



# BLACKSTONE VALLEY GARDENERS

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## September Meeting

Thursday, Sept 13

Sutton Senior Center

19 Hough Road, Sutton MA

7:00 PM

### "Herbal Lore"

Gilbert Moore, a wearer of many horticultural hats, will speak to us as a representative of the Herb Society of America, discussing the use and symbolism of herbs. Note: There will be a related trek to visit the new herb garden at Elm Bank in Wellesley, MA on Sep 18<sup>th</sup>.

## WELCOME BACK!

We're looking forward to an active and exciting "BVG year" and we hope you are, too. The 2007 – 2008 program is filled with great speakers on a wide variety of topics, and we hope to run a number of treks that will inspire you to go out and create more wonderful gardens of your own. This summer, the June trek took us to some extraordinary estates in Litchfield County, Connecticut – the landscapes, gardens and properties were wonderful. And, in July, a small group of BVG-ers took the Master Gardener's Tour at the Cape where we were personally guided by the owner/gardener through each unique and lovely garden. We saw some pretty awesome hydrangeas (as you can imagine on the Cape) as well as many other fabulous shrubs, annuals and perennials in full bloom. We hope you will participate fully in the program and activities this season.... and also share your ideas and enjoyable gardening experiences.

## MEETING PLACE

Just a reminder that our 2007 – 2008 meetings will be held at

**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

## SEPTEMBER TREK

Elm Bank Herb Gardens, Wellesley, MA

Gilbert Moore has offered to open the new herb garden to us.... He'll be training new docents; it should be fun. If interested, contact:

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

## Introducing: Blackstone Valley Gardeners Logo Gear

We've had some really nice items custom made for club members.  
They were initially offered for sale at the June plant sale.

We'll be offering them for sale at the September 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

At the April, 2007 meeting, the new Board of Directors and Committee Chairs for our club were elected. Since then, Marie Potter, our new Membership Board Member, has asked to step down from that role and the position is now open and available to an interested BVG-er. Please speak to Linda Hamm, President, or Jackie Bean, Vice President (who is also temporarily covering Membership for us) at the September meeting to express your interest!

### Web Maintenance

Additionally, Joyce Grant has relocated to Rhode Island and will not be able to continue as *BVG Webmaster*. We are seeking a creative BVG-er to take over web maintenance. 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 Bridget Bennett-Lewis with any suggestions for recognition.

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## TRI-RIVER GARDEN

As you know, we've made several pitches, via the monthly meetings as well as email, to get a team of dedicated folks out to Tri-River with Ann Hanscom for spring clean-up and also for summer maintenance. We know it is tough to mesh schedules, but we really need your help, so in the October newsletter, we will provide a listing of general duties with which help would be appreciated. It will focus on fall clean-up, as it's that time of year, but the full listing of tasks for year round upkeep will be included. Our hope is that, with a more informal approach to the timing and tasks to be completed, that folks will go over on their own, or with a gardening friend, and chip away at the list. Your ideas on how we could better manage this effort are most welcome -- please email Pat Stellato (address at bottom of newsletter in the *wanted* section).



### RASPBERRY MOUSSE

Remember that scrumptious dessert at April's Potluck supper? Beth Vietze has graciously shared her Raspberry Mousse recipe with us. *Thanks Beth!*



### WANTED: Your Input

Share your interesting gardening experiences right here!  
Email [patricia.a.stellato@verizon.com](mailto:patricia.a.stellato@verizon.com) or snail mail to 56 W. River St, Upton, MA 01568