Southern Ry. RS-1 no. 405 pulls a string of empty hoppers destined for Tennessee Consolidated Coal Co. on Bob Lawson’s HO scale layout.

A photo like this of Ken Kelley’s standard-gauge layout is like a time machine. No matter how old you are or where you’re living, one glance at this terrific picture and you feel as though you have gone back to the early 1930s and are standing in front of a department-store window.
Many garden railways operate year round. A snowplow extra heads north on Matt Hutson’s railroad in Colorado. The plow and caboose are made from scratch, while the locomotives are from USA Trains.

Glenn Nilsen captures the essence of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the 1940s.
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While employees at Baxter’s Supply organize materials on the dock, a New York, New Haven & Hartford RS-1 engine leads a manifest freight into Pawtucket, R.I. The scene is on Marshall Sommer’s HO scale Rhode Haven layout.
Engine no. 15 crosses a bascule bridge on the *Model Railroader* magazine’s 2014 HO scale project layout, Rice Harbor.

It’s early in the morning on a bright sunny day in May 1927, on the Buttonwood Valley Railroad as train and station crews in Buttonwood make ready for the passengers arriving at the station. Simple plantings like bleeding heart (left) and daylilies (right) can add a nice backdrop to the scene.
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