



BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS

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February 2008

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February Meeting

Thursday, February 14th
Sutton Senior Center
19 Hough Road, Sutton MA
7:00 PM

"A Demonstration of Ikebana"

Kay Vosburgh, an outstanding floral designer and teacher of Japanese Ikebana, will create several designs for us. All flowers used, and one arrangement, will be raffled.

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 January Munchies:

Carol Bowen, Linda Brown, Maria Masmanian & Pat Stellato

February Bakers:

Barbara Griffiths, Linda Hamm & Jackie Kollett

Don't forget! ☺



February - March Activities

- **William Cullina, Director of Horticultural Research – New England Wild Flower Society**
Two opportunities to hear him discuss his new book on Native Ferns, Moss and Grasses: Saturday, Feb 16th – Harvard Museum of Natural History, 2PM, free with museum admission; Thursday, Feb 28th – Elm Bank, 7PM, \$20 members, \$25 non-members.
- **Smith College Spring Bulb Show**
Sat, Mar 1 – Sunday, Mar 16th, free, donations appreciated
- **Spring Flower Show**
Mount Holyoke College Botanic Garden, March - dates to follow

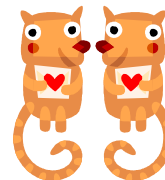
HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

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.

Meeting Format

- Please sign in. The member book will be set up at the front table.
- There will be A FREE raffle at the February meeting. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Linda Hamm or Carolyn Voss.
- BVG gear will be available for sale. And, we'll have some new items for you to check out: fleece vests \$34, headbands \$10 and jackets \$44. You must pay up front with your order for these items.



FEBRUARY TREK

There will be no formal trek this month.

PLEASE check out the website for pictures of Flora in Winter - it was terrific!!

INTERESTED IN A BVG POSITION?

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

COMING IN JUNE:

PUBLIC GARDEN TOUR & PLANT SALE

Just a head's up that our garden club will be hosting a public garden tour and plant sale in the Town of Upton this June. We'll be asking for volunteers in a number of areas, including working the plant sale and site monitoring at the homes on the tour. Also, we'll host a few dig & divide sessions with which we will need assistance. And, of course, we hope you will be able to divide some favorite plants from your own gardens and donate them to the sale. More to follow on this - we just wanted to pique your curiosity and your interest in our major fundraising event for 2008!



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.



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

PLANNING FOR APRIL POTLUCK

The April meeting is our annual potluck supper. As we will not be ushering new officers this spring, the agenda for the evening will include a brief meeting and a silent auction, in addition to delicious food and lively conversation.

We are seeking donations for the silent auction table. Please call or email Jackie Bean [this month](mailto:jpbwork2003@yahoo.com) with your proposed donations, which should be new items valued at \$20 and up (no white elephants, please). Contact Jackie at 508-234-0602 or jpbwork2003@yahoo.com. We hope to put about 12 - 15 items on the auction table, any extras will be held for future raffles.

Ann Hansom will be hosting two workshops at Foxfire Farm to make the table arrangements for this event. The first session, which will include deciding a theme for the flora as well as trying your hand at arranging, is Wednesday, Mar 19th at 9AM. The final session, when the table arrangements for our event will be composed, is Thursday, Apr 10th, also at 9AM. All "budding floral arrangers" are welcome to participate. There will be a sign up sheet at the February meeting or you can contact Ann at 508-278-3617 or A_J_Hanscom@msn.com.

Sign up sheets for the potluck will be on the table at the February meeting, as was done last year. Please sign up to bring your favorite bread, hors d'oeuvre, salad, entrée or dessert. If this year is anything like last years' potluck, we will surely have a feast!



WANTED(REALY!!): Your Input

Share your interesting gardening experiences right here! Email patricia.a.stellato@verizon.com or snail mail to 56 West River St, Upton, MA 01568

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