



BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS

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October Meeting

Thursday, Oct 11

Sutton Senior Center

19 Hough Road, Sutton MA

7:00 PM

"The New England Iris Season"

Professional iris growers from Carlisle, MA, Jan Sachs and Marty Schafer will give a presentation extolling the beauty and business of the many iris types successfully grown in New England.

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

Thank you for September Munchies:

Linda Brown, Barbara Griffiths & Linda Hamm

Email Brenda.Rosborough@hotmail.com to sign up for Oct.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We had a new member join the BVG in September. Welcome to Mary Bradford, of Upton. We are happy to have you with us.

We also had some guests join us in September. Please feel free to bring your friends to any of the meetings and treks. They are always welcome.

Format for Future Meetings

At September's meeting we tried some new things.... We'd like to keep them going for future meetings:

- Please sign in. The member book will be set up at the front table.
- There will be two raffles each month. A free one with donated prizes, and a paid one, with BVG gear and other prizes. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Linda Hamm or Carolyn Voss.

OCTOBER TREK

There will be no trek this month.

If you have any suggestions for one in November, please contact Ann:

Ann Hanscom 508-278-3617 or A_J_Hanscom@msn.com

Blackstone Valley Gardeners Logo Gear

We've had some really nice items custom made for club members.

As in September, we'll be offering them for sale at the October meeting.... *they make really great gifts!*

Visors.....\$15

Baseball Caps.....\$15

Aprons.....\$15

Canvass Bags.....\$17

Polo Shirts.....\$19 (Available in Navy or Butter)

INTERESTED IN A BVG POSITION?

Membership - Board Position - Filled

Val Kara, of Upton, expressed an interest in becoming our new Membership Board Member, and she has been appointed to the position by the President. Val: *thank you and welcome to the Board!*

Web Maintenance

Joyce Grant has relocated and will not be able to continue as *BVG Webmaster*. We are still seeking a creative BVG-er to take over web maintenance. Let Linda or Jackie know if you are interested.

Civic Beautification

Bridget Bennett-Lewis just announced that she will be vacating the Civic Beautification position. We are seeking a member to take on this role as well. Let Linda or Jackie know if you are interested.



CIVIC BEAUTIFICATION NEWS

Every year Blackstone Valley Gardeners likes to recognize individuals and businesses that enhance our communities by beautifying their spaces. It can be as simple as window boxes or 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 Hamm with any suggestions for recognition.: lindahamm@aol.com



For announcements, special events & Sunshine, contact Joan O'Brien, at joanob@charter.net.

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TRI-RIVER GARDEN

Here is the listing of general duties with which your help would be appreciated (we'll forward the summer listing as the season approaches). As mentioned in September, the hope is that, with a more informal approach to the timing and tasks to be completed, you will go over on your own, or with a gardening friend, and chip away at the list.

Fall – Sep, Oct & Nov is the time to tidy up:

- Deadhead, or cut back where appropriate.
 - Please don't cut back grasses until spring (they need their stems to protect from ice).
- Strip out any remaining weeds

Spring – March, April & May:

- As soon as new growth begins, cut back grasses and perennials from the previous summer.
- Dig and Divide plants that are crowded or dying out at their centers.
 - We'll schedule a formal dig & divide to provide some plants for our summer sale.
- Keep in mind that some self-sowing and spontaneity among the plants is to be encouraged.
- Prune shrubs and trees as needed (see Ann H. about the hedge).
- Edge the circumference and the paths/weed paths.
- Weed beds and mulch if needed.



WANTED: Your Input

Share your interesting gardening experiences right here!
Email patricia.a.stellato@verizon.com or snail mail to 56 West River St, Upton, MA 01568