



BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS

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December 2007

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December Meeting

Thursday, Nov 6
Sutton Senior Center
19 Hough Road, Sutton MA
7:00 PM

"Happy Holidays from Henry"

A popular speaker last season, Mr. Schmidt (of Weston Nurseries) will return to us with his choice of new ideas and items. *Goodies to raffle!*

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 November Munchies:

Carol Bowen, Linda Brown & Ginny DeHaan

December Bakers:

Leni Carroll, Marion Desmond, Pat Stellato, Carolyn Voss

Don't forget! ☺

NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS WELCOME

Please feel free to bring your friends and family to any of the meetings and treks. They are always welcome. And, of course, if they would like to join BVG, we'd be delighted to have them.

Welcome New Members: Nancy Lucier, of Whitinsville, and Nancy Perkson. Of Uxbridge.

Also, welcome to Renate Milgroom, of Uxbridge, a guest in November who is planning to join in December.

Meeting Format

- Please sign in. The member book will be set up at the front table.
- There will be two raffles each month. A free one with donated prizes, and a paid one, with BVG gear and other prizes. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Linda Hamm or Carolyn Voss.
- BVG gear will be available for sale.



DECEMBER TREK

There will be no formal trek this month.

If you have any suggestions for one, please contact Ann Hanscom: 508-278-3617 or A_J_Hanscom@msn.com.



December Events

• Holly Days at Tower Hill

The displays and handmade ornaments reflect the theme "Booked for the Holidays" with favorite characters and themes from popular literature, Nov. 23- Dec. 30th. Check the full calendar of events at www.towerhillbg.org. *Sounds like a trek opportunity to me!*

• Sutton Chain of Lights

Christmas in Historic Sutton means tradition and the community joins together for a grand celebration, uniting its quaint business community, churches, artists, and historical society to show small-town New England at its best, Dec 1, 10A – 4P. Free trolley service to all locations. *Participate in a wreath decorating contest sponsored by the Sutton Garden Club.* Info at www.suttonchainoflight.com.

• More holiday events listed on next page

INTERESTED IN A BVG POSITION?

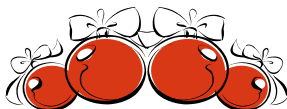
These positions are still open:

Web Maintenance

Joyce Grant has relocated and will not be able to continue as *BVG Webmaster*. We are still seeking a creative BVG-er to take over web maintenance. Let Linda or Jackie know if you are interested.

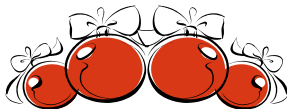
Civic Beautification

Bridget Bennett-Lewis just announced that she will be vacating the Civic Beautification position. We are seeking a member to take on this role as well. Let Linda or Jackie know if you are interested.



CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Every year Blackstone Valley Gardeners likes to recognize individuals and businesses that enhance our communities by beautifying their spaces. It can be as simple as window boxes or 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 Hamm with any suggestions for recognition.: lindahamm@aol.com



For announcements, special events & Sunshine, email our corresponding secretary: Joan O'Brien, at joanob@charter.net.

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SEEING RED

Red is a hot color as the weather gets colder.... and it shows up well against green, its complementary color, which is great for the birds! Birds favor berries hit in fat such as dogwood, magnolia and sassafras. They save the starchier fruits, such as crabapples for later. Prominent avian delights include: Winterberry (*Ilex Verticillata*), American Cranberry Bush *Viburnum* (*Viburnum Trilobum*), America Beauty Bush (*Callicarpa Americana*) and Coralberry (*Symphoricarpos Orbiculatus*). *Can you believe I found this info in the AARP Magazine – I'm showing my age!*

MORE DECEMBER EVENTS

- **Annual Christmas Tea at Willard Clock Museum**
Enjoy coffee, tea, homemade pastry and live music in the m main gallery, decorated in the colonial tradition by the Grafton Garden Club, Dec. 2 2P – 4P. Free admission, reservations requested. Info at (508) 839-3500 or connie@willardhouse.org
- **Homes for the Holidays House Tours Bristol, RI**
Tour decorated private homes and museums, Dec.8-9, 12P-5P. Tickets are \$25, in advance; \$30 at the door. Linden Place Museum, 500 Hope St. 401-253-0390
- **Rhode Island Newport Mansions**
Mansions are open from Dec.1-31 Tickets /info 401-847-1000 Ext.140 www.newportmansions.org



WANTED: Your Input

Share your interesting gardening experiences right here!
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