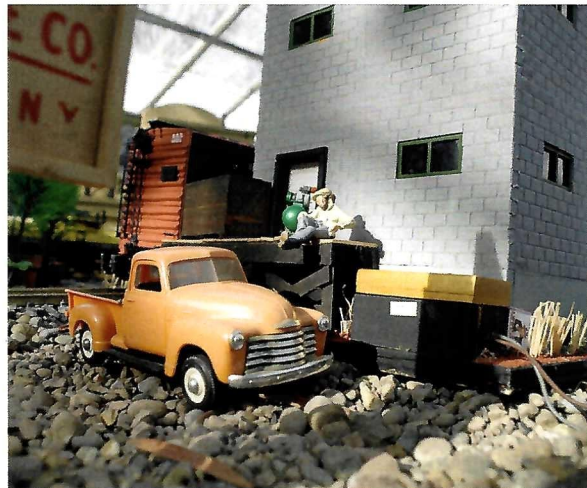


# Buffalo Botanical Gardens annual layout

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The Western New York Railway Society has been doing this display for about 15 years. It is a major attraction for the Gardens in the winter time and draws a large number of visitors just for the trains, especially this year when there were no other local displays.

This year, our theme for the annual Botanical Garden display was Buffalo, NY in the mid 1940's with evidence of war activity. We did a lot of industry this year. The first picture shows a couple flat cars with an airplane being shipped. This small freight house is behind a three stall engine house. Second picture is a shot showing a spur going to a freight house and the Budweiser plant. Along with the theme, here is a picture of the NYC freight terminal in downtown Buffalo. In our layout, next to it was a collection of scrap metal with a picture of the President and a message to the public.



Several buildings such as the three stall roundhouse, the small freight terminal, the lumber buildings, the outside passenger waiting area, Harold's landing pad and building, the watering tank for Thomas, the large windmill in the Thomas layout, the switch tower by the three stall engine house and a couple of buildings in the neighborhood were all done by Jack Henderson, a master craftsman working in wood. Jack's health has precluded him from maintaining his own layout so he graciously donated these buildings to the Club.

For this display, we put little signs with JH in front of the buildings that were his. The NYC freight house was built in Downtown Buffalo in the early 1900's and has 15 bays. The model on the layout is only 3 bays and is a combination of 3D printed items like the foundation blocks, window frames and roof supports. The rest being standard model material. CB Gizmos is all 3D printed with wood used for the roof and loading platform.

