

# WHERE CAN I FIND?

## Model railroad train highlight; of hobby show

This year's Toy & Hobby Expo will feature scale model railroad trains running along a 100-foot display.

The event is set for Friday, Sunday, Dec. 28-30, at the Novi Expo Center in Novi.

Display owners will be available to explain building techniques used in the construction of the modular train exhibit. In addition to other train displays, new, used and collectible toys, dolls and model trains will be available to purchase.

Show hours are 5-9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The center is at I-96 and Novi (Exit 162).

Admission is \$6 for adults, and \$3 for ages 4-12. Parking is \$5. For more information, call (734) 465-2110. For travel directions, call (248) 348-5600.

Through reader feedback, this interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find.

If you have a request or information about where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-3555 and leave a message with your name and phone number.

Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an overwhelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are published twice.

**WHAT WE FOUND:**

- For men's Levi's jeans in size 35 waist, 30 length, the Levi store at Somerset Collection in Troy will order them, and through the Land's End catalog, (800) 356-4444. Women's underwear with days of the week can be bought at area Sears, Kohl's and Marshall Field's stores.
- Thin seat covers can be bought through the Country Curtains catalog, (800) 456-0321.

- For Acutron watch repair, try Plymouth Jewelry & Gifts in Old Town Plymouth, (734) 453-1680.
- Plastic playing cards can be bought through the Consumer Sales Company catalog in Hyde Park, N.Y., (800) 580-9584.
- Lloyd's barbecue ribs are sold at Costco, Kroger and Mel-jor.
- Mrs. Richardson's caramel/fudge sauce can be bought at area Kroger stores.
- The Marine baseball cap can be bought on the Internet at [www.military.com](http://www.military.com), along with other Armed Service and veteran paraphernalia.
- Stollen can be bought at the Give Thanks bakery in Rochester, (248) 601-1542.
- A toboggan can be bought at Joe's Army & Navy on M-59, (248) 681-5277.
- For discontinued perfumes, Fragrances Unlimited (248) 681-5277.
- Apricot Jell-O can be bought at area Foodland stores, V.G. Market at 18 Mile and

- Ryan in Sterling Heights, and area Kroger stores.
- WHERE CAN I FIND:**
- A store that sells Purina Cat Chow with real tuna for Eric, who resides in Rochester Hills.
- A store that sells brushless shave cream in a tube for Robert.
- A business that sells old style interior doors from 1955 for Gretchen of Garden City.
- A store that sells a large piece of plastic cardboard (corrugated cardboard) to fill a hole for mounting Christmas lights for Linda.
- A store that sells an eyelash curler by Shisedo for Pat of Troy.
- A store that sells a small plastic cover for folding doors (keeping the doors from folding) for Barb of Birmingham.
- A store that sells clear Christmas paper depicting a cathedral scene with adhesive backing for placement on a glass table for Mary Lou.
- A store that sells Spray & Wash white laundry gel in a 16-ounce bottle for Joanna.

- A business that can refinish a cupboard door and small table-top for Jackie of Bloomfield.
- A store that sells Lord Isaac's women's slacks for Dorothy.
- A store that sells Peach Tree No. 6 version complete accounting for Barbara.
- A store that sells men's stretch belts for Connie of Canton.
- A store that sells women's half-size pull-up elastic waist slacks for Gwen.
- A store that sells the Disney gargoyle Damon (female) action figure for Andrea.
- A store where a zipper-pull for women's clothing can be bought for Shelly.
- A store that sells Bonnie August women's active wear pants in black (size medium) for Cindy.
- A store that sells clear Christmas paper depicting a cathedral scene with adhesive backing for placement on a glass table for Mary Lou.
- A store that sells Spray & Wash white laundry gel in a 16-ounce bottle for Joanna.

- A store that sells men's short-sleeved sweatshirts for Ann.
- A store where a child's phonograph can be bought for John of Canton.
- A store that sells Alberto Rossi makeup foundation for Betty of Livonia.
- A store where replacement handles for Revere Wear and Coronet Wear Dutch ovens can be bought for Joan.
- A company that will paint a steel outer door to make it look like oak for Sue of Canton.
- A company that will remove mold from a roof and install copper on it.
- A store that sells crystal beer stein glasses with etchings for Lorie.
- A store that sells Ken's color slaw dressing for Jean.
- A store that sells hunter green plastic utensils for Telfon pax.
- A store that sells a videocassette tape of the film *You're In the Army Now* for Tina.
- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

## Card enables kids to call Santa

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It's a tradition as old as the holiday itself: children asking Santa for presents at Christmas time.

Now with The Santa Hotline Personal Message Dream Card, available for \$4.99 at English Gardens, it's much easier for parents to know what their children want for Christmas.

Using the card, children can call Santa, have an interactive conversation with him and leave their wish list. Parents, family and friends can then call and hear what the children told Santa they want.

The card is simple to use:

1. The youngster calls a toll-free number.
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3. They hear the recorded message from the child.
- Features of The Santa Hotline Personal Message Dream Card are:
  - Interactive call can be made from any touch-tone phone
  - Toll-free call
  - Recordings are voice activated to eliminate silence
  - Santa and his helpers speak either English or Spanish
  - Scratch-off area on the card reveals the "secret Santa password number"

The card is distributed by PMDC Inc., which is donating a portion of the sales to the Autistic Treatment Center.

English Gardens has five metro Detroit locations, including stores at 6370 Orchard Lake

Road in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7500) and 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak (phone (248) 280-9500). Call (800) 336-GROW for the nearest English Gardens, or visit [www.englishgardens.com](http://www.englishgardens.com).



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