

April 2024

General Meeting
SATURDAY April 20th
11:00 a.m. sharp -3:00 p.m.
Oyster Bay RR Museum
1 Railroad Ave., Oyster Bay, NY 11771



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE LONG ISLAND GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY INC.

Smoke n' Cinders



ARBOR

Day Festival



Come out and support the LIGRS layout!

Volunteers are needed. Wear club clothing and ID badges. Bring trains to run and cameras to take entries for our photo contest.

Since 1987 Planting Fields, in Oyster Bay, has commemorated national Arbor Day with a festival of fun-filled educational activities and entertainment. Kids of all ages can see a wildlife show, go on a tree treasure hunt or nature walk, and participate in nature activities. Enjoy storytelling, musical performances, nature crafts and attend tree planting ceremonies.

Set up Thurs. 4/25, 10:00am,
Festival April 27th to 28th, 10:00am – 4:00pm \$20 per car for-
non-club members.

[Planting Fields Foundation](#)

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2024 LIGRS Meetings & Events

Date	Program/Notes	Time	Place
April 25, 2024	Display set up	10:00AM	Planting Fields Arboretum
April 27-28, 2024	Ground Display	10:00AM-4:00PM	Planting Fields Arboretum
May 18, 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Bethpage Senior Center
June 15, 2024	BOD	10:00AM	31 August Lane, Hicksville, NY
June 23, 2024 SUNDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Paul Bonney
July 13, 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Jay & Betty Geyer
Aug. , 2024	General Mtg & Picnic	11:00 AM	Ray Shelton
September 2024	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Ed Assaf
Oct. 13, 2024 SUNDAY	General Meeting	11:00 AM	Mike Kmeth

WANTED

Uncle LIGRS needs a few good members to join the train crew and shape the future of the club. Currently LIGRS has openings for Secretary and Quartermaster. Can we count on you to step-up and make a difference?



View From The Cab



THIS IS MY OFFICIAL RESIGNATION

Yes, it is true! I am officially tendering my resignation. I've thought long and hard about this and feel confident about my decision. The following statement will explain it.

I am hereby officially tendering my resignation as an adult. I have decided that I would like to accept the responsibilities of an 8 year old again.

I want to go to an Automat or Nedic's for a hot dog and fries and think that it's a four star restaurant.

I want to print my name on a Popsicle stick put it in the gutter of Hell's Kitchen and turn on a fire hydrant on 47th street and 9th Avenue and race my friends Popsicle sticks down to 9th Avenue.

I want to stand in one spot and spin, spin and spin until I fall to the ground and lay there watching the sky spin around me

I want to run a lemonade stand in front of my tenement stoop selling TWO CENTS cups, with my friends on a hot summer day.

I want to return to a time when life was simple; when all you knew were colors, multiplication tables and nursery rhymes. None of this bothered me, because I didn't know what I didn't know and I didn't care. All I

knew was to be happy, because I was blissfully unaware of all the things that should make me worried or upset.

I want to think that the world is fair.

I want to think that everyone is honest and good.

I want to believe that anything is possible.

I want to be oblivious to the complexities of life and be overly excited by the little things again.

I want to wake up on Christmas Eve to the sound of a voice in the kitchen, sounding so much like my father, but hoping it's the big guy in the red suit, leaving me a model train set.

I want to be able to lay on the floor dreaming of a model train that no one could afford in Hell's Kitchen just thinking of all the places that train could take me.

I want to live simple again.

I don't want my life to consist of doctor bills, gossip, illness and loss of loved ones.

I want to believe in the power of truth, justice, peace, mankind and the AMERICAN way.

I want to believe in the power of dreams, imagination and snowmen.

So, here's my checkbook, my car keys, my credit card bills and my 401K statements. I am officially resigning from adulthood.

And if you want to discuss this further, you'll have to catch me first, 'cause...

"TAG! YOU'RE IT!!"

I edited the resignation notice in a very small way to fit my profile,

Thank God for the Long Island Garden Railway Society for giving me my dreams of "Havin' fun Runnin' Trains!"

Dave Snow of the BIG TRAIN OPERATOR CLUB got the original version of this, shortly after 9/11/01 from an online friend of his and felt it appropriate to have it published in BTO #97 Sept/Oct 2001. With all that was going on in this world at the time. The original writer was Clevis Jones from Georgia, who became a good friend of his and was a prolific writer of short stories. Unfortunately, he passed away in 2013. Dave still has many of his stories that he sent to him. After reading it, I felt that it is a good time to share my retirement notice with you all at the start of spring.

We are lucky to be able to go into our train rooms and/or garden layouts, run trains and forget for a moment the stresses of life and share our love affair with model railroading with family and friends. I hope that you continue to do that. And, all I can say, continue 'Havin' fun, Runnin' trains!

By the way Dues are due! 'cause after I wake up I'm going to be lookin for it!

George



REMINDER

The LIGRS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: SATURDAY APRIL 20 WILL BE HELD AT THE OYSTER BAY RAIL ROAD MUSEUM. 1 RAILROAD AVE, OYSTER BAY, NY. 11AM for the 3 C'S
Coffee Cake Chatting
At High Noon the meeting will be called to order!



Minutes of LIGRS March 9, 2024 General Membership Meeting

President called meeting to order at 12 Noon.

(Please Note) All future Pre-meeting gatherings will start at 11 AM for coffee cake and chatting. The Meeting will start at 12noon Sharp.

Pledge to our flag.

President apologized to the membership for not sending out meeting reminder Email. Our next Meeting will be held APRIL 20, 2024 at the OYSTER BAY RR MUSEUM Going forward all meeting announcements and reminders will be emailed, text and snail mailed to the membership.

The club welcomed returning founding member David Mc Connell (1991). David also exhibited the latest electronic technology in garden railroading.

We also welcomed a new member Dennis Newman to the club.

The treasurer's report was postponed till the meeting of April 20th.

Meeting dates are set for June 22 and July 13.

The auction report showed an income of \$815 as submitted by Paul Simon, Chair.

The chair acknowledges the great work of Bob Sewall, Tom Rizzo, Ed

Assaf, Anthony Marino, Bruce Kropp, Anthony Marino and a special THANK YOU to Louise and Bob Sewall for making this such a fun and fruitful event.

We are in need for a club Secretary and a Quartermaster. Please if you would like to pitch in please contact glstama1@earthlink.net

The secretary position only involves taking minutes at meetings.

The quartermaster duties include working with the chairs of the modular exhibit, outdoor ground and indoor table top committees to insure the needs of the exhibits.

Exciting News

Ed Assaf announced the club has been invited to exhibit at the PLANTING FIELDS ABORETUM STATE PARK'S ABORETUM DAY EVENT Oyster bay, NY on April 27th and 28th. The event draws thousands of New Yorkers to the Park. The administration has also invited us to exhibit the following Saturday and Sunday.

WE WILL BE SETTING UP ON THURSDAY APRIL 25

We will giving you updates as more information is forthcoming from the administration. PLEASE join the fun setting up. Please mark your calendar. We usually start the set

up at 10 AM and complete at 2PM. A light Lunch is served on setup day for the volunteers.

If you prefer to attend the run days to greet the crowds, show off your trains, and have fun educating all ages of visitors.

Please plan to come out and show your support of the club and have a great time in the most beautiful wonderland park on Saturday and Sunday.

We are expecting visitors from Australia after April 10th. He would like to meet USA Garden Railroaders. If you would like to show off your Garden Railway let us know at glstama1@earthlink.net to schedule.



From Dave Smith



So after about 2-3 months of head scratching, heartache and submission, my scratch-built New England Inn is finally as complete as it ever is going to be.

I tried to make the lighting mostly kerosene lamps with just a touch of the new fangled electricity coming in on the porch and lobby.

The interior is fully decorated with PHOTOS copied from the Internet and then photo-shopped for size. I like the ease of use of crepe paper for plain old curtains.

This is in 1:48 scale also called "O" scale by some



Chic Chat Corner



With Spring now here I was inspired by this sharing on Facebook's GRNews page.



With Spring on the horizon, I am posting some of the miniature Hosta and Coleus I grow. I grow the miniatures for Garden Railroads, Fairy & Container Gardens in my stores garden nursery.



Monthly Photo Contest Winner



This month's winning photo, "Silent Village in the Snow" was taken by Mike Kmeth of his Sun Valley Garden RR



News from the Oyster Bay RR Museum

March 12, 2024 - Oyster Bay, NY



The Oyster Bay Railroad Museum is pleased to announce that we have contracted with Next Generation Rail Solutions of Irvine, KY for the restoration of LIRR #35, the oldest surviving LIRR locomotive, and the crown jewel of our collection.

Followers of this project may know that this outcome did not happen overnight. There was a lengthy competitive procurement process, seemingly endless contract negotiations with multiple municipal partners, and waiting. Lots and LOTS of waiting. In fact, there was so much waiting involved that we were ultimately unable to retain the services of our initially intended contractor.

Fortunately, Next Generation stepped up in a big way, and ultimately won the bid. The company, which is the business side of "That Steam Guy", already has a leading role in high profile restorations such as C&O #2716 and L&N #152.

As a reminder, the end result of this project will be a cosmetically restored locomotive with running gear operational to the point where the locomotive will be able to be towed over trackage, whether on museum grounds or elsewhere. Nothing being done to the locomotive at this time will preclude future operation, and the work being done is intended to leave open the possibility of a future boiler restoration should resources and opportunities eventually permit. Should this not occur, at worst, the locomotive will be intact, attractive and at home on Long Island.

As the months progress, parts will cycle in and out of Next Generation's shops, and in Oyster Bay, an intact and mobile G-5s Ten Wheeler will begin to take shape on Track 3 of our display yard. We cannot wait to share these updates with you!

Ronnie Schnepf & John Petsche
Locomotive #35 Committee, Oyster Bay Railroad Museum

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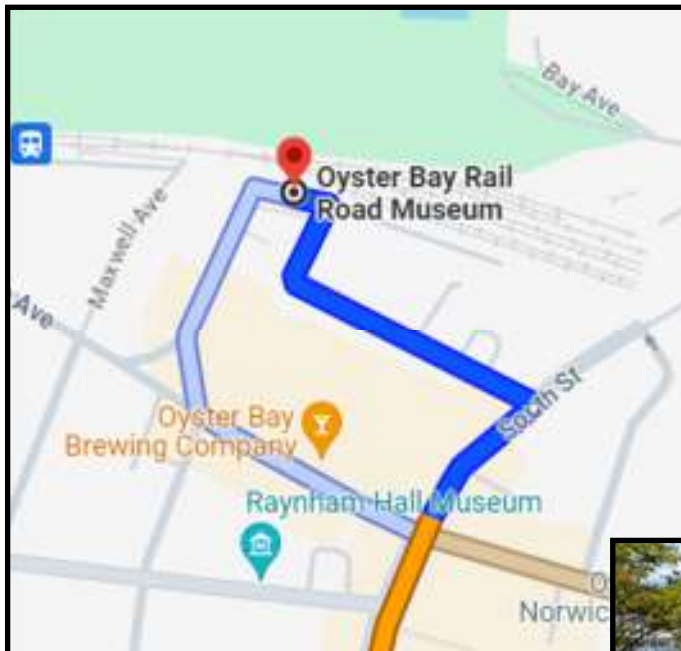
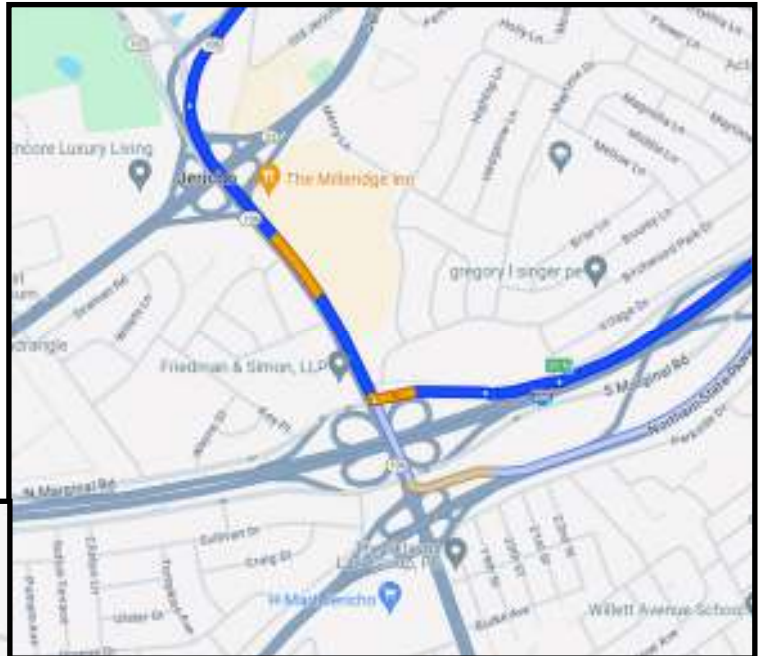
Directions:

From the 25, LIE or Northern State Parkway

Take the exit for Rt 106 North
Continue straight onto South St
Turn left onto Hamilton Ave
Turn left onto Railroad Ave

From Southern state or other points South

Take the exit for Rt 135 North
Go West on Northern State Parkway
Take the exit for Rt 106 North
Continue straight onto South St
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Come and support the club display at Planting Fields Arboretum for their Arbor Day weekend Festivities — Wear Club Clothing

Bring trains to run and cameras for entries to our photo contest.

**April 27th to 28th
10:00 am to 4:00pm**



Directions to Planting Fields

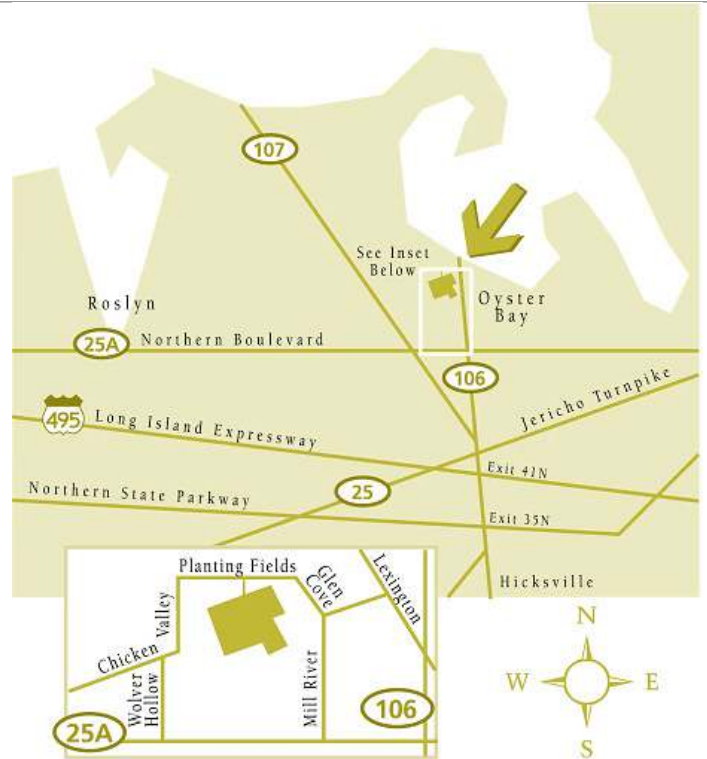
Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park
1395 Planting Fields Road
Oyster Bay, NY 11771

By Car:

Long Island Expressway to Exit 41 North or Northern State Parkway to Exit 35 North. Proceed north on Route 106 towards Oyster Bay. Turn left onto 25A Northern Boulevard. Make first right onto Mill River Road. Follow green & white signs to the Arboretum on Planting Fields Road.

By Train:

Oyster Bay is the last stop on the Oyster Bay line of the Long Island Railroad. Planting Fields is approximately 1 ½ miles west.



THERE ARE NO PETS ALLOWED IN THE PARK

2024 Dues Reminder: Send in your 2023 dues so that it may be a “Happy Train Year.”

Individual memberships, the 1st member of a household, are \$50 per year.

Family Memberships, for members over 18 years old are \$15 for **EACH** additional member in the same household.

Students, age 18-22 is \$25.

Please send a check made out to “**The Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc.**” (full name please)) for the appropriate amount to:

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