



BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS

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MAY MEETING

THURSDAY May 12

7:30 PM at Lydia Taft House

New Perennials for 2005 - Karen Olson

What's new in the garden this year? Be the first on your block to get the scoop on the newest and most exciting perennials for your garden. You might just find the perfect solution to the "problem spot" every garden has.

MINUTES OF BVG BOARD MEETING

The BVG Board met on Thursday 4/7/05. Board meeting minutes are on the Website (www.bvgardeners.com) for all the members to review.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sandra Paul, 309 Mendon Rd, Sutton 01590 508-865-2434

Nadine Robinson, 93 Walker Meadow Rd Ext, Uxbridge 01569 508-278-0862

Sheryl Romosco, 19 Fisher St, Uxbridge 01569 508-278-3255

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No BVG
Newsletter?



If you are not receiving your BVG Newsletter please call Carol Bowen, Membership Chair, **immediately** to update your membership and address information. 508-529-6648.

MAY TRECK

Saturday May 21, Ann is going to a garden in New Hampshire called Blueberry Bramble. The day will also include a visit to Lake Street Nursery in Salem, NH, if time permits.

TO OUR WONDERFUL BAKERS

A belated thank you to our April bakers:

Carol Bowen, Leni Carroll, Mary Fedorczuk, Barbara Hall and Michelle Philips.

Thank you in advance to the kind volunteers for May:
Neva Carboneau, Patty Deveau, Amy DeWitt, Margaret Fish and Connie Savioe.

NEW NEWS

There will be an Evening Dig and Divide at Tapestry Gardens, 148 Rivulet Street, Uxbridge on **Wednesday, May 11 at 7 PM**. Bring a plant to divide and pot from your own garden, or just come and work on what we have accumulated. Rain or shine - in the greenhouse. We'll work until the light fades ... probably not more than an hour, so please arrive promptly (or a bit early).

Thank you, Barbara Hall, for donating a whole box of tags to mark our plants from the dig and divides for the plant sale. They are much appreciated.

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for electing me President of the Blackstone Valley Gardeners for two years, and I look forward to this time very much. I have been a member for about nine years, and have enjoyed every minute of it! We have wonderful, interesting and informative speakers, great treks all over New England with lots of laughs, chit chat and endless new ideas and challenges arising from them, and so much more. I have made many great friends who are to be treasured on a daily basis and I have watched the Tri-River garden grow from a small idea to a tranquil and flower filled spot to enjoy.

I hope you all find time to meet and get to know our new Executive Board of Directors.

Please feel free to contact me, or any Board member with ideas; suggestions and even problems- remember this is your Club! We now publish the minutes of the monthly Board meetings on our website for everyone to read. Talking about the website - have you taken a look recently? Joyce Grant is doing a yeoman job and we hope to continue developing this - we have treks past and present, photographs, the newsletter...please read, use and enjoy this!

I look forward to seeing you all at the May meeting, and, of course, at our annual picnic and plant sale on June 9th.

Respectfully, Carolyn Voss

CALENDAR SALE ½ PRICE

Club calendars will be on sale at meetings for \$5.00

STUFF TO DO IN MAY

Finish garden clean-up (mower-chop debris to return to beds as mulch); divide perennials and grasses as needed (and bring to the plant sale!); begin annual edging, weeding and mulching tasks; take pictures of treasured early Spring flowers and send them to Joyce Grant for the bvgardeners web site; set out cool season vegetables, sow Arugula, pick Spinach, maybe; begin conditioning tender (indoor) plants (put them in the shade where they can be covered in case of a late frost, gradually moving them into sunlight) to be safely left out in their summer locations after the May moon; weed, seed, and feed lawns and begin mowing (high and often) routines; enjoy a moment of respite while the Spring Peepers begin their evensong, before returning to your house to find that **SOMEONE ELSE HAS COOKED YOU DINNER!**

DIG & DIVIDE

Dig & Divide is proceeding apace. Thanks to all participants who have helped so far. Volunteers meet at Foxfire Farm, at 10:00 a.m. & continue until 2ish on Thursdays. Dog-proof children are welcome to come along and play while we work. The reward for your hard work (and conversation) is, for every 10 plants you pot up, you get to take one home with you (sometimes more!). Don't be intimidated if you've never done this before; this is a fun way to learn how.

THANK YOU

Shelley Merriam and the Historical Commission for the donation of the hundreds of daylilies from the Alms House Cemetery in South Uxbridge. Our dig and divide crew has dug and potted up large clumps of daylilies from an old cemetery in Uxbridge, and we will have them at the plant sale this June. However, as they are in gallon pots, **WITH 5 to 10 PLANTS PER POT**, and used up a lot of Promix, we have decided to price them and other large plants at \$2.00 to cover our expenses. All smaller pots will remain at \$1.00 each.

FUND RAISING RAFFLE

In addition to our regular monthly meeting raffle. Bring a buck (or two) & buy a chance to win. A special offering of several gardening related and flower themed items will be raffled at our May meeting. Chances will be sold 3 for \$1.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Garden Club Plant Sale and Picnic Jun 9, 2005

Schmooze 'n' snack with your garden club chums!

We have people available to cook, serve and collect money. Sawhorses are needed for the tables. Please notify Ann H or Kathy T as to their availability so we can plan ahead. The plant sale starts at 7:00. Children's program will be before 7:00pm.

Because of our increased costs, plants will remain priced as marked throughout the plant sale, with no late hour discount as was offered in the past. Members, who relish a bargain, please keep in mind that this is a **FUND RAISER**, to enable us to bring you the **BEST SPEAKERS** the rest of the year, without having to raise our dues.

Traditionally, admission to the picnic is two potted plants to add to the plant sale. If you wish to bring them ahead of time (this is helpful), or any undivided clumps, please label them and indicate the donor's name, and drop them off at the BVG sign area at Foxfire Farm at least 3 days ahead of the picnic.

Please no invasives!

Members who forgot to sign their surveys: call Ann H to make sure your name gets put in the raffle basket for a plant sale drawing.

?? MEETING CHANGE ??

We are thinking about moving our monthly meetings back to Tri-River Health Center on E. Hartford Ave. in Uxbridge, as the space is once more available on the second Thursday of the month. We feel it is a more central and convenient location, and the parking is a lot better. However, as Tri-River closes earlier nowadays, we would need to be out of the building by 8:45 p.m. to enable them to lock up and set the alarms by 9:00 p.m. Therefore, we would need to start the hospitality portion of the evening at 7:00 p.m. and the speaker would need to begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. What do you think? Shall we make the move or shall we stay at Lydia Taft and keep our current hours? Contact Carolyn Voss, President at 508-529-3340 or better yet send an email to carovoss@aol.com.

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