

# Long Island Garden Railway Society, Inc

## Membership Application

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*\* indicates field that must be completed*

\***Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Members Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

\* **Type of Membership:**  **Individual**  **Family**

Family memberships, please indicate family members' names below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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\***Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

\***Town/City:** \_\_\_\_\_

\***State:** \_\_\_\_\_ \***Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

\***Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

\***E-mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please tell us about your interests and experience in the hobby.*

Do you own large scale trains?  Yes  No

Operating garden RR  Garden RR under construction  Garden RR being planned

No garden RR  Operating RR (other scale)  Holiday RR

Modular RR  Other type, please

specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you model in other scales?  Yes  No If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you belong to any other clubs?  Yes  No If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

What skills do you possess? \_\_\_\_\_

What interests do you have? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in hosting a meeting at your home?  Yes  No

What is your interest in becoming a member of the Long Island garden Railway Society?  
\_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the club? \_\_\_\_\_

Members dues are currently \$40.00 per year for a individual membership, Other members, 18 years of age or older, residing at the same residence may be added for a \$15 additional fee per member, per year. The membership year runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Members joining after September 1<sup>st</sup> are considered to have paid their dues for the following year.

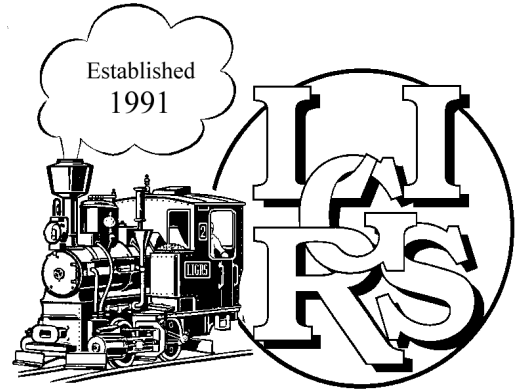
Make checks payable to **"Long Island Garden Railway Society"**

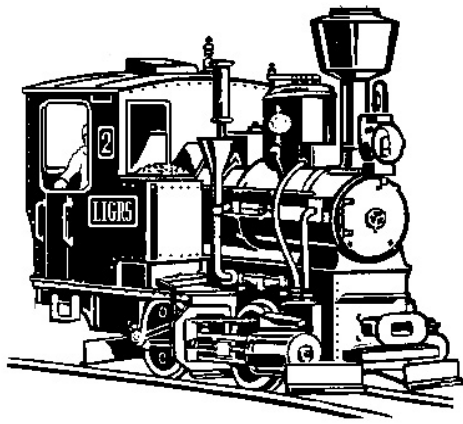
If application needs to be mailed, please send to :

Membership Director - 152 Northern Blvd, St James, NY 11780

Call Karl Wagner with any questions - (631) 584-6619 or E-Mail [sgauge@optonline.net](mailto:sgauge@optonline.net)

*Check out our website at [LIGRS.ORG](http://LIGRS.ORG)*





The Long Island Garden Railway Society, established in 1991, is an informal organization of gardening and model railway enthusiasts, dedicated to having fun and actively promoting the hobby of large scale railroading on Long Island, both indoors and in the garden.

The group's membership consists of men, women and children from diverse backgrounds whose common bond is the love of gardening and large scale model trains. The Long Island Garden Railway Society is both a forum for the knowledge and a social fellowship where members share experiences and exchange ideas relating to all aspects of the hobby. The Society includes both collectors and operators whose level of interest range from novice to expert. Unlike many other hobbyist the organizations is family oriented and participation by spouses and children is both encouraged and welcomed.

Monthly meetings are held at members' homes featuring the construction and operation of actual outdoor railroads in the warmer months and interesting indoor programs during the winter. These may include swap meets, auctions, educational clinics and guest speakers from the hobby and garden industries. It is not uncommon, however to see our railroads in operation year round... even in the snow! Highlights of the club's activities also include promotion of the hobby through exhibitions at major area garden and flower shows, operating displays at train collector's meets, shopping malls, children's hospitals and community events. The annual family picnic in the summer and the holiday party in December are events no one wants to miss!

**LIGRS Membership, 152 Northern Blvd., St James, NY 11780**

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## What is Garden Railroading?

The origin of large scale outdoor model railroading began in pre-war England where sturdy metal, mechanically operated "standard" gauge trains complimented the backyard garden setting for many years. The sight of these magnificent trains entwining in and out against the majestic backgrounds of garden greenery provided hours of enjoyment, relaxation and pleasure.

It wasn't until the early 1960's that the hobby first took root here in America, primarily in California where the climate cooperated year-round and in Colorado where prototypes of "narrow gauge" railroading existed as inspiration for the garden railway modeler.

Today, more than thirty years later, garden railways thrive in all fifty states from Maine to Hawaii. Through the

pioneering efforts of LGB and Pola of Germany, and American companies like Aristo-Craft, USA Trains, Bachmann, MDC and others, the availability of large scale trains and accessories has become abundant as well as *affordable*.

Often referred to as "G-gauge" today's colorful weather resistant garden railway locomotives and rolling stock are built in scales of 1:20.3, 1:22.5, 1:24, 1:29, depending upon the

manufacturer and the prototype. They are about twice the size and mass of Lionel O-gauge and operate on 45 mm gauge track. Designed to endure the elements and hazards of outdoor operation, the trains and track are quite durable and withstand all but the most severe weather conditions.

### Getting started in "G" Scale

It is not the policy of the LIGRS to endorse any single manufacturer or hobby dealer. However we've prepared this source list solely in the interest of promoting the hobby. We suggest you try your local hobby shop first. If they cannot help, the companies listed below have knowledgeable personal who can answer most of your questions about the types and installation of large scale railroading products.

Trainland  
293 Sunrise Highway,  
Lynbrook  
718 436-7072

Willis Hobby  
300 Willis Ave  
Mineola  
516 746-3944

Nassau Hobby  
13 West Merrick Rd  
Freeport  
516 378-9594

#### PUBLICATIONS

Garden Railways  
Kalmbach Publishing

Finescale Railroading  
West Lake Publishing