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“Here Come the Trains!”
Exhibit: December 15, 2012 - January 5, 2013
Carl Kokes and Lou Scavo, Model Train Collectors

Tahawus Lodge Center, Windows Gallery
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Exhibit Opens, Sat, Dec. 15, 2012, 5-7pm

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COLLECTORS CARL KOKES FROM PERU, AND LOU SCAVO FROM AU SABLE ACRES, have been fascinated by trains since they were young boys. Now they share their passion in a unique holiday exhibit in Au Sable Forks. For three weeks over the holiday season, the Tahawus Lodge Center Gallery on Main St will be transformed into a wonderland of G-Model Trains (the largest of the model trains). Get ready for some fun for all ages!

Carl has lived in Peru, NY, with his wife Sally since 1968, where he raised three children. Formerly from Chicago he holds an Assoc. of Arts, BS in Music Education and an MS in Education. He has worked as Orchestral Director of Music, and as a Professor of Music through 2005. A violin player, he has been teaching privately since 1994. Carl is a member of Master Gardeners of Cornell Cooperative Extension; Elks Club, Plattsburgh; and the Vermont Garden Railroad Society. Carl fell in love with G-Model trains in the early 1990's while visiting Florida. He says "I discovered the Garden Railway Magazine, joined the Vermont Garden RR Society, bought a starter set and began with a very small loop of track. Now it has grown to several hundred feet of track in my yard in Peru!"

When **Lou** retired from being Social Worker in the Prison System, Department of Youth and Family services, and then as Chief of the Bureau of County Services, he and his wife Sue moved from Medford, NJ to the Adirondacks where they decided to try an OUTDOOR garden railroad. Both could pursue their hobbies, Sue with gardening and Lou with the G-model trains. Lou claims it has been "a satisfying project, because it offers many disciplines including track design, electronics, wood working, scale modeling of structures and in the case of gardening railroading, all that encompasses planning and developing an extensive garden." Lou has worked on this endeavor for 10 years and it has the added benefit of providing his children and grandchildren with hours of enjoyment.

Lou and Carl are collaborating on a large setup in the interior of the Tahawus Lodge Center gallery which includes a circus and amusement area, a farm, a coal yard and an additional Christmas holiday train scene which can be pre-viewed through the glass of the TLC's Windows Gallery.

The TRAINS exhibit runs December 15 to January 5, 2012. Visitors are welcome. Admission is FREE. Tahawus Lodge Center is located next to the bridge on Main Street, at 14234 NYS Route 9N, in Au Sable Forks. The Gallery is open on Thursdays and Friday, 4-7pm, and on Saturdays, 10-1, except for special events, and by appointment, 518-647-8266.

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The Tahawus Lodge Center is the new art gallery and center on Main Street in Au Sable Forks, serving the Ausable Valley region with cultural and education activities, and especially where these concern stewardship for the environment, and / or enhance the quality of life for the community. www.tahawuslodgcenter.org

