



**BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB**  
THE CALIFORNIA SEQUOIA FOOTHILLS DISTRICT  
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## Presidents Message

By Joyce Darrow

Despite some of our recent problems, the Club is back to normal operation. Committee Chairmen have been appointed and are now conducting the business of the Club. The Yearbook is nearing completion and will be given out soon.

The Nominating Committee has been working hard to submit a new slate of officers. Be sure to come to the next meeting to give you approval for the new Board of Directors. The list of nominated officers will be read at the next meeting and the slate will be voted on in November. An installation will be conducted at the January Meeting. There will be a Christmas Social, but no regular general meeting in December.

Thanks to the Nominating Committee for their dedicated work – Sandra Steinberg, Rosemary Gomez and Richard Anaya.

Our Plant Sale held on September 26<sup>th</sup> made the club \$607.14. This was good despite the present economy and having fewer buyers than usual.

The recipient of our Bakersfield College Scholarship has chosen not to enroll at Bakersfield College. The money will be returned to the Club. The student has chosen an apprenticeship in another field.

Our By-laws Committee is in the process of reviewing our Bylaws. The Committee will be presenting their report to the membership in the very near future.

Let's take a few minutes now and then to enjoy the cooler weather and smell the roses.

### Plant of the Month

#### **OCTOBER BLOOMS**

Dan Johnson

#### Yard Tour

Betty Finch - 12637 Allen Road

### Penny Pines for October

The holidays are approaching! At our November meeting, Penny Pines {For Sale" Table Will feature decorations, jewelry, and Christmas things. As you sort through closets and boxes, please set aside items that we can add to our sale table. You can bring items to either October or November meeting.

Thanks Judy

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

## Calendar of Events

### Green Thumb Garden

#### **October 17: Meeting:**

9:00 a.m. Social and 9:30 meeting

#### **Refreshments:**

Dan Gardner, Armanda Ghilarducci, Donna Giuntoli, Rosemary Gomez, Janell Hamlet, Vicki Hill, Laura Jason, Dan and Jeanie Johnson

#### **Program: Adaptive Gardening**

Kathleen Kress, Kern Regional Center Foundation Consultant along with BGTGC member Audrey Cochran.

#### **" Meet Your Special Neighbors for Handicapped Gardeners".**

**October 22: District Meeting** will be held at the Woodlake Pride Botanical Garden with CGCI President Maryanne Lucas as the guest speaker. Then enjoy a tour of Monrovia Nursery.

#### **October 24: Native Plant Sale**

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - FACT at CSUB

## Vertical Planter

Drive a 66" piece of rebar into ground about 2 feet →

Place first pot with rebar going thru drainage hole and fill with soil. Continue to add a pot filling each with soil until rebar is concealed. Caution: Do not fill container too high – soil will run out of pot – mulch also helps.

### Be Creative!

For fall try mums and trailing plants  
For winter try pansies, primrose, stocks  
Or for those of you liking succulents - try a variety of succulents.

The idea for this came from an article in Birds and Blooms by Dottie Baltz. It was adapted for our newsletter, area and time of year.

How about some pictures for next month's newsletter?

## Indoor Herbs By Trudy Albrecht

Some varieties adjust better than others to growing indoors, so it is important before buying plants or seeds, that you read the label to see if that plant will do well indoors. You may also want to consider the size that the plant will become as you won't want a large bush taking over your kitchen! Most herbs don't mind being a bit crowded in the pot; the size of the pot will curb the growth to an extent. Mint, chives, thyme, rosemary and oregano are good plants to consider growing indoors.

Winter doesn't have to mean the end of your outdoor herb garden either. Many smaller herbs can be potted up and brought indoors for the winter. This may require some adjustment, with light and temperature. Be sure to clean up the plant and check for pests before bringing them indoors. If the plant is too large (rosemary bush) you can take cuttings and place them

in a loose potting soil. Mist the cuttings often to provide the moisture the plant needs to start rooting. Many herbs such as basil, mint and rosemary can be easily rooted in water.

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### **Christmas Gift Idea for the Gardener**

For the Gourmet or "not-so" Gourmet Cook

Plant a pot of 6-8 different herbs – If you start now, your plants will be established and make a lovely gift.

Dry herbs from your garden – give a favorite recipe using your dried herbs you have included in the labeled zip-lock bags and other ingredients (other spices, canned food or dry - i.e. flour, sugar, cornmeal) to complete the recipe. Then they will need to purchase the perishable items to complete the recipe.