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**Holiday Express Train Show at Museum's Open House Is A Huge Success. Show
Continues Two More Weeks!**

FAIRFIELD, CT (December 5) On Friday, after the Fairfield's annual tree lighting ceremony, an estimated 900 people strolled down an illuminated path across the town green to a welcoming Fairfield Museum and History Center, where they were able to take part in the opening of the annual Holiday Express Train Show. Kids and adults alike delighted in the magic of the model trains winding around a spectacularly decorated tree and through beautiful holiday scenery. A camera perched upon one train offered a train's eye view of coming down the track. Members of the Fairfield based Housatonic Model Railroad Club and the Connecticut G-Scalers Club were on hand to answer questions and point out details of the collectibles, classic trains, modular dioramas and antique trains in this eye-popping holiday display.

"We are delighted that the community came out to enjoy the trains, and hope they will continue to come for the next two weeks" said Michael Jehle, executive director of the museum. "This museum is here for everyone to enjoy, offering programs and exhibits that appeal to kids, families and adults alike. We are thankful for the great help offered by the Housatonic Model Railroad Club of Fairfield and the Connecticut G-Scalers Club. Their time, effort and expertise makes this show a success," he said.

The show continues on weekends, December 1 – 16, 12pm – 4pm. Cost to attend the show is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students. Museum members and children age 5 and under are admitted free of charge. Holiday gifts for train lovers are on sale in the museum's spectacular new gift shop, and on Saturday, December 15th at 2:30pm, the museum will hold a Train Appraisal Day, where participants can learn the history of items they bring and receive a market value appraisal (limit 3 sets per person, and a \$5 donation is required per set). Additionally, on December 16, the final day of the show, the Ludlowe Middle School Violin Quartet will be playing at 2pm.

The show is sponsored by Hatfield Insurance Company and HobbyTown USA of Fairfield, with supporting contributions made by Atlas Model Railroad Company, Athearn and Woodland Scenics.



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For details on these and other upcoming events, please visit www.fairfieldhs.org. The museum is located at 370 Beach Road in Fairfield, CT, behind Town Hall. The museum is open every day; Monday – Friday: 10am – 4pm, Thursday: 10am – 6pm, Weekends: 12pm – 4pm.

Attached images:

Trankid1.jpg, Trankid2.jpg, Open House1.jpg, Group & Flatto.jpg

Captions:

Trankid1.jpg: Nicholas Bonosconi from Shelton, Ct enjoyed watching a long caboose representing trains from the Uintah mountains in Utah.

Trankid2.jpg: Mike Pida and his son Lucas, age 4, delight in a model train rounding the bend.

Open House1.jpg: Fairfield Museum packed with onlookers enjoying the start of the Holiday Express Train Show.

Group & Flatto.jpg: First Selectman, Ken Flatto, stands with members of the Housatonic Model Railroad Club of Fairfield and the Connecticut G-Scalers Club and Harrison Elliot, age 6 from Fairfield. Photo taken by Donald Lynch.

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