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APRIL MEETING

THURSDAY April 13

7:00 PM at Lydia Taft House

Container Gardens

Jessica Porter

The owner of River's Edge Greenhouse (2nd generation!) will demonstrate creative container planting, with some hands-on help from attendees, and raffle the finished masterpieces.

THANK YOU

For March's Munchies

Carol Bowen, Linda Brown & Kallie Spaulding

Looking Forward to April Appetite Pleasers

Patty Deveau, Jan Cooper & Linda Hamm

TREKS

Treks: March 30th (a Thursday) to the Peabody Museum at Harvard University for the Glass Flowers, and if possible, the Gray Herbarium. Depart Foxfire Farm 8:30 am.

April 19th (a Wednesday) to spring bulbs (yea!) at Blithewold Mansion, Bristol, R.I. If time permits, return via Newport to see what's blooming there. Depart Foxfire Farm 8:30 am.

May 18th (a Thursday) - a tour of The Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill (Boston). Tickets, prepaid \$25 to Ann H. by March 28th, will be ordered on that date. After that, tickets are your own responsibility (go online for details - they often sell out, but can be bought on the day of the tour, if available, for \$30), but put your name in to Ann H. for carpool arrangements. Depart Foxfire Farm 8:00 am (this is an all-day event with Dutch-treat lunch in Boston).

June: thinking of the Berkshires (Edith Wharton's The Mount) and the Connecticut River Valley (John O'Brien's Hosta nursery) - feedback wanted. This trek should be a nice reward after the Plant Sale!



Please make your \$20 check payable to the:
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DUES ARE DUE

Return this form along with your check to:

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SPRING CLEANUP

Please call Ann Hanscom - 508-278-3617 - (or she may call YOU!) to choose days this Spring for Tri-River Garden clean-up and plant division (participants get to take home free plants!). Working there is a great way to make friends while learning gardening skills. Newer members (and younger members, please!) come along - Ann is looking forward to help, as well as passing the baton! Seasoned gardeners among us - don't wait for Ann; if you know what needs doing, go DO IT! Then sit on a bench and enjoy it.



ATTENTION:

Our very own member, Judith Collins is having an opening reception of her art show April 13, 06 at 7:00 P.M. at the new Blackstone Public Library route 122 in Blackstone. It is a one woman show with 50 oil and watercolor paintings and woodcarving items also rosemailing (Scandinavian art) This is the night of the meeting but the library will be open Monday 9:00A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Tuesday 12:00P.M. to 8:00P.M. Thursday 9:00A.M. to 8:00P.M. Friday 9:00A.M. to 2:00P.M. and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 2:00P.M. Her paintings will be at the library (route 122 it is brand new building so you can't miss it) for about 7 or 8 days after the opening reception on the 13th.

WAY TO GO JUDY!



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STUFF TO DO IN APRIL

Finish Spring pruning - rake up Winter's debris - listen for the returning birds' songs (who has heard already Sparrows (Song and Chipping), Robins, Bluebirds (clean those nest boxes now!), Wood Ducks, Redwing Blackbirds, Mourning Doves, Kingfishers; any else at your house?) - smile at early Crocus and Daffodils - enjoy the early bloom of Jasminum nudiflorum and Cornus mas, Abeliaphyllum disticum (at Tri-River), and that screaming yellow Forsythia, so loud on a showery, new-green day - invite a friend to breakfast outside in the reassuring sun - go get the turning fork (soil can be worked when it crumbles in your hand like chocolate cake) - when perennials show new growth, divide and share - exult in renewal. **IT'S SPRING!**



MORE NEWS

Flora in Winter: Photos of all the exhibits are on the Worcester Art Museum Web site. Check them out!

<http://www.worcesterart.org>

Rustic Workshop: As of today, There are 17 signed up for Frank Hamm. If we hold the workshop for that many, it would raise the cost per person to \$28.00.

Participants: do you want to go for it?

June Plant Sale: Call Carolyn @ 508-529-3340 to join one of the plant sale committees or sign up at the April meeting.

Many hands make light work