



Displays for holidays spread around town

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Glittering pockets of holiday cheer are scattered around Tucson like hidden gifts.

Take Loyal and Marty Hart's Christmas train.

For the past decade, they've set up their toy trains in the library of Cavett Elementary School, 2120 E. Naco Vista. "My husband runs them all day for a week," said Marty, who is Cavett school librarian.

"We have a little Christmas village set up that is basically the town of Durango, Colorado."

The trains are bigger than the usual toy trains. The layout takes up most of the library at the southside school.

The Harts will operate the trains daily through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The display is open to the public.

For C.G. Miller, the holidays provide a perfect chance to light up Cecil, an 800-pound metal scorpion.

Of the approximately 1,900 Christmas lights in Miller's yard, half of them adorn Cecil.

The scorpion, which sat for a while atop a Tucson bar, has now made itself at home at Miller's home and office at 1343 E. Spring St.

Cecil, who had about 100 visitors last weekend, has two yellow eyes, a red nose and a green mouth.

To inspect the festive scorpion, turn north on North Mountain Avenue

from Grant Road. Turn east on Spring Street. Cecil awaits about three-quarters of a block down on the north side.

They're sticking with tradition up on the far-northwest side at Countryside Heights where a number of families are lighting up their houses for neighbors and visitors.

One of the residents, William Leith, specializes in plastic figures.

In addition to a manger scene, Leith has put out a Santa Claus, a church, a choir and a couple of angels.

A neighbor, Anne Gready, said her family has chasing lights around the front of the house and a Christmas tree and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus in their front window.

On Dec. 23, 24, and 25, some of the residents plan to have a luminaria night.

To get to Countryside Heights, take Interstate 10 west to Cortaro Farms Road, turn right and go to the stop light at Camino de Oeste. Turn left. The development is less than a mile up the road on the left-hand side.

"When you come in, turn to the left," said Gready. "You'll see more lights than going to the right."

Give the Arizona Daily Star a call at 573-4184, describe the display that has put you in a holiday mood, give its location and leave a number where you can be reached between 8 a.m. and noon.



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MODEL CHILDREN - Fourth-graders Lizeth Quintana (left), 9, and Brenda Victoria, 10, watch a model train chug by them at Cavett Elementary, 2120 E. Naco Vista. A pair of serious collec-

tors of model trains, Loyal and Marty Hart of the Tucson Garden Railroad Society, showed their trains to the students this week. Marty Hart is a librarian at the school.



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