



BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS

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April Meeting

Thursday, March 10th
Sutton Senior Center
19 Hough Road, Sutton MA
7:00 PM

Potluck Supper & Silent Auction

A Pot Luck Supper shared among garden friends and a Silent Auction to benefit the BVG Speakers' Fund. The floral table decorations will be created by BVG members and the theme is "cuisine."

MEETING PLACE

Sutton Senior Center
19 Hough Road, Sutton MA

From Rte 146 take exit 5 (Main Street Sutton & Northbridge)
Go west, the first left is Hough Road.

There are signs on Route 146 for Sutton Senior Center

Thank you for March Munchies:

Linda Brown, Margaret Fish & Brenda Rosborough

April Bakers:

We look forward to everyone's delicious potluck contributions!

HOORAY FOR SPRING!

Meeting Format for April

- There will be a bustle of activity at this month's meeting – perfect for bringing a guest or two! All are welcome.
- Please sign in. The member book will be set up at the front table. You may drop off your membership renewal there as well – please see Val Kara.
- Garden Tour tickets will be available for sale. In addition to buying tickets for yourself, you may also take a group of tickets away to sell on your own – please see Cissy Henderson or Pat Stellato.
- There will be a sign up sheet for garden tour volunteers (tour hostesses needed).

Silent Auction

- Begin bidding on items at 7PM (bid freely and often to insure you win the bid on items you are interested in)
- See next page for a description of items to be featured on the auction table
- Bidding will close at 7:45PM. Bid sheets will be tallied and winners announced by 8:30. Please pick up and pay for your treasures before you leave for the evening.



DUES ARE DUE

Return this form along with your check to:

Val Kara
10 Riverbend Road
Upton, MA 01568

Please make your \$20 check payable to the:
Blackstone Valley Gardeners

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

Email _____

Do you want your newsletter emailed Yes ___ No ___

Do you want to receive email notices Yes ___ No ___

INTERESTED IN A BVG POSITION?

These positions are *still* open: **Web Maintenance & Civic Beautification.** Let Linda or Jackie know if you are interested.

SAVE THE DATE: *JUNE 21st* PUBLIC GARDEN TOUR & PLANT SALE

Rain or Shine

Plant donations are needed from member gardens and volunteers for dig & divide. More info is on the website.



CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Every year BVG likes to recognize individuals and businesses that enhance our communities by beautifying their spaces. It can be as simple as window boxes or as complex as islands. We rely on you all to bring places in your town to our attention so we can thank them for their efforts. Please email Linda recognition suggestions: lindahamm@aol.com.

Correction: In the March newsletter, it was erroneously reported that BVG donated annual Tower Hill passes to Northbridge and Upton community libraries. The BVG has donated annual passes to: Upton, Uxbridge and Whitinsville community libraries. Each annual pass is good for free admission to the Botanic Garden for up to 4 people, and can be borrowed from the libraries at any time. These are a great value!



For announcements, special events & Sunshine, email our corresponding secretary, Joan O'Brien, joanmob@verizon.net.

POTLUCK & SILENT AUCTION

Many thanks to those members who have graciously donated items for our silent auction! Featured items include:

- A beautiful contemporary painting depicting nature, by Charee MacDonald.
- Jackie Bean has hand crafted a concrete birdbath in a delicate fern pattern
- Fresh baked Italian butter cookies arranged on a tray for your upcoming party or event.
- Four hours of Tree & Shrub Pruning (donated by Samuel Thomas, LLC)
- A *Guy Wolfe* pottery pitcher (donated by Ginny DeSelms)
- A *Longaberger* basket – famous for quality and style
- A landscape consultation with *Gardens by Mary*
- Hand painted note cards by Ann Hanscom
- Lovely garden statuary
- Various other garden trinkets and gift collections

Also, sincere thanks – in advance – to those members who will bring a donation of the delicious type: your potluck menu item. It will be hard to top last year's feast, but it will not be a surprise if we do just that!

Finally, thank you to our floral arrangers: Ginny DeHaan, Ann Hanscom, Linda Hamm, Cissy Henderson, Val Kara, Ly Marokhovsky, Troy Smith and Midge Wyman. Their wonderful creations for our tables will be raffled off during the evening – *be sure to put your name in the basket.*

To this meeting, we bring high hopes for a lively and festive evening filled with fun *and spring fever.* We hope you will participate to the fullest. Of course, all funds raised at the silent auction will go into BVG coffers to cover future guest speakers at our monthly meetings.



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