



TGRS Bulletin

June, 2022



No June General Meeting

There will be no general meeting in June, but the BOD will be held on June 28th at the Tucson Botanical Gardens at 9:30 am. See below article from the TBG Summer Newsletter. We will meet at the new proposed location.

Garden Railway to be re-located over the Summer

For more than 15 years, TBG has enjoyed a wonderful partnership with the Tucson Garden Railway Society (TGRS). TGRS volunteers have lovingly built, installed, and cared for a tiny, bustling town through which locomotives, diesel engines, and trolleys have plied their trade and captivated visitors. As TBG has grown and changed through the years, the garden railway has moved to a number of locations on the grounds. Another move is in the offing! As the Gardens prepares for several new, large exhibitions and shows beginning this fall, the train will again be on the move. This summer, TGRS will move the railway to its new home in the open area immediately adjacent to the east side of the Pavilion. Be sure to stop by and check out the project! *(from the TBG Summer 2022 Newsletter)*

The June social luncheon will be this Wednesday (June 22nd) at 11:15 am at the Red Garter Bar & Grill. Let Chuck know if you plan to attend.



Newly Elected BOD (2022-24)

- President: Dennis Mahar
- Vice-President: John Fennema
- Secretary: Sue Averill / Peggy Martin
- Treasurer: Margaret Torres Nelson
- Newsletter Editor: Claudia Nelson
- Webmaster: Jerry Tulino
- At Large: Bob Averill
Gary Martin
Jim Miller
Charlie Weesner



Margaret and I presented the RITG donation to the SM and CDO at the Community Food Bank and got a private tour of the updated facility.

2022-23 Dues (\$30/family) are due on July 1st.

Send dues via Zelle to 317-903-9115, or by check to: TGRS c/o Margaret Torres Nelson, 454 E Cedarvale Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704. Don't use PayPal, which charges a processing fee.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2022
John Carmichael/Phil Pappas' Home

Thirty-one (31) club members signed the attendance sheet. John and Phil were thanked for hosting and providing a delicious variety of snacks and drinks. New members and guests were introduced.

The March 2022 minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Margaret Torres Nelson reported that she and Claudia Nelson will be taking \$800 to the Community Food Bank on Monday, 05/09. There are 47 families paid up for the current fiscal year. She reminded us that we can now pay dues via PayPal. We received a \$2 donation at the county fair.

As of 05/03/2022,

Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 4,336.79
Savings Acct. Balance	<u>15,859.80</u>
Balance Total	\$20,196.59

Fiscal Year to Date Recap,

Receipts/deposits	\$4,020.15
Expenses	<u>1,724.31</u>
Net revenue	\$2,295.84

Rails in the Garden Recap

Total Donations Collected: \$1,537.15
Total Visitors: 2,567

Vice-President's Report: It was decided not to have a June meeting due to the heat. Steve Anderson had asked if the club could support Family Fun Day at the Transportation Museum by bringing and staffing a small layout, but the requested was declined due to the heat and staffing issues.

Newsletter Editor: No report. Claudia has agreed to be the Newsletter Editor in the next fiscal year.

Committee Reports:

Website/Membership: Jerry Tulino reported that there is a re-design update in the works for the website. Activity is about the same as pre-pandemic numbers. There are 53 family members (including honorary).

Maintenance: The trolley and an engine used at the fair need repair. The moguls from the Gardens also need repair. There is a Bachmann Consolidation for sale by the club for \$250.

Social: The Red Garter on 05/25.

Old Business:

County Fair: Elaine Miller reported that she had been asked by a number of visitors to the layout about the Children's Layout and how much it was missed. This is an issue that will have to be re-visited before the next Fair because of staffing. The BRIO train set that John Fennema brought in for the children to play with was a great hit. It is very interactive for them and fairly indestructible. This is also an idea to explore before next April.

Mitchells' Open House: Was a success and much appreciated.

Old Business (cont'd):

Tucson Botanical Gardens: The layout is cleaned up and currently running. It is slated for removal the 2nd week of July. A new location is still under discussion.

National Garden Railway Convention 2022: Just a reminder to the membership that it is scheduled in Denver for the week of June 19.

New Business:

Board Elections: The slate, as presented, was unanimously approved by the members at this meeting. Beginning next fiscal year (2022-23), the officers will be: President, Dennis Mahar; Vice-President, John Fennema; Secretary, Sue Averill & Peggy Martin (as a shared position); Treasurer, Margaret Torres Nelson; Newsletter Editor/Communications, Claudia Nelson; Webmaster, Jerry Tulino; and the members-at-large are Jim Miller (as past-president), Bob Averill, Gary Martin, and Charlie Weesner. Of note, Jim Miller stated that due to the even number of Board members, in the event of any tie votes, he would abstain from voting.

Other Items of Note:

Thomas Preisner has a number of G-scale items, indoor equipment, for sale. He can send a list if requested.

Ron Koehler asked if we could look into having magnetic badges instead of the lanyards or pin-back type. Jerry and Margaret agreed to check on it.

Margaret proposed a committee to look into the possibility of having a more interactive train layout for the children. This will be taken up by the new Board.

There will be no general meeting in June but a Board meeting (date to be determined) will take place to "hand over the reins" to the new Board. Other meeting dates will be posted on the club website calendar and published in the Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell

Secretary