



BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS

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March Meeting

Thursday, March 13th
Sutton Senior Center
19 Hough Road, Sutton MA
7:00 PM

"Invasive Plants, Native Plants &
Gardener's Choices"

Rolf Schilling, of the New England Wildflower
Society at Garden in the Woods, will lead a
discussion on the current issues.

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 February Munchies:

Jackei Bean, Barbara Griffiths, Linda Hamm & Jackie Kollett

March Bakers:

Linda Brown, Margaret Fish & Brenda Rosborough

Don't forget! ☺

IT'S ALMOST SPRING!

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

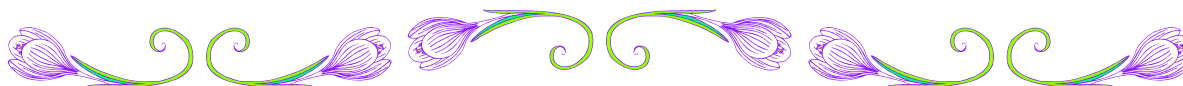
- Please sign in. The member book will be set up at the front table.
- There will be both a FREE, and a paid, raffle at the March meeting. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Linda Hamm or Carolyn Voss.
- BVG gear will be available for sale. And, we'll have some new items for you to check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

Please welcome **Sutton Garden Club** members who will join us for this month's program.



MARCH TREK

There will be no formal trek this month.



March Activities

- **Spring Flower Show**
Mount Holyoke College Botanic Garden, March 1 – 14th, Admission is free
- **New England Spring Flower Show**
March 8 – 16th at the Bayside Expo Center, Boston, MA
- **Locally Made All-Organic Household Cleaning Products – Marylou Burlingame**
Learn about organic gardening and her "home grown" products at the Upton Town Library, March 19th, 7PM

Looking Ahead...

- **Parade of Ponds**
June 7 – 8th, details TBA
- **Iris Sale (Recommended by Jan Sacks & Marty Schafer at the October Meeting)**
Verrill Farm, Wheeler Road, Concord, MA, July 26th, 9A – 2P

INTERESTED IN A BVG POSITION?

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

COMING IN JUNE:

PUBLIC GARDEN TOUR & PLANT SALE

Please read the attached newsletter insert for more detailed information about this year's annual fundraising event: the Garden Tour & Plant Sale. Info is also posted 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.

At the February board meeting, contributions to Blackstone Valley community libraries were approved: Tower Hill passes for Northbridge and Upton. 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, at joanmob@verizon.net.

REMINDER: POTLUCK & SILENT AUCTION IN APRIL

The April meeting is our annual potluck supper. The agenda for the evening will include a brief meeting and a silent auction, in addition to delicious food and lively conversation.

We are still seeking donations for the silent auction table. Please call or email Jackie Bean *asap* with your proposed donations, which should be new items valued at \$20 and up (friends: chip in for a special donation, if you wish). Contact Jackie at 508-234-0602 or jpbwork2003@yahoo.com. We would like to have 12 - 15 items on the auction table.

We are also still seeking contributions to the potluck: especially appetizers and desserts. The sign up sheets will be out again at the March meeting -- please sign up with your favorite recipe, if you can. We are looking forward to a fabulous feast!

Ann Hansom is hosting two workshops at Foxfire Farm to make the table arrangements for this event. The first session, will include deciding a theme for the flora as well as trying your hand at arranging, is on 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 are welcome to participate. There is still time to sign up: speak to Ann at the March meeting or contact her at 508-278-3617.



WANTED(Really!!): 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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