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MARCH MEETING

THURSDAY March 9

Lydia Taft House
Quaker Highway, Uxbridge
7:00 PM

Topiary

Ed Palmer

Bored with trimming a plain, old, trapezoidal hedge? Find the hidden sculptor in you as you learn to shape with shears

STUFF TO DO IN MARCH

Be patient! Review February's tasks; if weather did not permit doing those tasks, you can still do them in March (or even into April). Delay thorough clean up until single digit temperatures are ancient history. Many spring bulbs have their own antifreeze; so don't worry about them if they show up soon. "Snow seed" lawns and meadows. Knock down perennial debris, and mow wildflower areas, as new growth starts. Spread compost. Observe soil moisture levels before you tread; cold, wet soils compact underfoot. If you can't be patient, go to Florida until mid-April!

UPCOMING TREKS

March trek to Harvard University's "Glass Flowers" and Herbaria (if arrangements can be made).

April (late) - a search for bulbs; maybe Newport / Blithewold / Cape Cod?

May trek: Hidden Gardens of Beacon Hill, Thursday, May 18, 2006. Tickets are limited (\$25 in advance/\$30 day of). Let's make a plan.

June: Maine? Vermont? Connecticut? Overnight?

Input needed.

THANK YOU

For February's Fine Fare

Carol Bowen, Mary Fedorczyk, Jackie Kollett & Midge Wyman

Looking Forward to March's Munchies

Thanks to

Carol Bowen, Linda Brown & Kallie Spaulding



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RUSTIC FURNITURE UPDATE

Since Sutton Garden Club has only recently notified their members about the Frank Hamm workshop, I have given them until April 1st (no joke) to commit to the workshop. That gives us a little more time to consider joining the group as well. So far signed up are: Faye Lavigne, Mary Fedorczyk, Patty Deveau, Ginny DeHaan, Ann Hanscom, Berenda Rosborough, Sandy Rosborough, Joan O'Brien, and Floyd and Linda Hamm. If you don't see your name on this list but wish you did, (or do and didn't) call AH to rectify (508-278-3617). If we don't get at least 20 participants by 4-1-06, we will cancel the event.



NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

Due to the increase in postage cost and in an effort to save a little you can get your newsletter emailed. If you would like to get your newsletter sent to your inbox just email Joan O'Brien at joanob@usadatanet.net and let her know. The newsletter is a Microsoft 2000 Professional word document.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

An additional flower design workshop (Friday morning March 24 or 31 - group to choose) at Lydia Taft House. I will bring to the March meeting an example arrangement with a cost estimate, for those members interested in participating.

JUNE PLANT SALE

We have had several people sign up to help with the plant sale, and we thank them very much - it is really going to take a combined effort! Anyone else who would like to help, please call Carolyn at 508-529-3340 or anyone else on the Board of Directors. We will have a sign up sheet at each meeting with the different committees listed. Please help us make this a success for your Club!

WORCESTER FLOWER SHOW

A group of about a dozen trekkers took a trip to the Worcester Flower Show last Thursday evening. It was a cold and windy night, and it felt wonderful to walk into the warmth of the DCU Worcester and inhale the Spring smell of daffodils, jasmine and mulch!

The Worcester show gets better each year it is held - more exhibitors and competitors, and this year they even had a food court with small tables complete with table cloths and wine!

The vendor's section could use some improvement - jewelry cleaner, Red Sox/Patriots drawings, window-cleaning mops and even the Gozi Juice somehow don't fit in! It was certainly worth the trip, and we all enjoyed our evening especially those that sampled the JUICE.

The BVG Short Attention Span Theatre

A play of 4 silly travelers at the end of the day.

The designated driver: I've seen enough of all this. Let's go to dinner.

1st friend: Oh! But what's this last booth here? A WINE booth! (She climbs WAY UP on a stool - all 4.5 feet of her (we ignore the sign saying "You must be THIS tall to go on this ride"). The wine hawker serves her many tiny little cups of 'grand cru' - and also her friends.

The D.D.: I actually think white wine comes from horses. (2nd friend nods in agreement, taking 1st by the arm)

We head for the exit but are stopped in our tracks by the man in the "Gozi" juice booth: "This amazing drink will make young men leap tall buildings in a single bound; make young girls plump; make old women beautiful again; make old men cry" (don't ask what)! The D.D. dares to question his veracity; others try a taste, or two ("Only the unwary drink more than one!"), or, who counts?

(As we giggle our way to the parking lot) 1st friend: Boy! What's in that Gombi juice? Wheee! 3rd friend: I think I'm three inches taller than I was this morning!

*** All in all, it was a great flower show***

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