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“A Space Odyssey” Garden Train Show to Open at The Domes

Milwaukee, WI (Jan. 9, 2015) – “2015: A Space Odyssey” will weave together a futuristic alien landscape with the age of steam trains for this year’s garden train show, on view at the Mitchell Park Domes, Jan. 17–March 15. The Domes, “Milwaukee’s Living Landmark,” is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

Space houses (think “The Jetsons,” the cartoon of the 1960s) and flying saucers will be interspersed throughout the alien landscape created by thousands of small and miniature plants, while G-scale trains traverse 600 feet of track. The show will tell the tale of a young boy who travels with his hero on a mission to clean up the galaxy. In their space train, the environmentalist-duo will dodge asteroids on their way to visiting the moon, Mars, and alien planets.

To keep the landscape in scale with the trains, featured plants will include dwarf flowering azalea trees several varieties of miniature evergreen trees, and diminutive forget-me-nots, cyclamen, pink polka dot plant, and pansies.

Last year, nearly 77,000 people attended the train show, making it the most popular show of the year. Drawing on the cross-generational appeal of trains, The Domes will welcome visitors thrilled with “Thomas the Tank Engine” to those with years of experience creating their own layouts in the basement or garden.

Volunteers from three state-wide train clubs—WI Garden Railroad, Kenosha Railroad and Wisconsin Illinois Train Club—will run their collectible trains daily. Among the trains running will be “Thomas the Tank Engine,” his friends, and specialty trains that run on steam.

Related special events are planned during the show’s run.

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The weekend of Jan. 30–Feb. 1 will bring all sizes of model trains to the “Collectible All-Scale Train Exhibit.” From the tiniest z-scale to trains large enough for adults to ride, train layouts will fill the lobby.

Sunday, Feb. 22, two events will take place. “Steam Engine Day” will bring steam-powered model trains to the tracks of the show, and “Gardens & Gears: Steampunk Faire” will feature a gadget-filled garden party with creative artists and craftsmen, fashion designers, and entertainers—all having a vision of an alternate past.

Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday evenings Music Under Glass concerts run from 6:30-9 p.m; and Saturdays and Sundays, hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission for adults age 18 and over is \$7; Milwaukee County Seniors with ID, persons with disabilities, students of any age with ID, and youth age 6-17 are \$5. Children 5 and under are admitted for free. In addition, Milwaukee County Residents with proof of residency receive free admission on Mondays, from 9 a.m.-noon, excluding major holidays, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 19.

For more information, call The Domes at (414) 257-5611 or visit countyparks.com.

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