

Virginia & Truckee Canyon Railroad

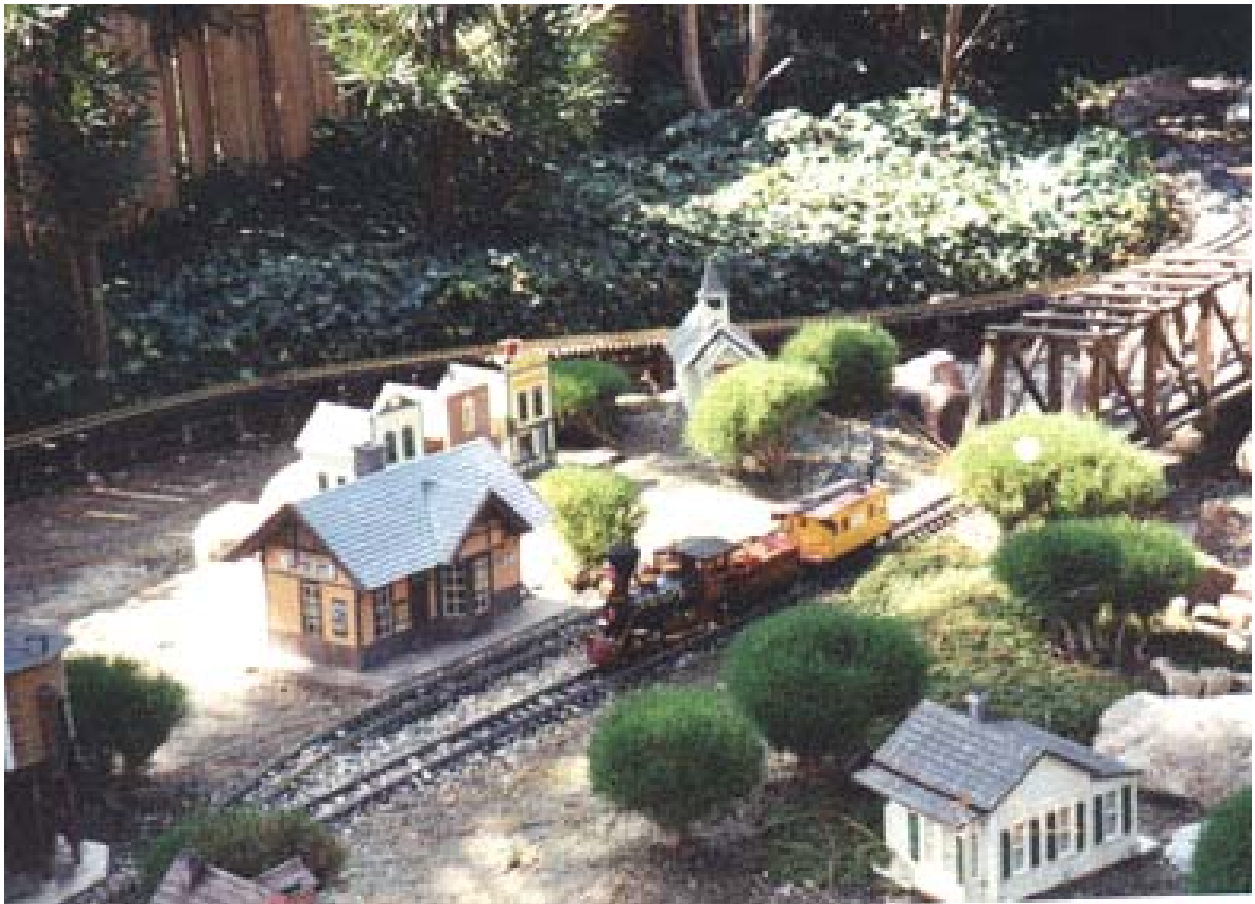
Garden Railroad layout of George & Darlene Mcleary



Three stall engine house and service facilities



Freight station, warehouse and coaling tower.



View of the town with it's station, business buildings and church.

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Garden Railroad layout of Don & Dodie Pilling



Bridges on the mainline cross a dry river bed.



The Mission with a nearby trading post.



A hiker stays clear of a rattlesnake sunning on a rock.

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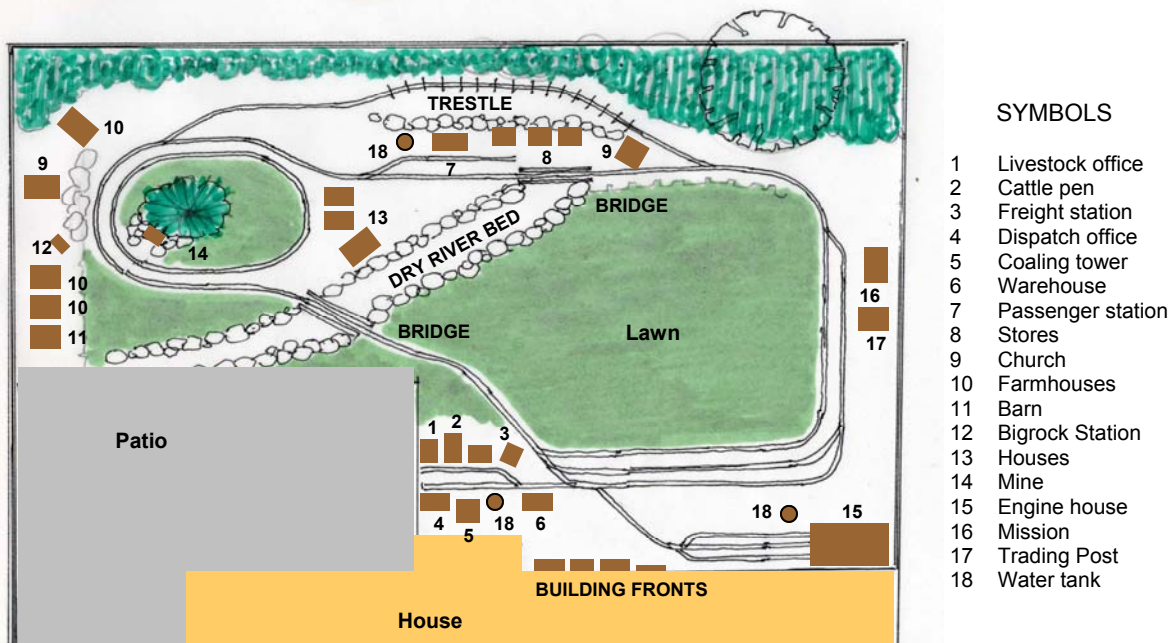
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THEME: American Standard RR 1890 thru 1950	TRACK: 230 feet total
SIZE: 60 by 12 to 24 feet	CONTROL: Track power, Aristocraft on-board radio control.
STARTED: 1993	

We started our garden railroad about eight years ago by negotiating the right-of-way to decide which green areas would be sacrificed for tracks and buildings. Construction was started with drawing the track plan and driving grade stakes. Trenches were dug where necessary and filled with rock for support and drainage. Where needed, a berm was constructed to support the track. In areas that were subject to wash outs we poured concrete track bed. We used Aristo-Craft track and switches throughout the layout. I like Aristo-Craft track because it has a built-in system to screw it together, and this keeps the joints tight and ensures good electrical contact in the system. All switches are installed with Sp0lit-Jaw clamps to make removal for maintenance easier.

Our railroad will never reach completion, but will always be a work in progress. We also have an ongoing riverbed and rock moving project to complete to achieve the overall look we want. At this time we have laid a total of 230 feet of track including 12 switches, two bridges and an 18 foot long curved trestle. We also have eleven miniature trees growing in our present town. We need to trim these trees regularly to keep them to the proper size. We are always looking for additional types of miniature trees and plants to use on the railway.

We had to remove two large pine trees because of invasive roots and loose dirt which could not be stabilized. The trees kept the track covered with tree sap and required a lot of cleaning.



LAYOUT PLAN FOR THE VIRGINIA & TRUCKEE CANYON RAILROAD