



BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB
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Presidents Message

By Joyce Darrow



The November meeting has many interesting activities taking place. I urge every member to be present in order to have a vote on our new officers and a vote on the By-Laws. These are the Nominations for our new Officers.

Gloria Aminian, President

Rose Mary Maguire, Vice-President

Margaret Burrowes, Recording Secretary

Pat Bell, Corresponding Secretary

Karen Abercrombie, Treasurer

Another important item will be the voting for the new corrected By-Laws. There are several small changes but the following should be carefully read before the meeting.

Article VII – Section 1. Officers will be elected for a one year term. An officer may not serve more than three consecutive years.

Article VII – Section 8. Three Board of Directors members shall be elected by the Membership to serve as Members at Large for a term of one year and not more than three years consecutively.

Article VIII – Section 5. The Board of Directors members at large shall have full privileges including making motions and voting and shall attend the Board of Directors Meetings as representatives of the membership.

I want to express my appreciation to all members for the loyalty and support that has been given to me during this difficult transition period.

The Green Thumb Garden Club is a wonderful Club. We have accomplished many outstanding activities. We have developed friendships that are very lasting. We have had fun and have enjoyed each others company.

We can build on these traits and become an even better Club.

Thank you again. Blessings on the new Officers. [END]

Ornamental Grasses

By Trudy Albrecht

Leave your grasses standing through winter, then cut them back in spring before the new growth gets going. This way you can have every season of enjoyment and your dried seed heads will attract birds.

Handheld shears makes easy work of pruning smaller grasses. Use electric, battery or gas-powered hedge trimmers for larger grasses or where the clumps have grown dense. Cut off the foliage so that you have at least 2 to 3 inches of the clump remaining for smaller grasses, 4 to 5 inches for larger grasses.

After a couple years in the garden, even the slow-growing ones may grow out of their area. By shoveling off pieces of the parent plant, you can pare it down to a more manageable size. Then you'll have more plants to spread around or give to friends.

Divide in early spring before it puts on much new growth. Start by cutting off last year's growth, if you haven't already. Use your spade to make a cut in the soil about an inch or so away from the clump. Then make several cuts straight down through the clump to portion off a piece. Lift out the new portion of grass, roots and all. Plant the new pieces as soon as possible and fill in the hole you left with a mix of compost and soil.

Grass clumps can die out in the center as they age. Division every couple years can prevent this, but if not, dig it up (early spring) and divide it. Split off a healthy piece of the clump and replant in the original growing site. The remainder can be broken up and planted elsewhere. [END]

Home Garden Tours

Please add to your yearbook for 2010: January - Don and Marilyn Williams, April – Betty Wachob, and May – Ben and Glorianna McMahan.

New Club Mailing Address

BGTGC

P.O. Box 13063

93389-3063

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.

Nov 21st General Meeting

Refreshments for meeting provided by:

Retha Joslin, Esther Kalinay, Patti Kamps-Lucas, Fred & Helen Kotoske, Kathleen Kres, Debbie Kroger, Susan Le Hagiwara, Monica & Stewart Lewis

9:00 AM – Social Time

9:30 AM – Program: Tom Fuentes on "Hummingbirds"

Followed by Plant of Month

With Pat Tennant

Home Tour Following Meeting

None Scheduled

Opportunity table winner is

Esther Kalinay

Penny Pines for November

Help Penny Pines collect for another plantation: Don't forget the November Penny Pines "For Sale" table will feature Holiday decorations, new or gently used gift items, Christmas apparel, and jewelry. Please put a price sticker on your donation as you are more aware of its current value. To see those who have received a plantation and more information visit:

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

November 14th

Floral Design Workshop will at Gloria Aminian's, call Gloria for more info.

December 12th

You Are Invited to Bakersfield Green Thumb Garden Club's Annual Christmas Social!

Date: 12 December 2009 **Time:** 1:00 pm Sharp (so arrive a little early to socialize) **Where:** Church of The Brethren Social Hall, 327 A Street, Bakersfield, CA **What to Bring:** 1) A plate or dish of your favorite finger food. 2) A gift. (something to do with gardening and suggested amt. \$10.00) 3) A Smile! Come and Join Us For a Fabulous Afternoon of Fun and Holiday Cheer! Please RSVP to Joyce Darrow or Monica Lewis.

Bulbs for the Low Desert

By National Gardening Association

Last month one of our new members asked about what bulbs would grow here. This article was forwarded for use in the newsletter:

There are two distinct growing seasons in the low desert. The cool season lasts from the end of September through April. Cool-season annuals can be planted from September to February. The warm season starts with planting in mid to late February. Some warm-season plants will make it through the summer's heat; others will end their growth when the heat arrives.

Cool-season flowers include calendula, bachelor's button, pansies, violas, nasturtiums, stock, snapdragons, alyssum, dusty miller, poppies and dianthus. Wildflowers are also seeded in the fall (usually October) for spring bloom. Most of these are sun lovers.

Bulbs might be a good choice in the shady area, as they appreciate shade in the summer. Bulbs that would do well include Ranunculus, Tritonia, iris, amaryllis, spider lily and rain lily.

A good reference book that contains planting calendars for the low desert is *Desert Gardening for Beginners*. Good luck! [END]



Joyce Darrow, Margaret Burrowes, Betty Wachob, Helen Maas, Monica Lewis and Harriet Simonsen enjoy the October Design Class given by Gloria



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