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Garden Train Show to Open at The Domes Jan. 16 *Attack of the Giant Monsters to Take Over Show Dome*

Milwaukee, WI (Jan. 8, 2016) – Attack of the Giant Monsters, this year’s garden train show, will feature G-scale trains crisscrossing an idyllic landscape as vintage movie-monsters invade the town. The show will be on view at the Mitchell Park Domes, Jan. 16–March 6. The Domes, “Milwaukee’s Living Landmark,” is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

Spoofing the strange beasts of movies such as Godzilla and Mothra, the garden train show will see its traditional train station transformed into an old-time movie theater. Along the show’s 700 feet of track, giant monster movie posters and vignettes of classic scenes will carry out the theme.

Featured in the landscape will be thousands of small and miniature plants, including dwarf conifer trees, pink and red dwarf azalea topiaries, yellow-flowered Euryops, magenta Cyclamen, and blue Cineraria with ‘Raspberry Rum’ Alternanthera leaves.

Last year, nearly 54,000 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 Feb. 6–7 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. 21, 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. Dead Man’s Carnival, a Milwaukee-based entertainment company, will present their Vaudevillian, Circus, & Burlesque Show from 5-7:30 p.m.

Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday evenings Music Under Glass concerts will run from 6:30-9 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays, hours are 9 a.m.-4 p.m., with hours extended for the Steampunk Faire until 8 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. 18.

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

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