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**THE GLANCY TRAINS SHOW, DETROIT'S ONLY FREE TRAIN SHOW, RETURNS
SUNDAY, DEC. 18 AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

DETROIT, MI -- Train enthusiasts will flock to the Detroit Historical Museum on **Sunday, December 18th** from **Noon to 5 p.m.** for the annual **Glancy Trains Show**. Pick up last-minute holiday gifts from an array of merchandise, as collectors and dealers from Michigan and Ohio will be selling model trains of all gauges and makes, as well as accessories, structures, switches and track.

Admission to the Museum that day and the Glancy Train Show is free. Proceeds from the show go to support the Museum's renowned exhibit, *The Glancy Trains*.

If you want to find out what that model train in your attic is worth, appraisers will be on site to help you at a charge of \$3 per item. On-site technical assistance will also be available if you have a repair issue with your train. Videos of operating toy and real trains of the past and present, along with how present-day Lionel trains are made, will be shown in Louise C. Booth Auditorium.

Sellers wishing to purchase tables may do so for \$15, payable to the Detroit Historical Society. For more information on the show or to purchase a table, call **(313) 675-5484**.

Always a Detroit area favorite, *The Glancy Trains* exhibit features operating Lionel and American Flyer O, S, and G-Gauge toy trains. Don't miss the operating N-Scale trains added by the N-Gauge Society of Royal Oak.

Kids of all ages may join in the *Glancy Trains* fun by operating the crossing gates, starting the musical Circus Carousel, controlling *The Polar Express*[®] train or lighting the buildings and operating the accessories with push buttons. Watch as the Museum's ChooChooCam[®] TV Train, designed by Glancy Train volunteer Joseph "Skip" Greiner of Grosse Pointe Farms, gives you an "engineer's eye view" as it circles the layout.

The Glancy Trains were originally the collection of real estate financier **Alfred R.**

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Glancy Jr. (1908-1973), who owned the Empire State Building in New York City during the 1950s and 60s. Mr. Glancy's collection became well-known to Detroiters as a result of the many "train parties" he hosted for friends, neighbors, school children and scout groups during each holiday season in his Grosse Pointe mansion. After his death in 1973, the Glancy family donated the trains to the Detroit Historical Museum and have continued to support the exhibit. Over the last 40 years, additional Museum donors have contributed many toy trains of all sizes from the early 1900s to the present to the Glancy collection.

Permanent exhibits at the Museum include the famous *Streets of Old Detroit*, *Frontiers to Factories*, *The Motor City*, and *The Glancy Trains*. For more information on the Glancy Trains Show or other exhibits and programs at the Museum, call (313) 833-1805 or check the Museum's website at www.detroithistorical.org.

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