



# THE ORDER BOARD

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Vermont Garden Railway Society  
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## 2019 Flower Show Champlain Valley Exposition Essex Jct. VT

Way back in March of this year was the 2019 Vermont Flower Show. The show was packed all three days as have been past shows. For longer than anyone can remember the Vermont Garden Railway Society has been involved in the show and this year we again had a spectacular layout. The 40' x 16' display included more plants and flowers than any previous display. As you can see from the included photo



we had a great group of volunteers which made the three day setup go very smoothly. Besides more plants than we have ever had, the layout included a waterfall and pond feature, a rock wall and a mountain. One loop of track, which included a tunnel and a side track that wound its way under the waterfall made for an eye-popping attraction. The back and forth trolley line was interesting as it would go one way on one set of tracks but return over another set of

tracks through the use of spring switches. VGRS was pleased that the folks from the Flower Show recognized the importance of having trains running at the show and this year awarded the club with a \$250 gift. Many thanks to John Joy and Carl Kokes for the time spent as VGRS representatives on the flower show committee.



**The Crew**  
Conductor John Joy  
Treasurer Dave Cozzens  
Newsletter Dave Cozzens  
Webmaster & Photographer Don Howard  
Membership Llyn Rice



### Carl's Corner From Carl Kokes

Carl wanted to mention that members Joanne Winter and Rick Codling are beginning their garden railroad venture. Carl decided that it was time to down size his railroad. To help him with that, Joanne and Rick traveled to Carl's home and dismantled the inside loop of track. In the end, they decided to buy the track along with an engine and caboose to begin the process of building their own outdoor layout. It is wonderful news to know Rick and Joanne are on a new and exciting journey in the world of railroads in the garden. Also, we wish Carl all the best and that he recognized the reality of when it's time to reduce the amount of railway real estate that one can handle.

the layout. You will all have a chance to run your train on Camel's Hump Scenic, too. Have questions or need directions email: [dbcozzens@yahoo.com](mailto:dbcozzens@yahoo.com)

### End of Track Bumpers

Hayes style end-of-track bumpers were very common on railroads of all sizes. Unfortunately, no one has made them in garden scale. Well, a few years ago Larry Green constructed six of them in brass for the VGRS timesaver modules. They looked and worked great. Llyn Rice then recreated the design so they can be printed in plastic using a 3-D printer. The price for one molded in black is \$30 each. They attach easily to a track tie using a small nut and bolt and would make an attractive addition to your railroad. If anyone in the club would like one of these authentic end-of-track bumpers you can contact Llyn Rice at: [llynrice@gmail.com](mailto:llynrice@gmail.com)

### Camels Hump Scenic Open House Dave and Becky Cozzens



Dave and Becky will once again host an open house on Saturday, August 17 with rain date of Sunday August 18 from 11:00 AM until 4:00 PM. They will supply meats, paper goods, utensils, and drinks if you

would kindly bring a dish to share.

Dave would like to ask folks to bring an engine and a couple of cars as he would like to have a photo of all the different trains that made a visit



### Don't forget your 2019 Dues

If you haven't paid your dues for 2019 yet please due so by sending a check to:  
Llyn Rice, 18 East Rd., Middlebury, VT 05486



### Open Houses Are Fun

If you would like to host an open house please let John Joy or Carl Kokes know. Maybe you would just like some help for the day let them know that, too. July and September dates are available!

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