

**DECEMBER FIELD TRIP:
BROOKSIDE GARDEN OF LIGHTS
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Wednesday, December 9, 4:15p.m....**

Brookside Gardens in Wheaton, Maryland, is lighting itself up with 940,000 twinkling colored lights for the holiday season. Their web site describes “hundreds of wrapped trees and shrubs, beautifully lighted gazebos, cascading fountains, and individually formed displays in the shapes of blooming flowers and wild animals. Look for new moving displays such as a flock of geese landing in the Gude Garden or an 11 foot giraffe covered with 9,000 lights”. The Washington Virginia Maryland Garden Railroad Society will operate a garden railway inside the south conservatory each evening. The Garden of Lights is open to the public from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily. This is a very popular place attracting thousands of visitors each year.

Therefore, we will be going on a week night, Wednesday, December 9. Entry is only by car and admission is charged by car (\$15 for weeknights). Tripods are allowed so long as the walkway is not blocked for other visitors. Because Metro will be charging for parking, we will meet at 4:15 p.m. at an alternate, nearby place (to be determined) for those wishing to carpool to Wheaton. For further information about the garden see http://www.montgomeryparks.org/brookside/garden_lights.shtm. For additional information about the field trip contact Joan Axilbund at axilbund@verizon.net.