



BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB
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President's Letter

I sit out by the back door and enjoy the flowers that are presently blooming. With the long days of our summer heat the blooms don't last very long, but for the short time they are here I love to enjoy them with a glass of wine and good company in the evenings. It's fun to see what new blossom has opened; to smell their delightful scents. The mix of roses, lilies, wisteria and others that I can't seem to name at the moment is just heavenly!

I get up early each morning to make sure all the sprinklers are working properly as there always seems to be something that isn't getting properly soaked! The plants just seem to shrivel up and without their morning shower.

Our new year is starting at our upcoming meeting. A new feature will be a 15 minute Horticultural Time of questions and answers session between members about any gardening questions you may have. We are also going to start a Brag Table. So bring in your beautiful, ugly, or unique plant that you would like to share, show off or gripe about.

Don't forget to go over the new Budget and the Bylaws so we can vote on them at the meeting.

See you all soon.

Gloria

Calendar Events - 2010

July 17th - General Meeting

Social at 9:00 - Meeting 9:30

Church of the Brethren - 327 A Street

Program: *Planting Young Trees in the Landscape* by John Wilbanks, KC Park Planner, Landscape Architect

Refreshments: Karen Abercrombie, Trudy Albrecht, Gloria Aminian, LaVerne Andress, Kay Bell, Pat Bell, Dolores Bradford, Jane Brady

Monday, August 2nd - Board Meeting

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

August 21st - Our Annual Potluck and General Meeting

September 18th - General Meeting

September 25th - Plant Sale

Don't let your disposition sour or temper flare because it is too hot in July and August in Bakersfield to be in your Garden..... Try one of these ideas:

- **Find a Gardening Book at the Library.** (Be sure to check for the times the library is open) .
- **Read about one of these California gardens or parks:** Some of these have been visited on our club bus trips- The Lavender Fields at Valley Center; Huntington Library and Botanical Gardens; in Los Angeles the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Garden, Lummis Home State Historic Monument, Mildred E. Mathias Botanical Gardens, UCLA, Wattles Park Japanese Gardens and Los Angeles Zoo & Botanical Garden; Orcutt Ranch Horticultural Center at West Hills; Will Rogers State Park near Santa Monica (Will's son Jimmy lived here for years and the arena at the fairgrounds is named for him); The Stagecoach Inn Rose Garden in Newbury Park; Wrigley Memorial & Botanical Gardens at Avalon; Greystone Park & Mansion in Beverly Hills; Moonstone Gardens in Cambria; in Carpinteria the Rose Story Farm, Abbey Garden and the Gallup & Stribling Orchids; in Irvine UCI Arboretum; San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden and the Leaning Pine Arboretum at Cal Poly and Ganna Wlaska Lotusland; **Submit your photos and points you found interesting to the newsletter.**
- **Plan your fall and winter planting** - create a plan of things you want to move, add to your garden or seeds you want to try. Make a list from your favorite seed catalog.
- **With the abundance of Fruits and Vegetables Share** some at a meeting or a favorite recipe with the other members through the newsletter
- **Get up earlier to beat the heat if you have gardening that you need to do or vegetables to pick. Stop gardening before 11:30 in the morning. Drink lots of water.**

The Newsletter needs your articles.....Hope to hear from you by the first of next month.

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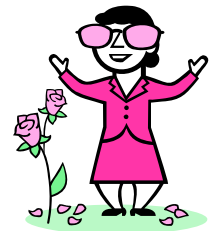
**Congratulations to
Gloria Aminian
CGCI Woman of the Year**



WOW! to our
**Margaret
Burrows**
for the
Perpetual
Award from the
Rose Society



Yearbook Time



Ever seen Rosie at our meeting? She wears rose-colored glasses. Everyone has moments where they cannot remember someone's name. Let's help each other out by having your picture in the yearbook. To avoid an embarrassing moment when you cannot remember a name, please allow us to take your picture for the New Yearbook that is coming out in the fall.

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