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## A Special Event Returns

Conclude your Thanksgiving weekend by visiting the Tour de Chooch Open House on Sunday, November 27, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Heritage Park Railroad Museum in Union, NH. Admission is free.

This special event to be enjoyed by children of all ages features viewing the fascinating details of an operating HO scale model railroad depicting the five villages of Wakefield in the 1909 era with its computer-controlled operating system and viewing a Lionel O-gauge train layout all located in the 1875 restored Boston & Maine freight house.

Not to be missed is the newest addition to the 1909 era display -- the model of the 1895 Wakefield Town Hall. Replicated and built by Jay Ehlen of Durham, NH, the tower of the town hall model features an operating bell and operating clocks. The clocks were built by the skilled North Conway jeweler, Tim Psaledakis.

Also featured in this unique Open House are tours of the restored 1911 B&M Union railroad station, a 1902 Russell snowplow, a 1950-era B&M caboose, and viewing the restored 1885-era B&M water tower.

Rich Breton, spokesman for the volunteer model railroad hobbyists representing eight New Hampshire communities, said the group has been working on the miniaturized railroad for nine years. It is historically accurate including structures, steam locomotives, passenger and freight cars, and landscaping which includes photo backdrops of the area including Moose Mountain.

For the modeler, rail fan, novice or curious, the holiday open house is being held concurrently with the 27th annual Tour de Chooch, a self-guided tour of 33 model railroads in southeastern New Hampshire and eastern Massachusetts. Information about Tour de Chooch can be viewed at [www.tourdechooch.org](http://www.tourdechooch.org).

The Heritage Park Railroad Museum is administered by the Wakefield Heritage Commission. Visit [www.historicwakefieldnh.com](http://www.historicwakefieldnh.com).