

# Sutton Garden Club News

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website : [suttongardenclub.com](http://suttongardenclub.com)



If you would like to save the club money, time and become more eco-friendly, please let me know if you would like to receive the newsletter via email only ([mrannikko@yahoo.com](mailto:mrannikko@yahoo.com)).

## Hardscapes in the Yard

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 pm

Location : Dudley Gendron, 156 Boston Road, Sutton, MA

Presented by Henry Camosse



Camosse Masonry Supply (a family owned business since 1948) offers a full line of natural stone and outdoor accessories for your landscape and masonry projects at their conveniently located Worcester and Charlton locations. Come and find out your options to beautify and add functionality to your gardens.

The Camosse family has always strived to stay active in the local community. It has donated the materials for the construction of dozens of dugouts and concession stands in the area, as well as sponsoring teams in local youth organizations. They are supporters of Sutton Garden Club Plant Sale. You can find out more at [www.camosse.com](http://www.camosse.com).

Refreshments : Linda Sinacola

### March is the time to:

- Schedule certified professional arborist to prune large branches on mature trees
- Plant or move trees/shrubs while they are dormant
- Protect yourself from ticks when clearing brush
- The branch collar is the swollen or raised ring where a branch joins the trunk of a tree. Leave all of the branch collar when pruning storm-damaged tree limbs.



## 2011 Calendar of Events for SGC

March 15: Hardscapes in the Yard

April 19: Victorian Tea

May 14: Plant Sale at Sutton Common

May 17: Prune Your Garden Beautiful

June: World Association of Flower Arrangers Competitions

August: Picnic location TBD

### Volunteers Needed for Victorian Tea

The Victorian Tea scheduled for April 19. The Victorian Tea Committee is looking for volunteers to help with food, decorating, set up, break down and other group activities that will make the evening a wonderful event.

### College Scholarship \$\$\$

The club will award at least one \$500 scholarship. All graduating students from Sutton High and from other towns who are related to Sutton Garden Club member are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to students who intend to pursue studies in plant sciences and related fields. Applications for scholarships are available by emailing [jawhit@verizon.net](mailto:jawhit@verizon.net). We are also looking for volunteers to review scholarship entries. The application Deadline is April 15.



## Boston Flower & Garden Show

### "Celebrating the Container Garden"

- Each garden will feature at least one significant container of some kind (formal urns, topiary, raised beds, built-in planters, ceramics, vertical gardens, unusual items re-purposed as containers).
- A non-judged **Container Garden Invitational Display** will feature container entries by invited professional florists, nurseries, landscapers and horticultural non-profits.
- Lectures and demonstrations will offer planting tips and design ideas for fruit, vegetable and ornamental containers.

### Hours

Wednesday, March 16, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Thursday, March 17, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday, March 18, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 19, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Sunday, March 20, 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

### Admission

Adults \$20

Seniors (65+) \$17

Children 6-17 \$10

Under 6 Free

Purchase tickets now and avoid the lines! Tickets are available online or by visiting Roche Bros. Supermarkets starting Feb. 15.

## DCU Center Flower and Patio Show

It's time for that taste of Spring once again! Stroll through wonderful garden displays, relax by a tranquil water garden, and get ideas to make your "outdoor living room" your own creation that you can enjoy for years to come! The Garden Shop is filled with everything from patios to fresh-cut flowers!

### Show Days and Times

Friday, March 4: 12p-8p

Saturday, March 5: 9a-8p

Sunday, March 6: 10a-5p

### Ticket Info

Adults - \$10; Senior Discount: \$9

Children 12 and Under - FREE

## Annuals off the Beaten Path

Tired of petunias and the standard 6-pack annuals? Browse the annuals offered at [www.gardenharvestsupply.com](http://www.gardenharvestsupply.com). Here are a few that you may find intriguing:

### Red Tiger Abutilon Plant



Mature Height:  
6-8 ft.  
Mature Spread:  
36-48"  
Exposure: Full  
Sun-Partial  
Shade

### Lofos Wine Red Lophospermum



Mature Height: 8-10'  
Climber  
Mature Spread: 8-10'  
Exposure: Full Sun-Partial  
Shade  
Bloom: Mid Summer –Fall

### Angel Earrings Mauve Fuchsia Plant



Mature Height: 15-20"  
Mature Spread: 20-25"  
Exposure: Partial  
Shade

### Persian Shield Strobilanthus Plant



Mature Height: 3-5'  
Mature Spread: 3-4'  
Exposure: Partial  
Sun- Shade

### Marino Blue Heliotrope Plant



Mature Height: 1-2'  
Mature Spread: 12-15"  
Exposure: Full Sun-  
Partial Shade

### Indigo Moon Torenia Plant



Mature Height: 2-6"  
Mature Spread: 6-12"  
Exposure: Partial  
Shade – Full Sun



Want to shake the chill of 2011 winter? Imagine a shade garden created around the Johnny Depp's filmography? Each of the plants described below references to Johnny Depp movies. See if you can match them:

Plant Name	Johnny Depp Movie
Beni Kawa	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Pirate's Patch	Sleepy Hollow
Roger's Flower	Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl
Blushing Bride Hydrangea	Mr. Rogers
White Pearl	Dead Man's Chest
Sleeping Beauty Hosta	Benny and Joon
Ajuga Chocolate Chip	Corpse Bride

Homeowner garden design is as easy as 1-2-3. The trick is getting to number "3". Most people get stuck at 1. Do you have several single specimen perennials in a garden area? Try for a plan that includes 3 levels of height, 3 seasons of color, and planting in groups of 3's. If you are already feeling like this is too much commitment, plan a virtual, whimsical garden that may never come to be except in your mind. It will take the stress out of planning and you may like the design so much that the garden becomes a reality. Here is a virtual Johnny Depp shade garden that will only ever exist in a bored, snow bound gardener's mind.



The tallest specimen in the Johnny Depp shade garden is a deciduous *Acer palmatum* 'Beni kawa' tree. It has an upright vase shaped form with coral colored bark and light green leaves. The bark is usually more red in winter and if planted in full sun. The leaf fall color ranges

from yellow to orange. Its mature height is 8-10' with 6-8' spread. It can be planted in sun to part shade. Photos courtesy of: [www.mrmapple.com](http://www.mrmapple.com) and [www.japanesemaplesandconifers.com](http://www.japanesemaplesandconifers.com).



The next perennial is fantastic in form and size. *Astilboidea tabularis* (formerly known as *Rodgersia tabularis*) has huge, bright green leaves that are round and flat and measure (on a mature plant) in excess of 2 feet across. This plant brings drama and will wow your visitors. White flowers bloom fluffy racemes above the foliage in late summer. At maturity, it grows 3-5 feet tall and similarly wide. Photo courtesy of [www.junnut.com](http://www.junnut.com).

Endless Summer® Blushing Bride, *Hydrangea macrophylla* 'Blushing Bride' features large, mophead-type flowers that emerge white then mature to a lovely blush pink or very light blue depending on the soil acidity. If you are heavy handed with the pruning shears, don't worry, it will flower on both new and old stems! It has a height of 3-5 feet with similar width. Endless Summer Blushing Bride produces pure white blooms of semi-double florets that gradually mature to a sweet, subtle blush of pink. Photo courtesy of [www.estabrooksonline.com](http://www.estabrooksonline.com).



Actaea (*Cimicifuga*) simplex 'White Pearl' or Autumn Bugbane has fragrant pure white flowers, October to November, on arching spikes. Pale green, sharply toothed leaves. It is fragrant and grows to a height of 3 feet. Plant 18-24 inches apart. Photo courtesy of [www.westonnurseries.com](http://www.westonnurseries.com)



Sleeping Beauty Hosta has pointed leaves which are frosty blue-green with a cream. It is 18" high by 43" wide. Photo courtesy of [www.buddgardens.com](http://www.buddgardens.com).



Siberian Bugloss or 'Looking Glass' *brunnera* displays apple green leaves with a silvery sheen in the first stages of growth. In early spring, it has intense azure flowers. As the plant matures the large six inch leaves evolve to nearly solid silver. Looking Glass grows to 12 inches high and holds its unique foliage color even in the heat of summer. Photo courtesy of [www.heronwood.com](http://www.heronwood.com)



Tiareella 'Pirate's Patch' has heart-shaped to triangular leaves with upright, 12" foamy clusters of white to pale-pink flowers in May. The leaves become showy bronze in fall. Photo courtesy of [www.perennialreference.com](http://www.perennialreference.com).



Ajuga Chocolate Chip flowers are a purple-blue and bloom in spring. They stand above the foliage at a height of about 4". Photo courtesy of [www.gardening.about.com](http://www.gardening.about.com)



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*The 3rd Annual  
Sutton Garden Club  
VICTORIAN TEA PARTY*

*Tuesday Evening APRIL 19th, 2011*

*7:00 P.M.*

*DUDLEY GENDRON LEGION POST  
BOSTON ROAD  
SUTTON, MA*

*Come enjoy a spot of tea  
A cup for you and a cup for me  
With fine food and company!  
Music and merriment will draw you in...  
Promptly at seven -we will begin!*

*Please plan to wear your favorite hat!*

\$12.00 for Sutton Garden Club Members  
\$15.00 for Non-Members

*Seating is limited please order Tickets early -*  
For more information call 508 865 9854 or 508 865 2417

.TO PURCHASE TICKETS SEND THE FOLLOWING FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:  
SUTTON GARDEN CLUB C/O JANET WHITTIER 693 CENTRAL TPKE. SUTTON, MA 01590.  
*Proceeds Benefit Local Projects and Scholarships*

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**Sutton Garden Club Victorian Tea**  
**Tickets**

***April 19, 2011 (Please RSVP by April 11<sup>th</sup>)***

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

Member Tickets @ \$12.00 # \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member Tickets @\$15.00 # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## *It's time to renew your membership in the Sutton Garden Club*



*Sign up for another year of  
interesting and educational speakers and hands-on-projects  
helping and planning community beautification  
annual plant sale  
and.....the friendship of people who speak the Language of Flowers*

Please provide the following information for our membership and program booklet

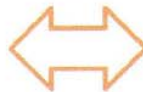
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OFFICERS ( Please circle position of interest)

President      Vice President      Steering Committee  
Secretary- Treasurer -      Membership - Newsletter - Publicity

All members are encouraged to serve on one or more committees.  
Please check any of the following items of interest to you



Bandstand - Planting - watering

Bandstand - winter decorate

Plant Sale

Programs / Events



Refreshments

Scholarship

Victorian Tea



*Please list below any skills you might like to offer our club: i.e. Gardening expertise, computer skills, writing ability, event organizing, etc.*

Dues are paid in April and May ( for the coming year) to give the committee time to assemble our book for August distribution.

Dues: \$20.00 Individual, \$30.00 Family - Checks payable to Sutton Garden Club

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## **The Poor Man's Fertilizer**

by Peter Geiger | Tuesday, January 29th, 2008 | From: [Farmers' Almanac Blog](#)

When I was small, I heard that it was good when it snowed because it was called a “poor man’s fertilizer”. The person that told me was an old farmer, so I never questioned the saying. Is there truth behind the saying?

Aside from water, nitrogen is the only element that snow puts back into the Earth. However, lightning and rain actually emit a greater proportion of nitrogen than snow. What probably makes snow good for the soil is that it feeds nitrogen into the soil at a slower and more even rate (through melting) than a thunderstorm, which delivers precipitation at a more rapid rate. So, my friend was right and maybe he knew that all along.