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FEBRUARY MEETING

February 8, 2007

"Hosta Manana"

John O'Brien

The leader of the Hosta Society of America takes us from "they all look alike to me" to "I never met a Hosta I didn't like."

DECEMBER REVISITED

"Our December meeting turned out to be truly delightful! Henry Schmidt came from Weston Nurseries, complete with armloads of greens, wonderful ideas and a humor filled assistant, Annie! He made a kissing ball, a decorated boxwood tree and a truly spectacular wreath. At the end, these items were raffled off to members present, together with bunches of mixed greens - what a great win for several of our members! We also had a table of greens, ribbons, decorations, etc. for members to swap and take home to do their own creations. Board members brought along plates and plates of goodies to share, and all had a great evening of enjoyment and friendship! A great start to the holidays!"

THANK YOU

For January Goodies

Carol Bowen, Judy Collin, Marion Desmond, Barbara Griffiths,
Maria Masmanian, Joan O'Brien

And to all who have been so generous in the past.

Looking Forward To February treats

We need donations to the goodies table for February.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Judith Hebb, 45 Glenview St, Upton MA 01568
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Barbara Noyes, 26 Fowler St, Upton MA 01568
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Rebecca Driver, 67 Glenview St, Upton MA 01568
508-473-5401



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

April is just around the corner, and that means we need a new Board of Directors to guide the Club through the next two years. Would you like to serve? It is interesting, rewarding and fun. Think about it. We have three members who have formed a nominating committee - Judy Collin, Barbara Griffiths and Ginny Deselms - feel free to give any of them a call with your interest - their 'phone numbers are in the membership book, as is a list of Board member positions. Linda Hamm will be our new President, and an advisor to the nominating committee.

WILD BIRD GARDENS

Sadly, Wild Bird Gardens is going out of business. The good news is: everything is 30 to 50 percent off until it's sold (or the end of February).

NEXT YEAR'S GARDEN NOW

What to do in the dark of winter to help the time go by: Look out the windows at your immediate landscape; take a black and white photo of what you see; sketch your perception of what you see; study the design elements you observe; decide what changes you would like to make; draw those changes; make a plan for implementing those changes when the Spring comes. Pour over garden design books and magazines; make note of what you like; put your "likes" into your plan. Pick up a bunch of flowers at the store; study them with an eye to shape, texture, color, and appeal; draw them (all you need is a box of crayons!); make them into a flower arrangement (there are NO JUDGES in your house!); decide if you want to work them into your plan. Go to a museum; study the landscapes and the still lifes; see if other artists' eyes hold anything for your own space. Warm yourself up with the heat of your own ideas.



PLANT SALE

It's never too early to plan
Dig and Divide at Tapestry Gardens

9-12 AM

Monday, April 16 --- Thursday, April 19
Tuesday, April 24 --- Tuesday, May 1
Friday, May 4 --- Saturday, May 5
Wednesday, May 9 --- Thursday, May 10
Saturday, May 12

7-8 PM

Wednesday, May 2 --- Monday, May 7

Plants from your garden that you would like to donate to the sale should be brought to one of the above sessions for potting and labeling.

Please bring your own gloves, pruners and trowels.

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COMING SOON

Our BVG Annual Meeting (wherein we have a changing of the guard). This year we will have seating at tables, conversation among friends, and food, for an official thank-you to the old board/welcome to the new. The Program planners need to have an idea of the number of participants to expect; please indicate your intention to come ASAP (at least by mid-March) to Carolyn Voss or Ann Hanscom. For a special treat, BVG members who are taking part in our flower arranging workshops will provide arrangements for each table.



FLORAL WORKSHOPS

Ann is planning to do two workshops before the Annual Meeting - one in February and one in March. She needs those of you who would like to participate to indicate what dates and times would work for you (She'll do them at her house again.). Ann is thinking 3rd or 4th week in Feb (Tues thru Fri), and same for March. Please indicate if you want to come/what times in those parameters you CANNOT come).

Also, she needs those of you who would like, to volunteer to make an arrangement for the Annual meeting (be brave!). When we know how many people we are to expect at the meeting, we'll know how many arrangements are needed.

To find out about the upcoming workshops please call Ann
508-278-3617

