



# DENVER GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The Denver Garden Railway Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education, promotion and enjoyment of all aspects of garden railroading.

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## Upcoming Events and Activities

### Nov 2022

28 General meeting

### Dec 2022

No General meeting

### Jan 2022

16 Holiday party

### Feb 2022

28 Pizza and Swap meet

## View From the Caboose



When a crew member retires from the railroad, there is an announcement put in the train bulletins that wishes the individual green lights on future endeavors. This column will be my last as your president, but will not be my last contribution to the newsletter of this fantastic organization.

Two and a half years ago, when I was thrust into the role of president, the world and the club were very different. The world was descending into a pandemic, our club had to cancel most functions and then we had to move on to Zoom meetings. We had to move our convention to accommodate other clubs and then plan a convention with the hope that the Denver Region would be open again. Well, we did it, club members along with club leadership made everything work and now we have a strong, healthy, and vibrant club.

Now, the time has come for club leadership to change through our annual elections. This will give the club the ability to change and consider new ideas brought about by new officers. We have worked hard to fill these vacancies and we think the officers nominated will serve the club well into the future.

### Nominated Officers:

- President – Eric Petty
- Vice President – Cherylene Evans
- Secretary – Marilou Hendel
- Treasurer – Al Blount
- Past President – Jeff Lillo

### Chairpersons

- Museum – Alan Olson, Don McCullough
- Exhibits – Scott Vance
- Website/Communications – Jeff Lillo
- Programs – Ron Keiser
- Outreach – Terry Foley, Michele Miller

**It is time to  
pay your dues  
for next year:**

**Annual dues for 2023 are \$48 for a family membership, or \$36 for an individual.**

Mail your check to: Al Blount, 6038 Iris Way, Arvada, CO 80004. or bring it to the meeting.

If you want your membership card, please include a self-addressed stamped envelop with your check.

*You will not get the newsletter nor the email blasts unless you pay your dues for next year*



**2022 Election  
of Officers**

Please attend the November 29th General Meeting to elect the DGRS Officers for 2023. The election ballot is at the end of the newsletter so you can print it and take to the meeting.

- Hospitality – Michele Miller
- Publications – Pete Hendel
- Layouts – Chris Greenwald
- Clinics – Jim Desautel
- Library - (open)

As you can see, we still need someone to take over the library. This is the perfect position for someone to get involved with the club and experience an entry level committee position.

These nominated officers have already started to coordinate the continued growth and direction this club needs to survive for the future. I look forward to working with the new officers to help achieve their goals and those of the club. I would like to thank all of you for the opportunity to lead such a wonderful organization and I look forward to the future growth of this club.

**Jeff Lillo**



**Programs**

*November 29, 2022*

General meeting at the Clement Center at 7:00 pm. Election of officers for 2023. The program will be Doug Junda from San Juan Models.

**December 2022**

No DGRS General Meeting, but we will have a Holiday Dinner in January at Cinzzetti’s or Spaghetti Factory. You vote for your choice.

*January 31, 2023*

**Annual Holiday Party**

Cinzzetti’s or Old Spaghetti Factory, 11am-1pm the 8th or 15th of January. Our final decision will be made based on any further input prior to and at the November meeting

**Recap of the year for 2022**

**Starting in January**, we had a holiday party at Cinzzetti’s and a very short meeting.

In **February** we had our Annual Winter Swap Meet.

## Hobo Brunch

The Hobo Brunch Group meets on the **2nd Saturday** of every month at 8:30 a.m. Next meeting **Dec 10** at Valley Inn. Just show up, no reservations necessary!

**Location:** "Valley Inn, 1997 S. Wadsworth Blvd." Please contact Byron & Marta Fenton at 303 936-0920 with questions.

## Membership

### New Members

No new members this month

### Welcome to the DGRS

please go to [the DGRS web site](#)



In **March**, Michelle Kempema presented a program about the Colorado Model RR Museum and The UP Heritage fleet of passenger cars.

In **April**, John Hart presented a great 3D video program.

In **May** our meeting was at Jeff Lillo's layout to go over some of the convention plans for tours. It rained a lot.

In **June**, we worked at the 2022 National Garden Railroad Convention at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. No official meeting was held.

In **July**, we had our annual Ice Cream Social at the home of Chris and Nola Greenwald.

In **August** we had our meeting at LCRR in Larkspur at the home of Bob and Glen Leise.

In **September**, we watched a movie shot by Ron Ruhoff in the early 1960's of the San Juan Express running from Alamosa through Chama before going on to Durango on the first day. The excursion continued to Silverton and back to Durango on the second day. Finally on the last day the train took it's passengers back to Alamosa.

In **October**, Wally Weart described the rebuilding of inter-urban trolley #.04, which ran through Arvada, and will be placed in a city park in the near future..

**Novembers** Doug Junda from San Juan Models

## Museum Happenings



## Train News

### Rocky Mountain Railroad Club

This page shows interesting local Colorado railroad happenings as well as breaking railroad news. Check it often as you may learn about new events and ideas for your railroad. [Rocky Mountain News and Photos.](#)

### Colorado Railroads

Photos and more stories  
<http://www.corailroads.com/>

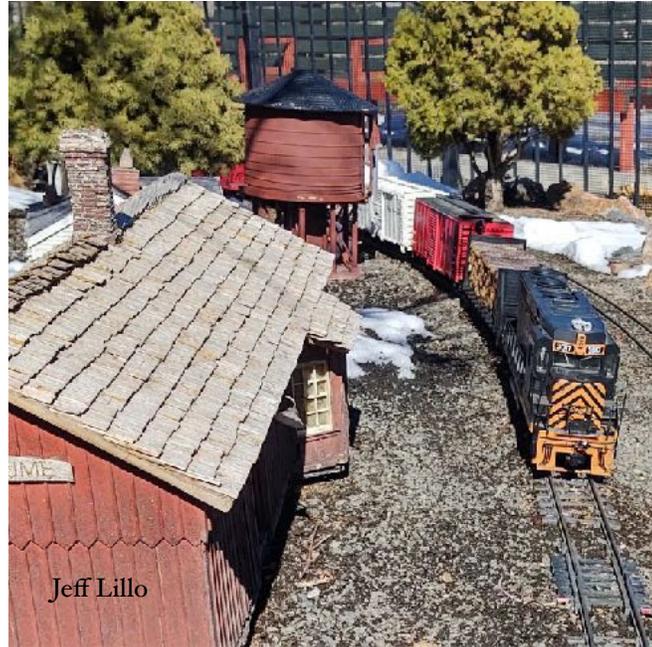
## DGRS Library

If you see a train movie that you would like to watch, check with Dave Brian.

DGRS has a library of Books, Magazines, and DVD's about Garden Railroading, and railroading in general.

Members may checkout and borrow these items. The list is here: [DVD Video and Audio Library](#)

If desired, you may contact **Keith Pershing** at [pershingsperch@q.com](mailto:pershingsperch@q.com) and request a disc in advance.



A reminder to new members that there are a few requirements that need to be met in order to operate trains at the museum. You must agree to work 8 hours a year to help maintain the railway, pass a short written test and sign a new volunteer document with the CRRM. Call Don McCullough for more information at (303-421-4879) or Alan Olson (303-748-0957)

Alan



## HOSPITALITY

It was great to see everyone at our October Clements Center, but there's always room for more! For our November 29th meeting, we'll feature holiday treats (with a pumpkin pie thrown in 😊) since there won't be a meeting in December. How about a favorite holiday sweet or savory item if you're planning to bring something?...

As always, please let me know your intentions so that we don't over (or worse yet) under buy. Email to [micdavmiller@aol.com](mailto:micdavmiller@aol.com) or text 720-560-3165 (no preference, please just make sure that if no response within the day, check in again so you're not lost in the shuffle).

Regarding our post holiday party, thank you to those who replied with preferences. We have 2 Sunday brunch options-one at Cinzzetti's and one at Old Spaghetti Factory, 11am-1pm the 8th or 15th of January. Our



## Website Concerns?

Members with any questions, problems, or concerns about receiving DGRS email, or accessing the website should send an email to [webmaster@DenverGardenRailway.org](mailto:webmaster@DenverGardenRailway.org)

## Social Media

If you have a Facebook account, **DGRS has a Public group page (Denver Garden Railway Society)**. Videos of the operations and others are posted there. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/970224199655068/>

**There also Public Groups for:**

**G Scale Trains:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/248809748503280/>

**There are Closed groups (that you have to join to see information and posts) for:**

**LGB Train fans:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/52647946993/>

**LGB Train Sales & Trades:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/316404888778962/>

**GScale.Net:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/gscale/>

**G-Scale- Garden Trains:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/268889036532980/>

When you join Facebook, you do not have to provide any information that you do not want to share with others.

final decision will be made based on any further input prior to and at the upcoming meeting. No one has suggested an alternative, so I'm focusing on those two. As you would guess, it's pretty much a dead heat, so make sure to attend next week's meeting (or reply using preceeding contact methods) especially if you haven't already weighed in.

It's a busy time, but we hope to see everyone on the 29th. Make sure to say hello, especially if I don't catch you by the snacks. That way I'll know you were present and won't pester you with a phone call! 😊

Michele



## Website Report

### Communicating with the Membership

The club Newsletter appears to be the most popular and effective means of communication with the club membership. When they want essential information about meeting times and places, club activities, etc., they look to the newsletter.

Email campaigns are also important. For one thing, that's how the newsletters get delivered. Email reaches 100% of the active membership. Any given newsletter, meeting, or event will only reach a portion of the members, but over time 100% of the members will view one or more of our email campaigns.

### Email Metrics for the November Newsletter:

159 Email Recipients, 158 successful deliveries

Delivered: Wed, Oct 19, 2022 at 4:59 PM

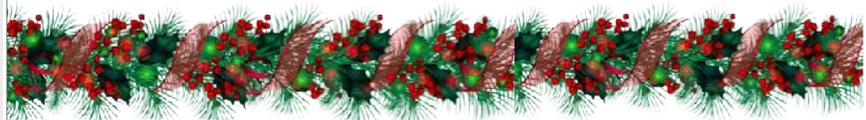
137 Emails Opened, representing 87% of the DGRS membership

99 Clicked the link, telling us how many members opened the newsletter.

Total opens 545, telling us how many times the email was looked at.

Total Clicks 257, telling us how many times the newsletter was accessed from the email.

Bob Finch



# Clinics Report



## *Wrap-up of Clinics at the 2022 Convention*

Overall, I believe the clinics offered a variety of topics that Convention-goers would be interested in attending, but I was somewhat disappointed in attendance at the clinics. Below is information about the topics covered, the rooms we used, the speakers, and the scheduling of the clinics.

**Topics.** Overall, we presented 42 clinics that Convention-goers could attend. Those 42 clinics included topics that were of the timeless variety, and some were brand new. The topics selected related to locomotives, rolling stock, accessories, buildings, live steam, gardening, scrapbooking, and even about 3D videoing for the railroad. Within most of these topics, we tried to offer clinics at three levels -- beginning, intermediate, and advanced. We also tried to be innovative and include clinics focused on indoor railroads and a clinic on Sewing for the Railroad. Both were very successful, especially the sewing clinic as many who attended that clinic said they appreciated the ideas and techniques presented. In addition to providing topics that were timeless (such as gardening and automation), we offered topics with an historical perspective, such as the history of Railroad Chapel Cars. So while we provided some tried-and-true topics, we presented new topics as well.

**Rooms.** We essentially used four rooms for the clinics. One room was large (could hold 150 people) and the other three were smaller (could hold 50 to 70 people). These rooms proved to be quite adequate for the clinics. Realistically, I doubt that many of the rooms for filled to capacity for any of the clinics, and that was a disappointment for me personally.

**Speakers.** I believed the speakers who presented the clinics were well-spoken and clearly knew their topics. Three of our speakers were nationally known in garden railroading circles as their articles had appeared in numerous editions of Garden Railways magazine. Besides these three nationally-recognized speakers, there were essentially two sources of speakers -- vendors and DGRS members. Yes, there were speakers that did not fall into either of these categories, but most speakers came from these two sources.

**Vendors.** Vendors are an important part of any NGRC. Giving vendors who are interested in giving a clinic is a good way for them to advertise and describe how their products support garden railroading. Yet it is a difficult tightrope to walk as we did not want their presentation to become a sales pitch, but to describe how their product can improve overall garden railroading. I believe vendors presented 13 of the 42 clinics (about 33 percent).

**Support from DGRS Members.** Honestly, I was overwhelmed by how many DGRS members stood up to present clinics about something special they had accomplished on their railway. Twelve DGRS members presented 15 of the 42 clinics offered. That means one-third of all clinics were supported by DGRS members. Outstanding!!

**Scheduling.** We tried something a little different with scheduling the clinics. First, we avoided scheduling a clinic when the Vendor Hall first opened. We judged Convention-goers were more interested in visiting the Vendor Hall than attending a clinic. Plus, our vendors are a big part of the support for each convention, so we did not want to conflict with their big opening. And second, we scheduled clinics both on Monday and Tuesday after the Layout Tours had ended for the day. Previous convention hosts typically chose to not schedule clinics on those days. However, to cover all the topics we wanted to cover, we needed to schedule clinics on Monday and Tuesday in addition to a reduced schedule on Wednesday, and full schedules on Thursday and Friday.

**Importance of Clinics.** While I believe clinics are an important part of the Convention Triad (layouts, vendors, and clinics), I was disappointed with the number of people who attended the clinics, and have wondered if that was typical for NGRCs or was it a result of the topics presented.

## Jim Desautel

Clinics Chair, 2022 National Garden Railway Convention

# Exhibits

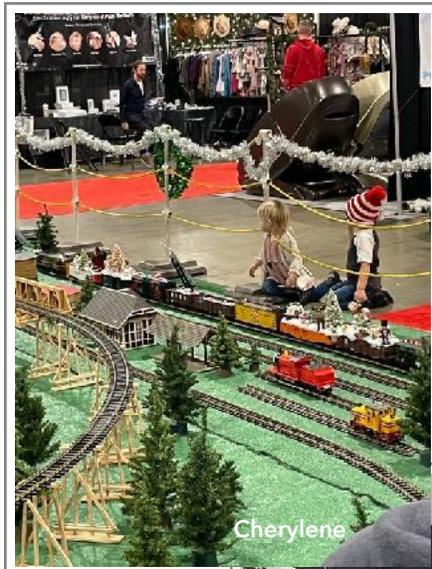
Photos from the Colorado Country Christmas Gift Show Nov 10-12, 2022



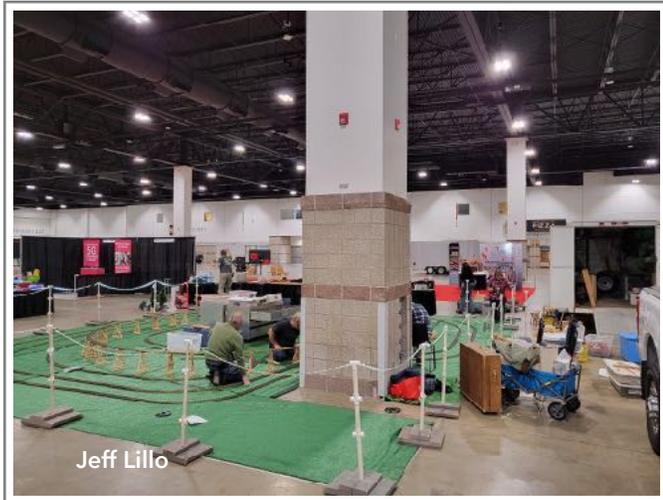
Jeff Lillo



Jeff Lillo



Cherylene



Jeff Lillo



Scott Vance

# Garden Railway Clubs Links

This section is an opportunity for our members to learn from the efforts, tips, techniques, and news of other garden railway clubs. Please Click on each club name below or go the following link to access all the clubs: <http://www.denvergardenrailway.org/index.php/links-to-other-clubs/>

[Northern Colorado Garden Railroaders](#)



**Northern Colorado  
Garden Railroaders**

[Bay Area Garden Railway Society](#)



[Rose City Garden Railway Society](#)



[Gold Coast Garden Railway Society](#)



[Santa Clarita Valley Garden Railway Club](#)



[\*\*\*Mile High Garden Railway Society\*\*\*](#)

**THE GARDEN WHISTLE**

[New Zealand Large Scale  
Newsletter](#)

[Puget Sound Garden Railway  
Society](#)



[North Texas Garden Railroad Club](#)



[Northern Ohio Garden Railway Society](#)



[Central California Coast Garden Railroad Society](#)



[Garden Railroading News \(GR  
News\)digital magazine](#)

## Events in the Region

### November 2022

- \* **26-27th Rocky Mountain Train Show**, The Ranch Events Complex, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80216. Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday 9 am to 3 pm. Admission Rates: Adults \$10.00, Children under 12 Free, Scouts in Uniform and Active Military Free. \* Parking is Free. For more information go to [rockymountaintrainshow.com](http://rockymountaintrainshow.com)

### December 2022

- \* **9-11th 45th Annual Train Expo** - Boulder Model Railroad Club, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Nelson Road at Hover Road, Longmont, CO, [Bouldermodelrailroadclub.org](http://Bouldermodelrailroadclub.org)

### April 2023

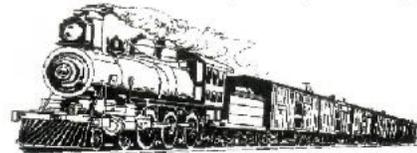
- \* **April 1st & 2nd, Rocky Mountain Train Show** - Spring 2023. Sat 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM, Sun 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, National Western Complex, 4655 Humboldt St. Denver, CO 80216. <https://rockymountaintrainshow.com/Default.aspx>

**BOULDER MODEL RAILROAD CLUB**  
Presents its 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Event

## MODEL RAILROAD EXPO

Boulder County Fairgrounds  
Hover & Nelson Roads, Longmont Colorado

December 9-11, 2022 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday



Experience the exciting hobby of model railroading.  
Enjoy displays, operating models, demonstrations.  
Food service available. Handicapped accessible.

Free Parking! Free Door Prizes! Many Layouts! Vendors!

ADMISSION Adults-\$8 Seniors-\$5 Kids 12 & Under - Free!!

Show held in conjunction with Flatiron Minerals Club's annual show. One ticket admits you to both shows!

[www.bouldermodelrailroadclub.org](http://www.bouldermodelrailroadclub.org)

## Union Pacific's Donation Special

Video of the Donation special as it passed through Wyoming and Nebraska courtesy of Michele Miller.

<https://youtu.be/eRDnICafy8o>

## Publications

Please read the other club's newsletters for ideas, photos, tips, techniques and inspiration. A large number of their members contribute to the newsletter. "Why don't you"?

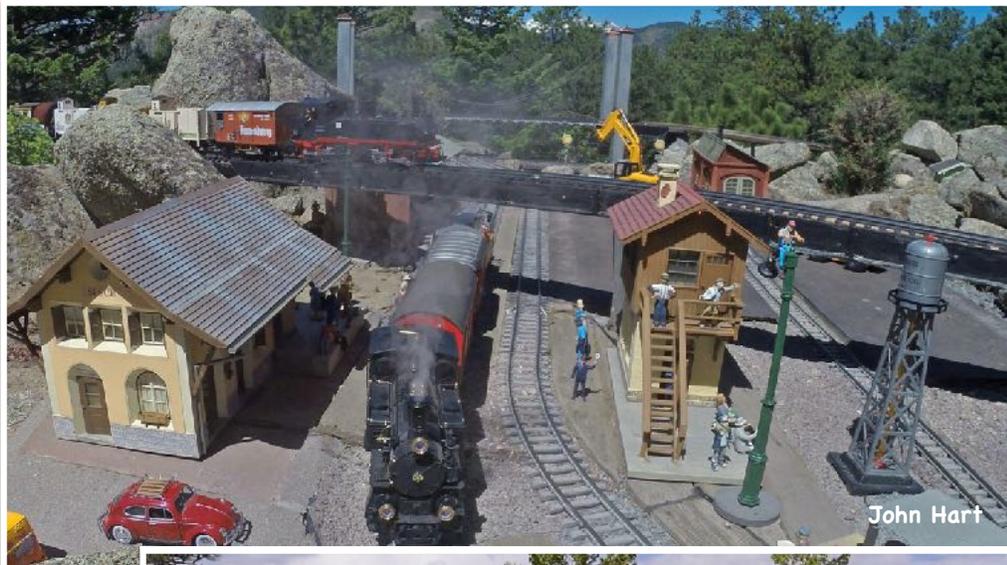
**If you have something that you would like to share, ideas, topics, clinics, pictures, stories, jokes, links or biographies, please send them to me. Please help the new members in DGRS by providing helpful information for the newsletter. Old articles, clinics, and information from previous years may be helpful for the new members.**

**Pete**

[petehendel@mac.com](mailto:petehendel@mac.com)

### Photos from Around DGRS

#### *John Hart's layout in Boulder CO.*



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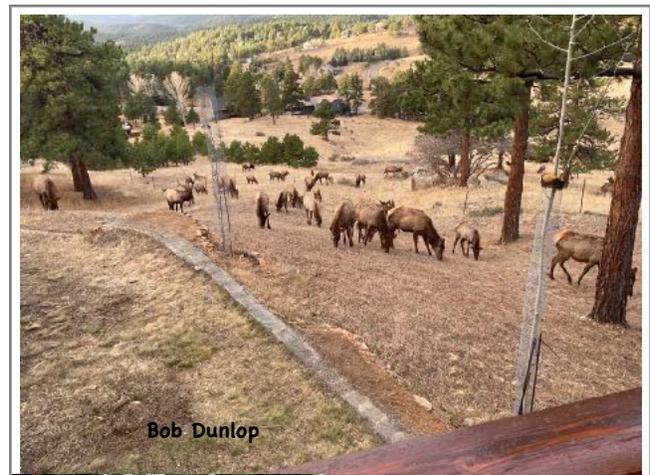


John Hart

*Bob Dunlap's open house visitors*



Bob Dunlop



Bob Dunlop

## RhB world record for the longest passenger train.

On October 29, 2022, the Rhaetian Railway (RhB) set a world record with the longest passenger train world record! The 1,906.4 meters/6,254 ft long train with 100 cars was driven over the UNESCO World Heritage Albula Railway. With this pioneering feat, the RhB and its partners made their contribution to the 175th anniversary of Swiss Railways. The longest passenger train in the world consisted of 25 auxiliary-powered, automatically-coupling, four-rail-car trains of the new “Capricorn” type, manufactured by the Swiss company, Stadler Rail.

The photos below show the train winding its way through the Swiss mountains



## DGRS Calendar

| Date   | 2022 Event  | Details   |
|--|---|---|
| Nov 29, Tues   | General meeting at the Clements Center. Program by Wally Weart on the Trolley. Election of officers for 2023.                                       | 7:00 PM, <a href="#">Clements Community Center</a><br>1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, CO 80214 |
| Dec 10, Sat  | Hobo Brunch; Members get together and swap stories at breakfast.  | 8:30 am at the Valley Inn, 1997 S Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO                            |
| December   | <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">Happy Holidays &amp; Seasons Greetings</p> <p>No DGRS meetings are scheduled for December, because...</p> | Santa Claus is coming   |
|  |   |   |
| 2023 EVENTS  |   |   |
| Jan 4, 2023, Wed   | DGRS Turnover Meeting   | Tentative   |
| Jan 8, Sun or Jan 15, Sun  | <i>DGRS Holiday Party and Meeting at Cinzetti's or Old Spaghetti Factory</i>  | 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM<br>Location TBD   |
| Jan 14, Sat  | Hobo Brunch; Members get together and swap stories at breakfast.  | 8:30 am at the Valley Inn, 1997 S Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO                            |
| Jan 31, Tues   | DGRS Board Meeting  | Tentative   |
| Feb 28, Tues   | General meeting at the Clements Center. <b>PIZZA &amp; SWAP meet.</b> Bring your extra cars, engines, junk and old worn out stuff.                  | 7:00 PM, <a href="#">Clements Community Center</a><br>1580 Yarrow St., Lakewood, CO 80214 |