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May 2009

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May Meeting

Thursday, May 14, 2009
Sutton Senior Center
19 Hough Road, Sutton, MA
7:00PM

"Organic Lawn & Garden Care"

Bruce Wenning, a partner in Landscapes, Inc., of Weston, shares his special interest in organic lawn care and low maintenance landscapes.

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

April Potluck Volunteers:

OMG – everything was delicious! Thanks so much!

May Munchies:

Jackie Bean, Margaret Fish, Linda Hamm & Annie Smith

June Picnic & Member Plant Sale

Planning is underway for the June picnic and "members only" plant sale hosted by Ann Hanscom at Fox Fire Farm in Uxbridge. BVG will provide burgers and dogs, condiments, drinks, and all paper goods for the feast. Member donations to the appetizer and dessert table are welcome. Please sign up at the May meeting. Bring your own chair or blanket for sitting on the lawn.

Thanks to everyone for participating in the dig & divide sessions to date, and for sharing plants from your own gardens. There will be well over 100 plants available at the sale at bargain prices! There will be more info at the May meeting.



MAY - JUNE TREK

Info will be coming soon on the Garden Conservancy's Open Garden Days tour in Worcester County in June. We're hoping that we can get a few carloads of BVG-ers to go.

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...

The weather has really warmed up and new plants are popping up every day! There's no time to be writing in a diary now - we're all too busy working out in our gardens.

April Potluck and Auction

I didn't get to attend, but Marion Desmond reported that a wonderful time was had by all.... the food was delicious, Maria's discussion on the Master Gardener program was interesting and informative, and the auction was a lot of fun. Spirits were high as BVG kicked off the start of the Spring season and welcomed the new board of directors:

Officers

Jackie Bean, President
Vice President – vacant (*interested?* Talk to Jackie)
Linda Brown, Secretary
Cissy Henderson, Treasurer

Directors (chairs of Standing Committees)

Program – Cindy Kosciak
Hospitality – Faye Lavigne
Community Outreach – Linda Hamm
Membership – Val Kara
Publicity/Newsletter – Pat Stellato



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A Note from Linda Hamm, past President

I'd like to thank the Club for the Garden Conservancy membership and I'd like to share it with you. For those who may not know it was founded in 1989 to preserve exceptional American gardens. In 1995, they began their Open Days program during which many America's best private gardens are open to the public. This year we have several in our area on June 6. There are: 2 gardens in Stow, 2 in Boylston and 2 in Grafton. Admission is \$5 for each garden or you can order a book of 6 tickets for \$25 for non-members or \$15 for members. There are gardens open from April to October all over the country. The book will be available at our meetings or e-mail or call me for more information.

Thanks again, *Linda Hamm*

A Community Service Opportunity

Calling all gardeners - with a desire to dig & divide in your own gardens to donate perennials to a worthy cause in the Blackstone Valley: Daggett Farm in Pawtucket, RI, a program of *The Arc of Blackstone Valley*, a non-profit corporation committed to supporting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There is still a time to donate plants to this worthy cause – please contact Pat Stellato this week.

Thanks in advance for your support!

Upcoming Area Events

Tower Hill Botanic Garden

Note: passes available at town libraries (donated by BVG)

- May 2-3 Daffodil and Primrose Show
- May 9-10 Mother's Day Weekend
- May 16-17 Cactus and Succulent Show
- May 30 Annual Plant sale