



BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB
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Practice Floral Designs for Our Flower Show! By Helen Maas

All members and their guests are welcome to meet this Saturday, January 10, 2009 at Gloria's home by 10:00 am. We will review line and line mass designs and study mass design which is a closed silhouette.

Reservations are a must! Call Betty Wachob (see member directory) as soon as possible. Betty will be bringing the plant material needed to practice the design. Copies of the lesson will be available.

Participants must bring a container. Traditional forms are either tall or low with a wide mouth to have room for the plant material. Plant material should emerge from a single opening. The type of container includes pottery, urns, and bowls of copper, brass or pewter. The compote-type container can also be used.

Oasis and tape is preferable for tall containers. Do soak the oasis in water for at least an hour, then insert it into the vase opening leaving it extended above the rim about an inch. For tall vases you may first fill it with accordion pleated stiff newspaper for the oasis to sit on. Then tape the wet oasis to the dry container across the top and down the sides a couple of inches. Do this in two directions.

Bring cutters and a small trash bag. Also, a drink. [END]



Epsom Salt in the Garden

Source: www.epsomsaltcouncil.org

This age-old, affordable remedy for healthy and robust plants and flowers is gaining more and more attention for its simple, back-to-basics approach.

Research indicates that Epsom Salt:

- ❖ Helps seeds germinate
- ❖ Makes plants grow bushier
- ❖ Produces more flowers
- ❖ Increases chlorophyll production
- ❖ Improves phosphorus and nitrogen uptake

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Getty Center Field Trip

By Rose Mary Maguire

Thanks to all of you who enthusiastically signed up for the bus trip to The Getty Center. The bus will start loading at 7:45am on Saturday, January 31st at the Orange Belt Depo, 3640 N. Sillect Ave (behind the Crystal Palace) with approximate return time to Bakersfield at 6pm. You can bring your lunch or dine at any of the many restaurants or snack bars at the Center. The bus is full, wait list only. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. Learn more about The Getty and tours they offer at www.getty.edu [END]

Salt in the Garden (cont)

- ❖ Deter pests, including slugs and voles
- Tips for your plants & garden***
- ❖ Houseplants: 2 tablespoons (tbs) per gallon of water; feed plants monthly.
 - ❖ Tomatoes: 1 tbs per foot of plant height per plant; apply every two weeks.
 - ❖ Roses: 1 tbs per foot of plant height per plant; apply every two weeks. Also scratch ½ cup into soil at base to encourage flowering canes and healthy new basal cane growth. Spray with Epsom Salt solution to discourage pests.
 - ❖ Shrubs (evergreens, azaleas, rhododendron): 1 tbs per 9 sq ft. Apply over root zone every 2-4 weeks.
 - ❖ Lawns: Apply three pounds for every 1,250 sq ft with a spreader, or dilute in water and apply with a sprayer.
 - ❖ Trees: Apply 2 tbs per 9 sq ft. Apply over the root zone three times annually. [END]



Quote: "It is utterly forbidden to be half-hearted about gardening. You have got to love your garden whether you like it or not."
 Authors; W.C. Sellar & R.J. Yeatman,
 from Garden Rubbish, 1936

Calendar of Events

Green Thumb Garden Club

BGTGC Board Meeting Notice

Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 6 PM (unless otherwise noted here & on our website) at Lorene's Restaurant at the corner of Ming and Ashe. Members Welcome.

Jan 17th General Meeting

Refreshments for meeting provided by:

Julie Linfesty, Ed & Stephanie Lynch, Augie & Steve Lyster, Helen Maas, Esther Magana, Rose Mary Maguire, Janice Malouf, Maureen McDonald, and Ben & Goriana McMahan

9:00 AM – Social Time

9:30 AM – Program: Gisele Schoniger will speak on "Organic Gardening"

Mini-Flower Show to follow speaker

Followed by Plant of Month

With Laura Jason

Following Meeting

Mini Flower Show

Opportunity table winner is

Margaret Duriga

Penny Pines for November

Help our Penny Pines to collect for another plantation by **bringing a Valentine related item** to the January Meeting. Priced by you for the sale at the Penny Pines table. To see those who have received a plantation visit:

<http://bakersfieldgreenthumb.org/PennyPines.html>

December Photos



A big thanks to LaVerne and Shirley, decorator/planners, for the Christmas party with a hilarious gift stealing game.



Virginia & Marvin with one of several wreaths brought in by members



Up and Coming Events

Feb 14th -- Design Workshop at Glorias'

Feb 19th -- District Exec Board Mtg. in Visalia at 11am in Marie Calendar's.

Feb 20th -- Home and Garden Show @ the Fairgrounds. Sign-up sheet for setting up and tearing down the booth along with shift positions for this 3-day event will be passed around at the January meeting.

Feb 26th -- District Mtg. at "The Depot" on 300 E. Street in Lemoore at 9:30am. Hosted by the Caruthers and Hanford Garden Clubs.



"Planting the seeds of gardening"

