

PRESS RELEASE

FRIENDS OF BROOKSVALE PARK WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP – DECEMBER 5

It's that time of year again...SIGN UP NOW for the ever popular Friends of Brooksvale Annual Wreath Making Workshop. Come to the Veterans' Building at Brooksvale Park on Saturday, December 5 and create a beautiful Christmas wreath made, by you, with fresh cut greens. Instructors will show you how to take the fragrant balsam, pine and spruce and make a unique decoration for your home or to give as a gift.

Beginners are welcome as instructors will be there to teach you. And...guys...this is not for women only! Wouldn't your special gal be surprised to receive a handmade wreath made by you? Many who have attended this workshop in the past make it an annual event with friends and say it's the jump start to their Christmas season. There's time to renew old friendships and make some new ones while enjoying a cup of warm mulled cider the Friends of Brooksvale provides. If you'd like, feel free to bring a snack to share. It's fun to try a few new things each holiday season!

The workshop will be held in the Veterans' Memorial Building at the park. There will be sessions at 10am, Noon and 2pm. There are only 25 spots in each session and space fills up rapidly. Email Ranger Vinny at brooksvale@hamden.com or call the park office and leave a message to reserve your spot. He will confirm your reservation. Each wreath costs \$15 each to make and all proceeds go to support educational opportunities at the park. Sorry but walk-Ins cannot be accommodated.

If you have Balsam, White Pine or Spruce trees that need a little trimming, the greens are needed for the workshop! Using donated greens keeps the cost down to \$15 per wreath. Contact the park ranger if you have a source and he'll come and get them!

If severe winter weather happens to come in, check the Friends website www.friendsofbrooksvale.org or call the park to make sure the event is on. This workshop is geared for adults and teens. Be dressed to get sappy and if you have your own clippers for fine tuning, bring them as they are always in hot demand.