



BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB
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Bakersfield College Gardenfest
Saturday, April 24th at BC

Please bring your plants for sale at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 24th. We have reserved lots of tables to display your plants. There are sure to be great lectures on gardening. Your help in the booth would be greatly appreciated. As always there will be plants for you to buy & take home.

Plants tags for you to mark you plants with will be available at the meeting and are on the club website at: www.bakersfieldgreenthumb.org Tags are in Excel and Word format to make it easier for you.

Please take Note:
 Linda Burgess has withdrawn her name from nominations for the office of Vice-President for 2010-11. Letter on file with BGTGC Recording Secretary.

Calendar Events - 2010

April 3rd - Final Floral Design Class at Church of the Brethren in the Social Hall - corner of Palm and A St.

April 17th - General Meeting

Social at 9:00 - Meeting 9:30

Church of the Brethren - 327 A Street

Program: Landscape Irrigation Design

By John Wilbanks, Kern Co. Park Planner, Landscape Architect

Refreshments: Kathy Rezac, Jeanne Rice, Marilyn Ruiz, Rosemary Ryan, Olga Scott, Gordon & Sally Shuppert, Harriet Simonsen, Marie Smith

Garden Tour: Home of Betty see article in newsletter. Bring a Picnic Lunch and enjoy the Garden in LaCresta Area

April 24th - Gardenfest at Bakersfield College

Setup 7:30 am - Sale 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Plant Sale tags on Website and at the meeting in Excel and in Word - see article

May 1st - Gardens of Bakersfield Tour

Club Members help is needed. Tickets \$20. each - **See**

Newsletter for additional information

Monday, May 3rd - Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. Lorene's Ming and Ash

Roots

By Trudy Albrecht

Tap Root: Plants with tap roots have a long, tapering root system with few branches. The growing top or "crown" on tap-rooted plants should be planted no less than 1" below the soil surface.

Fibrous Root With Crown At Soil Surface: These are usually identified by the presence of last year's top growth and should be planted with old growth right at the soil surface. If no leaves are present, then cover about 1/2 to 1"

Fibrous Root With Crown Below Soil Surface: Most of plants that do not keep top growth should be planted with their growing buds about 1/2 to 1" below the soil surface. Again, it is better to plant too deep than too shallow

Rhizomatous: Plants that are propagated by rhizomes should be planted with these "runners" spread horizontally, approximately 1" below the soil surface

Bulbous Root: These plants produce fleshy, underground storage organs, much like a potato or tulip, and should be planted at a depth of about 3 times the diameter of the bulb

Nominations for 2010-11

President:

Gloria Aminian

Vice-President:

Trudy Albrecht

Treasurer:

Karen Abercrombie

Recording Secretary:

Margaret Burrows

Corresponding Secretary:

Pat Bell

Members At Large

Joyce Darrow

Steve Lyster

Monica Lewis

Garden Tour Saturday, May 1

10 a.m. -4 p.m.

Members are needed as a Host or Hostess for a two hour shifts. Your job will be to monitor guests so they don't wander off the garden paths and into areas not open to the public. Please contact Rob Rephan.

Mark your calendars for May 1st and seek out friends and family interested in seeing such fabulous gardens. The ticket/brochure with maps of the areas may be ordered through Monica Lewis at \$20 per person. Half price tickets for volunteers. Helen will have more information and tickets at the meeting



A very Special Thanks to Rose Mary Maguire for all of her work on the bus trip to

Descanso Gardens & Nuccio's Nursery

It was a wonderful trip!



Mini Flower Show

**After May Meeting
Saturday, May 15th**

Horticulture and
Floral Designs
will be judged

Garden Tour on Saturday, April 17th

BGTGC members and friends are invited to a garden tour at the home of Betty Wachob following the April 17 meeting. You are welcome to bring your own sack lunch and socialize with fellow gardeners. Cold water will be available.

Almost two hundred roses, of which about seventy five are miniatures, dominate the city sized lot in the upper La Cresta neighborhood of 1950's homes. A Douglas Fir, a Valley Oak and a Sapphire Dragon tree share the front yard, with an Eastern Redbud, Kiwi Fruit vines, Mexicola avocado trees and a pink grapefruit tree growing in the back yard. Three mature Mystery gardenias, four camellias, an azalea, begonias, lilies, orchids, cacti and succulents vie for their spot in the sun or shade, so there should be lots and lots of color on April 17! Check your roster for the address.