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Flagman's Box Editorial

In this issue's **Club News** column you will see a mention of a seminar series being offered by the Denver Garden Railway Society. The first program in this series is a slide show followed by a panel discussion on the topic of integrating the railway with the garden. Also in this issue, you will see a little more emphasis on the gardening aspect of garden railways.

Through our travels we have learned that the most successful garden railways are equal parts railway and garden, with the two thoughtfully and creatively combined. Now, we know that not all of you are gardeners, and some of you don't even want to be. No quarrel with that. However, most of the people who responded to our questionnaire last year indicated that they either had a garden railway already, or they were contemplating the construction of one in the future.

If you are not a gardener, why not team up with someone who is? It seems that most of the beautiful railways that we have seen have been the result of a partnership, quite often husband and wife, where one specialized in gardening and the other in railroading. Over the course of time each partner grew more interested in the other's contribution, and through working together, accomplished something that neither could have done alone.

Now this may sound like a lot of maudlin sentiment, but the fact is it works. Garden railroading can be a family endeavor with each member (yes, even the kids) contributing in some way, and deriving satisfaction from the evolving result.

Cover Photo: Uintah No. 52, Jim Pallow's splendid LGB conversion. Turn to p. 24.

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Send a SASE to Garden Railway Convention, PO Box 503, Westminster CO 80030. When details are complete, they will be sent to you.

As garden railroading begins to come of age in the US, more sophisticated lines are starting to appear, with gardens to match. In the past, **Garden Railways** has been very heavy on the railway end of things, and very light on the garden end. We are intending to change this and we encourage you to submit gardening articles.

BUT WAIT!! Before you hardened railroaders throw down the magazine in disgust, rest assured that we do not intend **Garden Railways** to become another gardening magazine, or even a substitute for one. All of the articles that we will publish in the future will be directly (or occasionally indirectly) related to railway gardening, covering those aspects of gardening that are of primary importance to the garden railroader - lineside plantings, erosion control, site planning, landscaping, etc. We will also be including lists of sources for you to seek out further and more detailed information, if you feel so inclined.

We are also hoping to attract some garden related advertisers - miniature plant merchants, outdoor lighting suppliers, tool sellers, etc.

And, as usual, we welcome your remarks, comments, and criticisms on this policy. After all, as we've said so many times before, this is **YOUR** magazine, and we want to publish what you want to read. We can't please everyone all the time, but our circulation indicates that we seem to be pleasing most people enough of the time that they wish to continue reading **GR**. And we want to keep it that way.

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