

Sutton Garden Club News

Oct 2011

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October Program:

Lasasgne Gardening

Tuesday, October 18 at 7 pm

Dudley Gendron Post, 156 Boston Road, Sutton, MA 01590

Donna Miller from Petals in the Pines in Canterbury, NH will share how she and her husband established beautiful themed gardens from a once heavily wooded lot. She will discuss the lasagna garden method of building garden beds so you can have a productive flower bed, no matter your soil type. She will also highlight some of her favorite plants to grow for cut flower gardens, from the usual to unusual, to create stunning bouquets and arrangements. www.petalsinthepines.com

Refreshments : Maria Klimkiewicz and Liz Bradley

Give it as a gift and enjoy one yourself all year...

Each month of UMass Extension's 2012 Garden Calendar features:

- One large, inspiring garden image with information
- Daily gardening tips for Northeast growing conditions
- Plenty of room for notes, low gloss paper for easy writing

The open size of this wall calendar is 12 1/2 by 19 inches.

The Garden Calendar is \$12.00 per copy. Shipping is **FREE** until November 1. For all orders placed after November 1, add shipping of \$2.50 for one calendar. Visit their site www.umassgardencalendar.org/ for additional information.



2011-2012 Calendar of Events for Sutton Garden Club

Sept 20: Pest Management

Oct 18: Lasagna Gardening

Nov 15 TUESDAY: Holiday Bulb Bemis workshop

Please note the booklet has the incorrect Date

Dec 6: Holiday Party at Pleasant Valley Country Club

March 20: Radio Celebrity "The English Lady"

April 17: Victorian Tea

May 15: Twig Trellis Workshop at Bemis Farms

May 19: Plant Sale on the Common

June 16: Field Trip to Cotton Arboretum

August: Picnic location TBD



Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University

October Free Programs



October 4, Horticultural Apprentice **Miles Sax** will lead a tour exploring the many ornamental crabapple (*Malus*) trees on Peters Hill, focusing on his efforts to improve and rejuvenate this historic collection.

October 25, unravel the mechanics and meaning of fall foliage transformations with botanist **David Lee**.

Tours of the Weld Hill Research Building on October 21 and 26 will introduce you to the Arboretum's cutting edge plant research and the facility's "green" design.

And on your next visit, be sure to see the Larz Anderson Bonsai Collection before it moves to winter storage, and dial 617.895.4085 on your cellphone to hear highlights of the collection.

<http://www.arboretum.harvard.edu>



Much ado about Pumpkins: submitted by Liz Bradley

What can you do with over 50,000 pumpkins? I wouldn't even begin to know. But someone does! I just came back from my high school friend's wedding in Texas. And of course, I had to ask, are there any gardens to visit while in Texas? There is.... the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. They had their annual pumpkin fest, and I was just in time for the first day of celebrations. This was big, very big, Texas big! Most of the front garden borders were lined with pumpkins. The pumpkins were in decorative piles, adorning flower pots, making up the façade of story tale ballrooms, and painting a flowing river.



I especially liked the "flower" pumpkins (see picture). Metal decorative flower stem and leaf posts held the orange pumpkins up high in place of flower heads. That would be an awesome idea to add some height and something different to your fall gardens.

See also the picture of a pumpkin-gourd façade structure with a "tree" in front. This structure is Cinderella's three evil sisters' sleeping quarters. It is part of Cinderella's Pumpkin Village.

There were many structures in this area of the botanical gardens that make up Cinderella's village. This particular structure had this interesting "tree". When I was there, I really thought it was a tree, but looking at it now, I think it's a basket on a post, planted with a vine like annual. Look closely, you'll find it ornamented with gourds. Another decorative idea we can do back at home in our gardens. And just so you knew what kind of pumpkins and gourds you were looking at, they had a display of them labeled with their names. Fun, imaginative, and informative. Thank you Dallas, now I know what I'd do with all those pumpkins!



If you're not going to be in Dallas for the pumpkin display ☺, where else can you see a great pumpkin site? Roger Williams Zoo in Rhode Island is having their annual Jack O' Lantern spectacular from Oct 6-31. See their website for more information and a sneak preview. www.rogerwilliamsparkzoo.org



Lose the Blues Workshop

November 15 – Tuesday at 6:30pm (booklet has incorrect date)
Dudley Gendron Post, 156 Boston Road, Sutton, MA 01590



This workshop will be taught by Tina Bemis of Bemis Farms Nursery in Spencer. In this workshop, Tina will show us how to stuff a vast number of tulip, daffodil, and hyacinth bulbs in a large pot. Actual project may vary slightly from photo. Your pot will have about \$50 worth of bulbs in it by planting them in layers. Then she'll bring all our pots back to her greenhouse and over winter them there. This will trick the bulbs into thinking they're underground.

She'll cure our winter blues when in February, we'll have them back at home to enjoy a month of color and fragrance as the bulbs burst forth with blooms. Tina has generously offered to send paperwhites home with each of us the night of the workshop to enjoy while we wait for Feb. to see the splendor of our planted pots.

Check out Bemis Farms website for workshops they offer in Spencer. (www.bemisfarmsnursery.com). We need at least 20 attendees, so bring a friend along. Please register early and you can bring the form to the October program.

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RSVP by November 5, 2011 (at least 20 participants are needed for the workshop)

Any questions, please contact
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Make check payable to: Sutton Garden Club.

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check

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(will be reduced to \$20 if you become a
member the evening of the workshop)

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Bee My Honey Apiary Sutton MA



Sutton Wine and Liquors Sutton Wines & Liquors carries a large inventory of fine wines, liquors, beers and micro brews. Located at the intersection of Boston Road and 146 in the Sutton Plaza on Route 146S in Sutton Ma. We have been providing the best service, quality and selection to the Blackstone Valley Area since 1999. All wines are competitively priced and our selections have something for everyone whether they have modest taste or are wine enthusiasts. Our friendly staff is knowledgeable and experienced in helping you select the perfect wine to pair with your dinner party. If you can't find it on our shelves, just ask!

Stonehedge Gardens 54 Richardson's Cr. Road., Charlton, MA 01507 508-248-5502
Rogers, a floriculture graduate of Stockbridge, class of 1951, is the owner of a greenhouse business, Stonehedge Gardens in Charlton, a favorite of gardeners who are looking for plants that are a little different from the run-of-the mill nursery offerings. He is also a popular newspaper columnist for the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, a radio talk show host on WTAG, a teacher at the Landscape Institution at Harvard University and a horticultural consultant.



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View these specimens at the Arnold Arboretum at Harvard University in October.

Chinese Beautyberry has stunning purple fruit so intense in color as to seem unnatural. They are profusely borne in clusters along arching stems. These shrubs are grown for their showy, lilac- or violet-colored fruit, which lasts for 2 to 3 weeks in late fall. Most die back close to the ground in very cold climates, but often start again in spring to flower and fruit that season.



Attributes - *Callicarpa dichotoma*

Bloom Season: Mid Summer

Flower Color: Lavender, Pink

Foliage: Deciduous

Height: 3 ft. to 6 ft.

Width: 5 ft.

Sunlight: Full Sun, Partial Sun

Climate: Zones 5, 6, 7, 8

The brilliant lilac-violet berries mature in autumn on upright arching branches. Best fruiting occurs when planted in groups.

Photo and information courtesy of www.sunnygardens.com.

Metasequoia glyptostroboides has been around for over 100 million years, dating back to the time of the dinosaurs! Once thought to be extinct but rediscovered in 1941, *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* has become a favorite of gardeners thanks, in part, to the Arnold Arboretum. The Arboretum sponsored an expedition to China in 1947 and collected and distributed *Metasequoia* seeds world wide. The Dawn Redwood is a beautiful, fast growing deciduous conifer. Pyramidal in habit, it can grow 75 to 100 feet tall and has reddish-brown bark and a deeply fissured buttressed trunk. The feathery foliage is bright green and turns a burnt-orange brown in the fall. The cultivar 'Ogon' has golden foliage and brightens up the landscape.



Dawn Redwood 'Ogon'

sun	▪ sun
height	▪ 70.0 ft
width	▪ 15.0 ft
water	▪ average/wet
growth rate	▪ average/fast
hardiness	▪ zones 5-8
soil	▪ well drained soils/wet soils
flower	▪ insignificant flowers
seed	▪ cone
foliage	▪ Deciduous
fall color	▪ golden

Pyramidal tree with a fine textured foliage and peeling bark. Prominent winter buds. Golden yellow form of the popular dawn redwood. Yellow color holds well through the summer. Photo and information courtesy of www.pendernursery.com and UMass Extension.



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