



# BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS

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## MARCH MEETING

THURSDAY March 8

Sutton Senior Center

19 Hough Road, Sutton MA

7:00 PM

**"Delight in Design, Pleasure in Plants"**

Jennifer Porter

Ms. Porter, of River's Edge Greenhouse in Framingham, MA, back by popular demand, has free rein to draw "oohs" and "aahs" and laughter from the audience.

## CHANGE IN MEETING PLACE

Starting with the March 8 meeting

After listening to the feedback from members, we have found a meeting place that is bigger and better able to accommodate us. Thank you to the Board members who have done an extensive search of potential meeting places.

**Sutton Senior Center**

**19 Hough Road, Sutton MA**

From Route 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

## UPCOMING TREKS

March 9

Please call or email Ann Hanscom if you wish to go to Inez Gornall's studio on March 9th. Bring your own sandwich, but Inez will provide salad, dessert, and rumor has it, wine and cheese, so she needs to know how many plan to be there. Her artwork is wonderful - don't miss this opportunity to visit a regional treasure.

Ann Hanscom 508-278-3617 or [A\\_J\\_Hanscom@msn.com](mailto:A_J_Hanscom@msn.com)

## THANK YOU

For February's Fine Fare

Carol Bowen, Val Kara, Faye Lavigne & Sandy Rosborough

## Looking Forward to March's Munchies

We need donations to the goodies table for March.



Please make your \$20 check payable to the:  
Blackstone Valley Gardeners

## DUES ARE DUE

Return this form along with your check to:

Carol Bowen

PO Box 752

Upton, MA 01568

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## NEXT SEASONS GARDEN NOW

In March: When you feel like being outside, cut down your grasses and dead perennials (chopping stems in small pieces and leaving them on the ground for mulch). The canes of very tall grasses (like Florida grass) can be left whole and used later for garden stakes, or anti-Bambi pungee sticks in your Hostas. Make a plan for pest control (minimizing use of poisons, please!). Fencing, barriers, (surround your plants with cages made from those grass canes!), noxious sprays (Hinder), big dogs (the Terriers THINK they're big) prevail against the deer; ground Castor Bean meal (Molemax) works to deter moles and voles. You must get your defenses in place BEFORE the critturs come to rely on your bounty; else you will have to hire Bill Murray to do the job!



## BVG GIFT TO AREA LIBRARIES

We have ordered magazine subscriptions, in the name of our membership, to be sent to the following local libraries – Uxbridge, Northbridge, Upton, Mendon, Sutton, Douglas and Millbury. After talking with library directors and getting their thoughts and choices, we decided on Birds and Blooms, or Fine Gardening. We hope library members can enjoy these, and this will encourage a further love of gardening and beautification in our area.



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## BVG OFFICERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

The Nominating Committee is making great progress with filling our slate of officers for the new two-year term beginning in April. Please think about helping out on the Board, it is very satisfying and enjoyable. We do need to fill the position of Vice President, who would help Linda Hamm, our incoming President, for two years and after that taking over the position. This job is not as daunting as it sounds – with a good executive board and standing committees in place, it is not difficult but very rewarding.



## ANNUAL MEETING

April 12, 2007

Post cards were mailed to all members announcing the annual meeting. If you haven't responded and reserved your spot yet please do so by March 15. Ann is waiting to hear from you.

We will usher in our new Board of Directors with an official changing of the guard at a Pot Luck dinner. BVG members who participate in winter floral design workshops and any volunteer members will create floral table decorations.



2-22-07

February has been wounded mortally,  
Bludgeoned by a fetch of tropic air.  
Yesterday I heard the bluebirds...  
And again today.  
February lies in still pallor,  
Folded shroud upon the ground.  
While blackbirds bugle their Te Deum.

Ann