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March Meeting

Thursday, March 12th
Sutton Senior Center
19 Hough Road, Sutton, MA
7:00PM

"Adventures of a Botanist"

Sally Perkin, Botanist, will share her long time interest in rhododendrons and the travel adventures she has experienced as a result of her interest.

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

March Munchies:

Barbara Griffiths, Renate Milgroom & Penny Nelson
Don't forget! ☺

Thanks for February Munchies:

Leni Carroll, Bunny Lyman, Maria Masmanian & Annie Smith

SPECIAL VOTE

We sent you a post card in late January to alert you to the special vote that will be taken at the February meeting -- that vote was delayed to the March meeting Linda Hamm, President, will read out these changes and seek your approval through a public vote. Please plan to attend.

MARCH TREK

There will be no formal trek this month.

On Feb 28th, Cissy Henderson, Leni Carroll, Bunny Lyman, Troy Smith, Val Kara, Ginny DeHaan, Barbara Gaudette, Linda Hamm, and Cindy Kosciak are touring the New England Bonsai Gardens in Bellingham -- they are looking forward to having a wonderful time! And, Jackie Bean, Cissy Henderson and Pat Stellato went to the Providence Flower Show on the 21st and enjoyed "Gardens around the World." Both visits are a breath of fresh spring air!

If you have suggestions for a trek, or if you've been somewhere terrific that you'd like to share in the newsletter, please contact Cindy Kosciak: 508-234-6570 or dkos@charter.net. Also, if you don't have email but want to hear about upcoming treks that are planned outside of the newsletter schedule, please call Cindy to leave your contact information and shell keep you posted of any plans.



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A Gardener's Diary...

March marks the beginning of the growing season. If you have a witch hazel it might be blooming – and crocuses will be coming into bloom. It is too early for garden planting and transplanting, and don't rush to remove the winter mulch – there are always late cold snaps (LOL!) - but it is a good time to put a couple of inches of compost on your beds..

- Remove burlap wraps and other winter protection by the second half of the month.
- Pruning can begin in earnest but only for perennials that are not early spring bloomers. You can remove broken or diseased branches from any plant now.
- Sharpen and clean your gardening tools if you forgot to do this last fall.
- As soon as the ground thaws you can begin edging your beds.

Board Positions

The two year terms of a number of the board positions will be up in April, and positions will be vacant. We are seeking members with an interest in filling these positions. Participating on the board is a good opportunity to meet and work with great people, to get some really good experience, and to have a lot of fun. Please chat with current board members at the March meeting to see which positions will be opening up.



WANTED: 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

Planning for the April Potluck & Raffle

The April meeting is our annual Potluck supper and we'll be holding a raffle this year, too (similar to the silent auction we held last year that was so much fun). Jackie Bean is again coordinating the effort and will bring sign up sheets to the March meeting for your contributions to the Potluck as well as to the raffle table. We've already received some donations for the raffle.... just to whet your appetite (and to give other potential donors some ideas), let me share them now: an adorable standing bunny garden statuette; a pair of colorful gardening T-shirts printed with flowers and butterflies; a tray of Marion's cookies; a brightly painted bird house; a Longaberger basket filled with garden trinkets; Ann's beautiful hand painted note cards...

The April meeting will be action packed, as we'll also have our own Maria Masmanian speak to us about her Master Gardener experiences, and we'll be "changing the guard" as the board positions turn over in April.



....is just around the corner!

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