



# BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS

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## May Meeting

**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**

At **Brigitte Paine's residence**

78 West Millbury Road, Sutton, MA

2:00 PM – Rain or Shine \*

### "Beauty and Botany of Rhododendrons"

Brigitte Paine

Ms. Paine, a member of the Rhododendron Society and a propagator of "Rhodies" at her garden in Sutton, MA, has invited us to view her plants at their peak. Note the address above.

\* unless the weather is absolutely dreadful. Call Linda on 508-529-6293 to confirm, if in doubt.

## Thank you for April munchies:

Thank you to everyone for all of your wonderful contributions to the potluck. Everything was just scrumptious – I think we topped last year's feast.



## GARDEN TOUR INFORMATION

- The Tour & Plant Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> – *Rain or Shine*. It will run from 9A – 3P.
- Tickets are \$15 each and are available now. Mail your check (and return address info) to Pat Stellato at 56 West River St, Upton, MA 01568, or call Pat on 529-6627 or Cissy on 529-3808 for other arrangements or if you want to take a group of tickets to sell.

## Dig & Divide Sessions

- The first session, held on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Tri-River, was a huge success! Everyone pitched in for a big spring clean-up and then we dug many types of plants which were divided and potted up at Tapestry Gardens. *Thanks to everyone who participated!*
- The next session is set for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Tapestry Gardens. Rain date to be announced.
- The final session will be on a week night: Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5PM at Ann Hanscom's farm in Uxbridge, with a rain date of Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5PM.
- A number of folks are signed up for the two remaining sessions, but many hands make light the work, so all are welcome to participate. *C'mon down!*
- We also welcome, and need, plants dug from your own gardens, so if you are digging and dividing at home, please pot up a few for our sale and drop off at Pat's house anytime - address above. Pots are available if needed (donated by Barbara Hall) – call Pat.

## DUES ARE DUE (if you didn't already renew at the April meeting)

Return this form along with your check to:

Val Kara  
10 Riverbend Road  
Upton, MA 01568

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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City, State Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you want your newsletter emailed Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

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## MORE ON THE GARDEN TOUR...

- For folks who have volunteered to work the day of the tour: we're working up the schedule and will share soon. We'll do our best to accommodate everyone's wishes regarding desired times / locations

## INTERESTED IN A BVG POSITION?

These positions are *still* open: **Web Maintenance & Civic Beautification**. Let Linda or Jackie know if you are interested.



## CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Every year BVG likes to recognize individuals and businesses that enhance our communities by beautifying their spaces. It can be as simple as window boxes or as complex as islands. We rely on you all to bring places in your town to our attention so we can thank them for their efforts. Please email Linda recognition suggestions: [lindahamm@aol.com](mailto:lindahamm@aol.com).



For announcements, special events & Sunshine, email our corresponding secretary, Joan O'Brien, [joanmob@verizon.net](mailto:joanmob@verizon.net).

## POTLUCK & SILENT AUCTION RECAP

For this meeting, we had high hopes for a lively and festive evening filled with fun and camaraderie as well as support for BVG. I think those expectations were more than met – every member definitely participated to the fullest and a good time was had by all.

The silent auction raised over \$900 for BVG's coffers! Many thanks to those members who graciously donated items for auction table – everything was wonderful. And, what fun to participate in the auction – it was quite a lively evening.

The menu offering just could not have been better – what a terrific variety of delicious hors d'oeuvres, salads, entrees and desserts we had. Some recipes from the potluck are attached for your future enjoyment.

And, those floral arrangements: could there have been anything more beautifully reflective of the freshness of springtime than those lovely pink, cream and violet hues (and lilacs, too)!

Thank you to Ginny DeHaan, Ann Hanscom, Linda Hamm, Cissy Henderson, Val Kara, Ly Marokhovsky, Troy Smith and Midge Wyman. I'm sure that those lucky members who won an arrangement in the raffle went home happy.

Special credit is due to Jack Bean, who chaired the event for us all. Her planning and attention to detail, as well as her sense of humor throughout the evening.... (not to mention, her generous bidding on the pruning service!) all made for an enjoyable and successful evening.

Please check out the website to read more about the event and view some great pictures!



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