



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

# TIMETABLE

November, 2019

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## November Meeting

Gary & Peggy Martin's  
Open House 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Board Meeting 3:00 pm  
General Meeting 4:00 pm  
After Meeting Dinner for those who  
RSVP'd by The Martins

Time to renew your TGRS membership  
(for the year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)  
**\$30.00 PER MEMBER OR FAMILY**  
Please make check payable to TGRS and  
send to:  
**RUTH TAYLOR Treasurer - TGRS**  
**4081 S. TARANTULA HAWK PLACE**  
**TUCSON, AZ 85735**



## SOCIAL LUNCHEON

After a fun journey to watch the Big Boy run by and have brunch at The Feed Lot, let's return to the The Red Garter Saloon, located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. I bet a few attendees will have some video to show you if you missed the Big Boy. The date is Wednesday November 20th. The food is always great, the service excellent, and the conversation varied and fun.. Be there at 11:00 for pool (no rules, loose scorekeeping and lots of fun), or 11:45 for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.



Special thanks to Gary and Janet for two very fun and informative workshops. Since the November and December meetings include meals we will forgo any workshops for those two months and resume again with the January meeting.

## Changes to Volunteer Sign-Up Process and Recent Requests

In addition to bringing sign-up sheets to the general meetings, we are rolling out a volunteer sign-up software used by several of our members for other organizations. The software is called SignUp Genius. SignUp Genius also sends a reminder email as the event approaches. Hopefully this will make volunteering a little easier for everybody.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4dafaf2aabfd0-vaholiday>



The Ocotillo Early Learning Center is a high quality, developmentally appropriate early childhood center serving children ages birth to seven of all abilities in an inclusive, nurturing and stimulating environment.

**Thursday December 19, 2019**

### Ocotillo Signup

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4dafaf2aabfd0-polar>



Tucson Botanical Gardens is transformed into a magical wonderland in December during its annual Luminaria Nights. For the first two weekends in December, 3,000 candle-lit luminarias and 22 Korean lanterns luminarias are set out on the grounds of the garden, transforming the garden into a unique and magical holiday display.

**December 4-16, 2019**

### Luminaria Nights Signup

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4dafaf2aabfd0-luminaria>



Mark you calendars now. The annual club Christmas party will be held Dec 7, 2019 at 12 noon. It will again be at the Golden Corral on N. Thornydale. It is a meeting, lots of food, and our usual gift exchange. PLEASE NOTE, YOU DO NOT NEED TO PARTICIPATE in the exchange to attend the party. For new members, here is how it works. Purchase a new railroad related item for around \$20 and wrap it. (This is one present only for any couple or family attending-not a present per person). All of these get put on a table and you are given a numbered ticket. When your number is called you take a present from the table and unwrap it in front of everybody and show it off to the group. The next persons number called has the option of "stealing any of the presents already open" or choosing one from the table and opening it as above. If a gift is "stolen" from somebody, they can then either open another from the table or steal a present already opened. Limiting rules: No certain item may be stolen more than twice, and no individual person may have something stolen from them more than twice. So start your Christmas shopping early.

# ***TUSD Attendance Event***



# ***Light the Night Event***



TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING

October 20, 2019

Hosts: Glenn & Janet Mitchell

Thirty-three (33) members signed the attendance sheet. There were no guests or new members presented. The Mitchells were thanked for hosting.

The September 2019 minutes were approved as published in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report:

Checking (as of 10/19/19): \$ 2,810\*

Savings (as of 10/19/19): 15,807

Total on Deposit: \$18,617

\*\$1,500 transferred from savings to checking

Receipts (from 09/15/19): \$ 180 (club dues/renewals)

Expenses (from 09/15/19): \$ 115  
(membership award pins)

682 (storage unit – 10 months)  
\$ 797

Net Revenues from 09/15/19: \$ -617

Fiscal Year to Date Recap (2019/2020)

Receipts: \$ 1,676

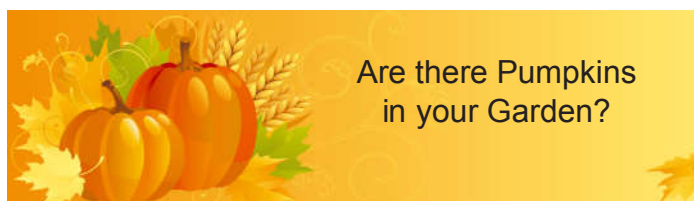
Expenses: 1,584

Net Revenue: \$ 92

Dues paid 2019-20: \$1,200 (40 paid renewals) plus 1 new member: \$30 = \$1,230 to date

Vice-President's Report:

Claudia Nelson reported that the Butterfield Days event went well. There was ample volunteer support and the small "prototype" layout made its debut. She explained how it can be set up and run by only 1 person, if necessary,



and can break down and travel inside an SUV instead of needing a trailer. The highlight for the volunteers to the event was the museum and the Engineer Control Stand with a camera in the visitors' center. She will talk with Chuck Cook about a day trip social outing via Amtrak to Benson.

Upcoming Events:

On Oct. 23rd the TUSD Attendance Award party will take place at Wright Elementary kindergarten. Sally Jacunski plans to take the small layout and Ken Karrels donated coloring books from the Transportation Museum for the children. Sally will have TGRS pencils to give away as well.

Oct. 26: The Leukemia Society's Light the Night event – setup at 2pm; Chick-fil-a to provide dinner; the Jacunskis will drive the small trailer.

Nov. 8-9: The Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum swap meet signup is complete except for a driver.

Nov. 9: The Martins' Open House followed by the General Meeting at 4pm. Please RSVP to Gary or Peggy if you are staying for dinner afterward! This is in order to have enough tables, chairs and food.

Dec. 6-8 and 13-15: Luminaria Nights at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. A few more volunteers would be helpful.

Dec. 7: The General Meeting will begin at Noon at the Golden Corral on Thornydale followed by lunch, the Membership Awards and the Train-themed Wrapped Gift Exchange (no more than \$20; one gift to exchange per family).

Dec. 19: The Ocotillo Learning Center's Polar Express day at the school is all set with volunteers. The small layout will be used.

Dec. 21: Christmas at the Depot event – Ken Karrels would like to use the new small layout.

Dec. 23: Setup at the VA hospital – run trains

on 12/24, 12/26-28 then teardown. NEED DRIVERS!

#### Upcoming Meetings:

Nov. 9: Gary and Peggy Martin – after Open House at approximately 4pm (Reminder: RSVP to the Martins if you are staying afterward for dinner)

Dec. 7: Golden Corral Buffet, 6865 N Thornydale Rd., for Christmas Party – Noon.

Jan. 18: Bob and Sue Averill – time TBA

Feb. 8: Rincon Country West – time TBA

Mar. 21: John and Audrie Fennema –time TBA

May: Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum – date and time TBA

June: Golden Corral – date and time TBA.

#### Newsletter Editor:

Sally was complimented on her great job as Editor. She is requesting pictures, videos, anything on the Big Boy event.

## Now Online



October Board of Directors Minutes

Video of the Big Boy Visit to Tucson

Video of Butterfield Days Event

#### Committee Reports:

Website: Jerry is working on minor glitches – notify him if you notice any problems.

Clinics: Gary plans to present a different clinic after most of the upcoming general meetings.

Maintenance: Dennis, John and Gary are working every Tuesday at the Gardens to clean up and stabilize the track. Gary also reminded the members of the contribution the Conrads made in keeping the Gardens' layout looking good for so long. There is a minor problem with the Children's Museum equipment that is being addressed.

Mentor: Gary is helping out with getting the community layout in Oracle. They are using battery power.

Social: Next event is tentatively 11/20 at the Red Garter Saloon.

Old Business: None pending.

New Business: None offered.

#### Announcements:

Gary has flyers to pass out for his open house.

Wayne Wesolowski is making a Pennsylvania boxcar and is looking for old ones to use for parts.

There are vests available – free for the taking.

Janet Mitchell will be giving her clinic on making figures and other items for your layout immediately following this meeting.

The next general meeting is scheduled for November 9, 4pm at the Martins.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell  
Secretary

## TGRS FY2019 Volunteer Award Recipients

Bob Averill	Gold Fireman
Barry Blackwell	RITG Year Pin
Gina Blackwell	RITG Year Pin
John Carmichael	RITG Year Pin
Phil Pappas	RITG Year Pin
Willis Fagg	RITG Year Pin
Dottie Fagg	RITG Year Pin
John Fennema	Silver Conductor, Silver Engineer, Gold Fireman, Brakeman
Audrie Fennema	Gandy Dancer, Carman
Wally Gazdzik	Switchman, Gandy Dancer
Conrad Jacunski	Carman
Sally Jacunski	Gandy Dancer, Carman
Ken Karrels	RITG Year Pin
Mary Karrels	RITG Year Pin
Ron Koehler	Silver Fireman, Brakeman*, Switchman*, Gandy Dancer*
Helen Koehler	Brakeman*, Switchman*, Gandy Dancer*
Dennis Mahar	RITG Year Pin, RITG Patch, Gold Engineer
Carolyn Mahar	RITG Year Pin, RITG Patch
Gary Martin	RITG Year Pin
Peggy Martin	RITG Year Pin
Jim Miller	Gandy Dancer*, Carman*
Elaine Miller	Silver Conductor*, Silver Engineer*, Silver Fireman*, Gandy Dancer*, Carman*
David Nelson	Gold Fireman
Claudia Nelson	Silver Conductor, Silver Engineer, Gold Fireman
Jerry Tulino	Gold Fireman

\* Award never received per prior data sheet maintained by previous Award Chair.

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TGRS Membership Application  
<http://tucsongrs.org/ClubInformation/HowToJoin.shtml>

### PRICE LIST FOR CLUB REGALIA

PINS	\$5.00 EACH
DECALS	\$1.50 EACH
PATCHES	\$2.00 EACH
HATS	\$12.00 EACH
SILK TOUGH SHIRTS (LIGHT IVORY COLOR)	\$22.00 EACH
DENIM SHIRTS (SHORT OR LONG SLEEVE)	\$26.00 EACH

**NOTE:** Shirts are available in ladies' or men's sizes. (Size 2X and up are an additional \$3.00 per shirt)

Contact Ruth Taylor phone or email for purchase  
(520-908-1312) [taylor1985@comcast.net](mailto:taylor1985@comcast.net)

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 20, 2019  
Lunch Social  
Red Garter, 11:00  
Wednesday, December 4, 2019  
Luminaria Nights-Set up  
Friday, December 6, 2019  
Luminaria Nights  
Saturday, December 7, 2019  
Christmas Luncheon  
Luminaria Nights  
Sunday, December 8, 2019  
Luminaria Nights  
Friday, December 13, 2019  
Luminaria Nights  
Saturday, December 14, 2019  
Luminaria Nights  
Sunday, December 15, 2019  
Luminaria Nights  
Monday, December 16, 2019  
Luminaria Nights-Clean up  
Thursday, December 19, 2019  
Ocotillo Learning Center  
Monday December 23, 2019  
VA Set-up  
Thursday-Saturday December 26-28  
VA Run Trains  
Saturday December 28th, 2019  
VA Tear-down  
Saturday, January 18, 2020  
Monthly meeting - Averill's  
Saturday, February 8, 2020  
Monthly Meeting-RCW  
Saturday, March 14, 2020  
Rails in the Garden  
Sunday, March 15, 2020  
Rails in the Garden  
Saturday, March 21, 2020  
Monthly Meeting - Fennema  
Thursday, April 16-26, 2020  
Pima County Fair  
Saturday, May 2, 2020  
Monthly Meeting - GPDTTM

## Welcome New Members



2019-2020

Craig Anderson