love attending both.

Driving long distance I have no answer. We are the Long Island Garden Railway Society; geographically Long Island extends from the Brooklyn Bridge to Montauk Point 125 miles and from Northport to Bay Shore 21 miles. Currently we have membership from Dutch Kills, Queens, L. I. in the west to Riverhead in the east. Someone will always have to drive a long distance. Where would you suggest we have displays and meetings so no one has to drive a long distance?

Before I go on with Ray's letter I want to explain my experience with the club. I knew about the club from Garden Railways Magazine, I never did anything about joining, I should have. Then Kathleen and I went to a Rail Fest at Riverhead, again I see the display and members sitting around table shooting the breeze, I didn't want to approach them, since they appeared to be more interested in shooting the breeze than trying to relate to the public around them. *(As president one of my pet peeves with members at public displays is club members should engage more with public instead of always sitting at the control table shooting the breeze).*

Then a year or two later Kathleen my wife met Tom in the hospital where she worked, Tom, a patient, had just received a Golden Spike, which was sitting on window sill which their started conversation. Next thing Tom invited Kathleen and me to a club meeting. We went to the

meeting; the very first person Kathleen met at the meeting was Georgie, whom she worked with over 30 years. That was a good start for us. We both joined the club that meeting. I don't remember if that was the last club meeting at a member's home for the year, I do remember it was fall. The next few meetings were at the yacht club, I was **not** too impressed. I said to myself there has to be more to it, and there was. Meeting at member's homes was very good; I got to see other ideas members had and the beautiful work that went into member's layouts. Now we getting somewhere. The club now had meaning to me! At this point I was still working, could not do setups however I did attend all displays the club had and all the meetings. At displays I was always there for break down. I only had one train and one trolley to run. I did not have a working rail road at home so a little running at the displays was great for me.

A few years later one of the directors at large asked me if I would interested in being a director at large since he didn't want the position any more, I said yes. A few years later I was Vice president and now president. A few years before I became president, Board members asked me if I wanted to be president, at that time I said no, I had family commitments. Later life changed and I then could be. Then there was a nomination meeting. The current president at that time did not want another term. No one raised their hand to be president; I said to myself will this be the end of club? Then I raised my hand and now you have me for another 20 months the end of my final and 3rd term will be Dec.2022. I can't run again, by-law rules and I want someone else to have a turn at the throttle.

The point I'm trying to make is that you have to put something in to get something out. I realize this isn't going to work for everyone but try.

When you joined the club what did you expect the club to be? How can I help make the club what you want it to be?

Doing shows is important for many reasons. Many members enjoy running their trains at the displays particularly those that don't have a working railroad at home. This I know applies to a few members including myself. Our shows demonstrate to the public what the hobby is about. How many times have I met people at our shows tell my they never knew this hobby existed. It is a beautiful marriage between gardening and trains. Answer this question, why do so many arboretums including the Bronx Botanical Gardens, Biltmore Estate in N.C. even Epcot at Disney World currently have Garden Railroads?

Another reason for public displays is that they help finance the club by having donations and raffles. *(continued on page 5)*



## From the Secretary March BOD Meeting Minutes



### LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY, Inc. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MARCH 6, 2021 HELD AT THE CRADLE OF AVIATION

Attendance: President Mike Kmeth, Vice President Steve Gaherty, Secretary Karl Wagner, Membership Director Tom Rizzo, Treasurer Bob Sewall, Program Director Nick Guarino, Directors at Large, Louis Cortese, Pat Russo, Paul Bonney, Past President Ray Shelton, By Laws committee Chairmen George Stamataides and club merchandise Coordinator Georgiana Gaherty

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 10:22 AM. A motion was made by Tom Rizzo and seconded by Steve Gaherty.

President Mike Kmeth asked for a motion to forgo the reading and approve the minutes of the January 9, 2021 BOD. Lou Cortese made a motion to accept as is, seconded by Tom Rizzo. BOD approved.

**Karl Wagner** read a part of our By-Laws PRE-AMBLE to help remind us of why we are here and do what we do.

**President** – Mike Kmeth – Discussion was held about having an in person meeting for April. It was decided if the March meeting goes well we will have another in person meeting on April 24 or 17. Date needs to be accepted by the COA. Look for info in Sn'C.

**Treasurer's Report** – was given by Bob Sewall. Bob gave a synopsis of the report: The 2nd Quarter 1/1/21 -3/31/21 Starting \$9,887.46 Ending \$9,973.68 and the YTD Starting \$9,698.98 Ending \$9,973.68

Bob noted he checked the IRS site for the filing of 990-N and ours was on their website.

Bob noted the Club insurance has been completed and copies of the policy were given to the club secretary.

**Membership Report** - Tom Rizzo – Individual 26, Family 16, Ext Family 2, Life 4, Honorary 3, Junior 4.

Tom noted that Lou Cortese, Paul Giordano and himself will be working on the new laptop attributes that are needed prior to purchase

**Program Director** – Nick Guarino: Only update is we are on the summer schedule of the LILS for our summer picnic August 21 should Suffolk County allow the parks to reopen. Nick said he is working on the only open meeting date for June.

**Bob Russo Memorial Fund** – BOD agreed to pay Bayard the last \$500.00. The check was given to Nick Guarino who will hand deliver it to Bayard.

**Anniversary for 2021 (30years)** – No new info at this time.

**Modular Coordinator** – Ed Assaf was not present but Mike stated the power supply has been repaired. It will be

used at the COA display in March.

**Ray Shelton Letter** – Ray provided us with a synopsis of the results of the Participation Survey that was sent out with the letter. Approximately 54 letters were sent, 25 post cards were returned and 8 emails sent to Ray. A discussion was held on the 3 questions. 23 yes for LIGRS to continue doing shows, 8 no to question 2&3 about willingness to help setups and take downs and assist in show operations. A discussion was held on the 8 anonymous e-mails.

**Review of Shows and Events:** No shows at this time.

#### **Upcoming Shows and Events:**

**Cradle of Aviation** - Set up is March 22, 23 & 24. Run dates are March 25 thru Easter Sunday April 4. Take down will be Monday April 5. Time 10 AM to 4 PM.

It was agreed by the BOD that we will have a train set raffle at the show, drawing on Easter. Spring time and fairy gardens will be the theme.

**Auction** – BOD is looking into the possibility of doing it in June, maybe outdoors at RMLI.

#### **Old Business**

The By Laws Committee is still working on changes.

The Surviving Spouse policy and Financial Policy are being worked on by Ed Assaf and Bob Sewall.

Update on a possible locations for a permanent meeting location and layout in Nassau County. A conference call was held with Nassau County Parks Commissioner, and members Anthony Marino, Ray Shelton Mike Kmeth and Karl Wagner. We left the meeting with a good feeling that they were very interested in helping us. We are waiting to hear back from them.

#### **New Business:**

The idea of a super 50/50 was discussed, a Motion by Tom Rizzo to hand deliver or mail, 10 tickets to each club member household for them to buy or sell @ \$5 each. The money returned to Chairmen before the Nov meeting (dates to be determined). At that meeting the drawing will be held. Motion seconded by Lou Cortese accepted by the BOD. George Stamataides volunteered to be the Chairman, Mike accepted

Next Board meeting scheduled will be an in person at the Cradle of Aviation on April 10 at 10:00 AM. COA availability has to be confirmed. Look for an e-mail.

Lou Cortese made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Pat Russo. Motion approved.

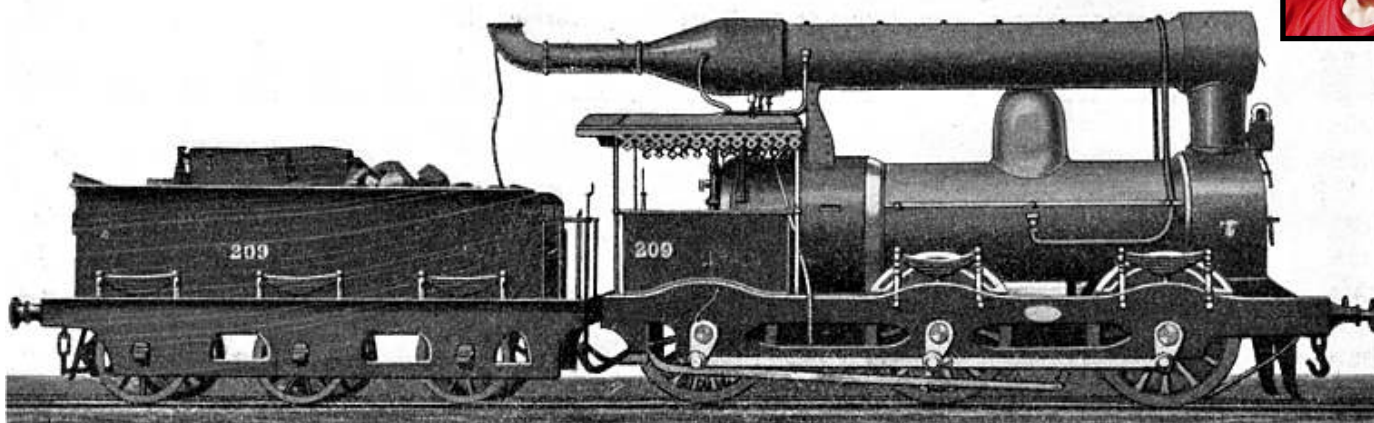
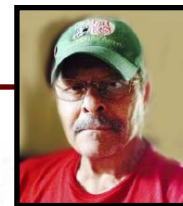
Meeting ended at 2:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Karl Wagner Secretary



## Tom's What The Heck Puzzle (Solution on following page)



### View From the Cab continued



Membership is down for a number of reasons; members move away, family commitment's, passing away are a few examples. Club dues are not going to cut it unless we raise dues. The board does not want raise dues.

As far as zoom meeting I see no point in continuing them at this time, especially with the good turnout at our in person March meeting. Also we had three zoom meetings in the last 5 months. The 2<sup>nd</sup> had less attending then the 1<sup>st</sup> and the 3<sup>rd</sup> had less than the 2<sup>nd</sup> in attendance.

If you have any questions about what I have written or have suggestions about what the club should be or what you want out of the club please contact a board member or myself, E-mail, snail mail or by phone. Remember for the club to continue and do better **we need the help of all**

**members.** Those past members that may be reading this monthly news bulletin are welcome to comment and are welcome to rejoin. I want to know what I and the board can do to make your experience in the club better and more enjoyable. If anyone wants to talk with Ray he told me members can reach him by calling or e-mailing him at [DRRAYSHELTON@ATT.NET](mailto:DRRAYSHELTON@ATT.NET)

God bless and please stay safe.

Mike Kmeth



### From the Secretary March Meeting Minutes



#### LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING MARCH 21, 2021

May we have a moment of silence for the Men and Women who are serving this country and especially for those whose lives were lost protecting our way of freedom. Let us also remember our club family members John Pizzuli and Joseph Luginsland who both passed away this year and our own family members, whose lives were lost this past year.

President Mike Kmeth asked that the meeting be opened @ 11:53 AM. A motion was made by Tom Rizzo, seconded by Bruce Kropp to open the meeting. We had 28 members present, 10 proxies. We have a quorum.

Mike welcomed everyone to the March in person meeting here at the Cradle of Aviation. The club would like to thank

them for letting us use their facility for our meeting.

**President Mike Kmeth started our meeting by reading part of our By-Laws PREAMBLE**

The purpose of the organization is to promote the hobby of garden railroading and large-scale indoor model railroading. One of the ways that the hobby is promoted is through participation in various public exhibitions. LIGRS is both a forum for knowledge and a social fellowship where members have fun and share experiences and ideas relating to all aspects of the hobby.

President Mike asked then for a motion to read the November 15, 2020 meeting minutes or forego the reading and accept them as written. Bill Arndt made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by John Jay Sulsenti.

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## Solution To What the Heck Puzzle



### Answer

Locomotive with preheater for the Egyptian State Railway 1902

## Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo, "Diesel Coming through" was taken by Karl Wagner on Dave Morrison's Laramie, Cheyenne & Green River Rail Road

## From the Secretary March Meeting Minutes continued



### Reports:

**Treasurers' Report** --was given by Bob Sewall. Second Quarter 2020-2021 (1/1/21 thru 3/31/21) Starting balance \$9,887.46 ending balance \$9,074.05 YTD report as of 3/21/21 starting balance was \$9,698.98 ending balance of \$9,074.05 Bob stated that if anyone has any questions about the club finances, please contact him and he will be happy to answer any questions you have.

**Membership Report** - Tom Rizzo , Lou Cortese and Paul Giordano are working on the lap top issues.

**Program Directors Report** – Nick Guarino stated he is looking for someone to host the May meeting as Frank had to unexpectedly cancel. We may try to see if we could have it at the RMLI. June meeting may be at Steve Git-

telman's house, waiting hear back. All other meetings for the rest of the year are covered.

**Modular Coordinator** – Ed Assaf stated that we will be doing the COA as planned. The theme is Spring Time and Fairy Gardens.

**Bob Russo Memorial Fund** – The tree is planted, the cement slab for the bench is done, the bench is in storage. The club has issued the last of our commitment to Bayard. Any other funds will be used for the refreshments at the memorial dedication. Pat Russo wants to have the dedication in Sept.

**Anniversary for 2021 (30years)** – No new info at this time.

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# March Meeting at the COA



Our successful meeting at the COA followed CDC guidelines for safe food handling, masks and social distancing also had a quorum.

The framed documents to the left were created for use on the modular display in memory of club members who have passed away. We will be adding any names that were forgotten.

## 2021 Dues Reminder

Please remember to renew your membership to LIGRS. Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$40 per year. Family Memberships for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household. Please send a check made out to **Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.** (full name please as the bank frowns on "Pay to the Order of LIGRS") for the appropriate amount to:

**Tom Rizzo**  
32 Semon Road,  
Huntington, NY 11743,

## Member Profiles



Member Phil Martin, seen here at the RMLI at Riverhead during our last in-person meeting held there, has been a member of the Museum at Riverhead for 35 years. Now that he is retired he finds that he can spend more time there. He noticed that nobody was taking care of the Freeman Railway and when he mentioned it to the Museum crew and said, "I'll do it" he was made chairman of the restoration project. Currently the layout is taken apart in order to create a real river water feature. It will be set up with a filter. He wants to have at least 2 tracks operational soon. But noticed that junction boxes had been installed above grade. Why he wondered. If left that way the tracks have to be laid around them. More planning is needed.

He is also moving all of the trains out of the shanty and inside the "wood shop". This gives him more space to work. The wood buildings' roofs are rotting. He will replace them and is currently working on one. The plastic buildings are faded and one big roof (plastic) needs repairing.

Another building has windows all around and even window boxes but no doors. It appears to have been built using spare parts. He would like to face the window box side of the building towards the tracks to suggest that the entry door is on the other side. Right now he is also gluing broken parts together.

Since Phil was a little tyke he has loved trains. His brother had a train set but it was his and not Phil's.

He likes modern diesel equipment and doesn't do any particular road or period. His plans for a G layout are in his head and considered himself an armchair modeler. Currently he runs his HO equipment on the West Island Model RR club layout. Also has N scale, plus the HO, O scale museum quality and now G scale.

It was good to see him again at our latest in-person meeting at the Cradle of Aviation. Expect to see him the next time we meet at RMLI Riverhead.

## From the Secretary March Meeting Minutes continued



### Upcoming events and Shows:

**Cradle of Aviation** – Ed Assaf stated the dates are still set up March 22, 23, & 24 with run dates March 25 thru Easter Sunday April 4 and take down is April 5. Time is 10 AM – 4 PM

**Picnic** – We are tentatively scheduled with Long Island Live Steamers at Southaven County Park so long as Suffolk County allows them to open for Saturday August 21

**Photo Contest** – Congratulations to this month's winning photo, "Sweet Hollow Business District" was submitted by Karl Wagner and taken on Steve Gittelman's The Chichesster to Sweet Hollow Branch of the NYC RR Please remember to take pictures and send your best picture to Louise Sewall.

**Chic Chat Corner** – Louise Sewall wrote about Teddy Roosevelt and a cup of coffee that he exclaimed "was good to the last drop". Louise commented about Sagamore Hill and the Oyster Bay Train Station. Remember you can write about almost anything here at Chic Chat Corner

**Club Resource Library** – The list of books, videos and plans are on the club's website. Just contact Nick Guarino and he will bring it to our next in person meeting for you to borrow.

**Club merchandise** – Please see Georgiana & Steve Gaherty at our next in person meeting if you wish to purchase any club items such as hats, shirts, jackets, pins and DVD's

**Aluminum Can Tabs** – Please give them to Eileen & Karl Wagner. This helps fund the Ronald McDonald House for Children needing treatment and their families. Please check them with a magnet as only Aluminum are used NOT STEEL

### **Old Business:**

We had a conference call with the Nassau County Parks Commissioner Ms. Eileen Krieb. We are waiting to hear back from Nassau County about Old Bethpage Village Restoration for holding meetings there, Eisenhower Park, and or possibly other locations.

It was asked at the January Zoom meeting if the club would be able to cover cost of dues by some members due to covid? The BOD has decided not to broadly cover the cost of dues because of the shortage of income of the club at this time. Each case would be decided individually.

### **New Business:**

Super 50/50 they are \$5.00 a ticket. 10 tickets will be mailed to each club membership household. Sell what you can to family and friends or buy them all yourself..... or none at all, your choice. Hand them back at a meeting to Chairperson George Stamataides or mail them to the Club PO BOX

50/50 was won by Lou Cortese. \$19 for Lou and \$19 for the club.

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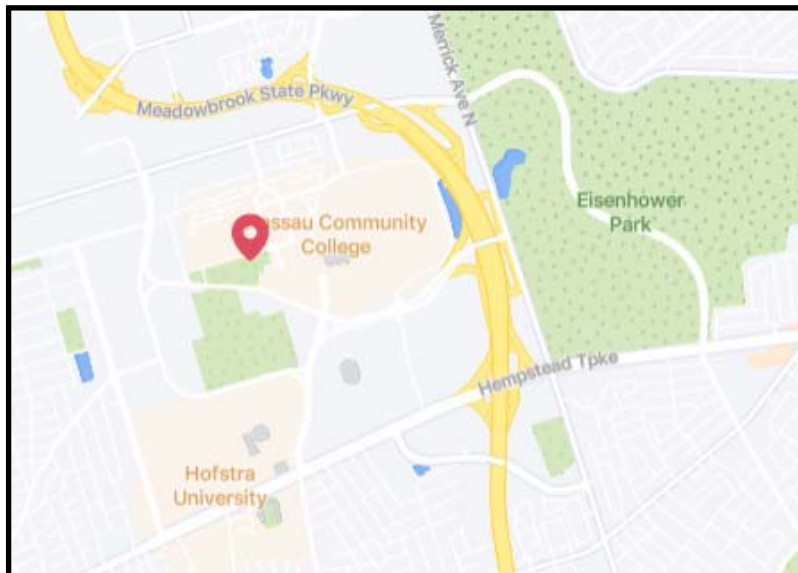




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11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

<https://www.cradleofaviation.org/>

**Driving Directions** Meadowbrook Parkway to exit M4, follow signs to Museum Row which will put you on Charles Lindbergh Blvd, stay on Charles Lindbergh Blvd. to the second traffic light and turn right into the parking lot.



**From the Secretary March Meeting Minutes continued**



Next meeting is tentatively set for either Sunday April 18 or 25 at the Cradle of Aviation. Please check our web site as things are changing daily due to the pandemic.

Tom Rizzo made a motion to close the meeting seconded by Pat Russo. Motion approved. Meeting ended @ 12:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Karl Wagner, Secretary



**Chic Chat Corner**



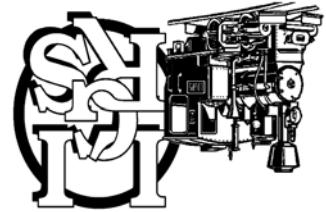
Our Spring Modular Display at the Cradle of Aviation was beautiful! Those doing the set up were careful to change the winter themes of the various modules to Spring. And nobody missed setting up in the rain as in past Arbor Day ground layout set up days.

In addition some of our lady members added their Fairy Garden display pieces and even live, flowering plants which drew the attention of many visitors. I must mention that Paul Bonney and Matthew also set up a spectacular corner Fairy Garden display.

The module that was dedicated to the memory of deceased members turned out to be lovely and appropriate as well. It included the framed list of names, a framed description of the module's intent, lovely framed photos of some past members and a number of flowering plants as well.

My photos could not do justice to the Spring Display. Geri Coney and I have posted some of our photos on an older Shutterfly site that anyone can visit.

Please go to this URL: <https://ligrsummer2011publicdisplays.shutterfly.com/123> I will also place this link on our web-site.



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“Spring is made of solid, fourteen-karat gratitude, the reward for the long wait. Every religious tradition from the northern hemisphere honors some form of April hallelujah, for this is the season of exquisite redemption, a slam-bang return to joy after a season of cold second thoughts.”

— Barbara Kingsolver, [Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life](#)

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