



**BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB**  
THE CALIFORNIA SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT  
NGCI, PACIFIC REGION, CGCI



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## **Presidents Message**

By John Lucas

Greetings to One and All!

On July 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have our first meeting with our newly installed officers. We welcome all members and guests to attend and join in. Time is rather short for this newsletter, so I will present an overview which will serve to set the stage for the upcoming meeting and future events.

It should be noteworthy that many member donations qualify as deductible charitable contributions. More on this below and at the meeting.

### **Who we are:**

The Bakersfield Green Thumb Gardening Club is a nonprofit charitable organization which has been granted tax-exempt status under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code because it meets the requirements of section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

#### **<<IMPORTANT >>**

*Donors may deduct contributions to the Club as charitable contributions provided in section 170 of the IRS Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to the Club are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of section 2055, 2106 and 2522 of the Code.*

### **Our purpose:**

To bring together those interested in expanding and sharing their horticulture knowledge and experience. To promote interest in gardening, floral and landscape design, youth education, conservation, and civic beautification.

### **How we get things done:**

Our volunteers make things happen. For example, to set up and conduct a general meeting takes the coordinated efforts of many members to take care of things like developing the meeting program (the program alone can easily involve 15 or more volunteers, plus outside guest speakers), preparing the meeting place, refreshments, tending the welcoming table, (cont. next column)

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setting up the audio-visual systems, photography, cleanup, etc

When each of us is willing to do what we can to help out, our Club will be healthy and strong. Many people experience an inner reward for helping to bring some sunshine into the world. They find that in giving, they also receive.

### **How you can help:**

There are many opportunities to serve. Help takes many forms other than our time. If you have a used computer and printer or audio visual equipment or storage space, etc., please let me know about it. AND you may receive a receipt for a tax deductible contribution.

Do not hesitate to offer your help. We will help you to learn how to help

Please talk to, call, or email John Lucas (see Member Handbook for contact info) [END]



## **The Araviapa Avocado**

By Ro Copeland

The 100 year old avocado tree was discovered by a rare fruit gardener from the Arizona Chapter camping in Arizona. The Tree is 50ft tall and 50ft in diameter. It has survived 120F in the summer and 20F in the winter. In January 2009 a group of Rare Fruit growers visited tree and persuaded the rancher to allow them to take the cuttings and seeds. The Arizona Chapter Fruit Growers are trying to develop this variety for other to grow in their back yards. [END]



Quote: "... It is good to be done in a garden at dawn or dusk so that all its shy presences may haunt you and possess you in a reverie of suspended thought." By James Douglas from "Down Shoe Lane"

## 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.

#### BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB OFFICERS 2009-2010

**President:** John Lucas

**Vice President:** Rob Rephan

**Recording Secretary:** Shirley Stevens

**Corresponding Secretary:** Pat Tennant

**Treasurer:** Karen Abercrombie

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#### **July 18th General Meeting**

Refreshments for meeting provided by:  
Karen Abercrombie, Gloria Aminian, Lis Barrick,  
Carol and Dick Benston, Dolores Bradford

**9:00 AM** – Social Time

**9:30AM Program** by Ara Marderosian

*"Reforestation of the Sequoia"*

Fill-in Editor for July: Ro Copeland

## Up and Coming Events

**Jul 24-26** Flower Show Symposium at the Double Tree Hotel Call Gloria for further info

**August 22** Bus Tour Join us for a day trip to the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and Historic Santa Barbara Court House. More details and sign-up sheet at the General meeting. Contact Rose Mary Maguire for more info.

#### September 26th Plant Sale

Start dividing, potting extras, box decorative pots, and gather your unused garden related items. Set up for the plant sale begins at 7am in the courtyard of Church of the Brethren, sale begins at 8am. Plant identifying tags a work sign-up sheet will be on the Membership Table at the 8/15 mtg. For more info contact Rob Rephan



*Please assist us in putting together a great newsletter by sending in your tips, articles, suggestions, and/or questions no later than the 1st of each month. See the BGTGC directory for further contact info or come to a meeting.*

*If you want to save the club the cost of printing, please contact Trudy Albrecht at [bgtgc@yahoo.com](mailto:bgtgc@yahoo.com) to receive email notifications, bulletins, and website updates.*



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of gardening"