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Ninth Annual “Puritas Nursery Holiday Trains” Free and Open to Public Viewing November 25 - December 31, 2011

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Puritas Nursery is proud to present, for the ninth consecutive year, truly unique holiday model train displays that capture the spirit of the season and bring out the kid in all of us.

This year there are a total of 18 trains – three different gauges running on four distinct layouts.

The main HO gauge layout is a beautifully landscaped 8’ x 30’ table with 6 trains and 2 trolleys chugging through hills and valleys of live trees, shrubs, and flowing water. This year, for the first time, our rivers flow into a waterfall running right off the edge of the table! Children delight in using the two carpeted “tunnels” beneath the display as “kids-only” shortcuts to cross from one side of the layout to the other.

We have two Lionel O gauge layouts this year. Our main 7’ x 30’ O gauge train layout featuring, sound, lights, and working crossing gates with plenty of Plasticville homes and villages is complemented by a new “twin corkscrew track tower” layout – which we call the Double Helix – that has to be seen to be fully appreciated.

Our G scale layout is courtesy of Mike Dory and the Northern Ohio Garden Railway Society and will feature several garden theme scenes including Wizard of Oz, Lion King, German Village, the Kamm’s Corners Farmers Market, and a Circus.

The size, extent, and variety of the displays make for great family photos and cherished holiday memories. Cameras are welcome. It is remarkable that these original works of art are designed and created by a team of passionate volunteers and model railroad hobbyists between Halloween and Thanksgiving.

The main HO display was designed by Dan Gryczan, an ardent model railroad enthusiast and a good friend and customer to Puritas Nursery. Gryczan, Dale Heyink, owner/operator of Puritas Nursery, the entire nursery staff, and numerous volunteers put hundreds of man-hours into the construction of the displays.

The train layout, which uses real vegetation, is set up in a heated greenhouse. Vegetation includes miniature evergreens and conifers, herbs, and junipers. Poinsettias add color and are sold right off the train layout. The layout will evoke fond memories of Christmases past when downtown stores like Sterling-Linder, Halle’s, and others featured model trains in their toyland displays.

Children may visit with Santa Claus from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, December 3 and 10. The public may take pictures with Santa free of charge using their own camera.

Photo galleries of past year’s layouts may be viewed at: www.puritasnursery.com.

Date: November 25 through December 31, 2011

Time: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. • Weekends, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Note! We will close at 3 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Cost: Free to one and all. Media inquiries are welcome!

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PLEASE NOTE! - All members of the press and general media attending the Holiday Trains Display will receive a celebratory gift to commemorate their visit.