



BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB
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Presidents Message

By Joyce Darrow

Flower Show: If you haven't signed up to make a floral arrangement, there is still time. Call Gloria Aminian.

Garden Fest: Saturday April 18th is the Garden Fest at Bakersfield College. We need lots of plants to sell! Please bring all clean and well rooted plants to the entrance on Mt Vernon (same as last year). Park on the street for unloading and then move your car to the parking lot. It would also help if you would price and label each plant. We want to be fair in our pricing but we also want to make a profit.

New Member Orientation: New Member Orientation will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 19. All new members since last August are invited or if you would just like to learn more about our club, you are most welcome. We will be meeting at Walt & Sally Wortendyke's house. [END]



Yarrows

By Trudy Albrecht



Why settle for one color when you can enjoy several? Summer Berries blooms with a mix of fruity colors that range from salmon/apricot to yellow and cherry red to pink/cream to two-tone pink and even more, in clusters of 3 to 5 inch blooms.

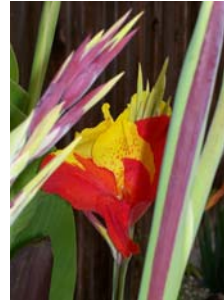
A lot of Achillea tend to fade, but the blooms on Summer Berries hang in there, even in summer heat and bright sunshine. This plant can really enhance a border and, once again is easy to care for. A favorite of both bees and butterflies. Flowers June thru September.

If you'd prefer a single color Achillea instead of a rainbow effect, try the Paprika. This is one of the Achillea that will fade a bit – from bright red to pink. It's possible to reduce the fading effect somewhat if you plant them in a spot that has some afternoon shade. Paprika is a perennial that grows to about 2 or 3 feet at maturity.

Deadhead to keep blooms coming back. [END]

Cannas & Yarrow

By Trudy Albrecht



If you want something that looks exotic and tropical, blooms from early spring through late fall and takes little care, get some canna tubers, if you've never grown them you're in for an experience in the garden. Cannas vary from tall to short, six to two feet, leaves that give a tropical look in the garden with bronzy red to green leaves, closely resembling ginger and banana.

Over the past couple of decades several dwarf cannas have come along, equally as colorful as their tall counterparts, but better suited to small lots and low homes. Nurseries and garden centers will have canna tubers for sale this spring and catalogs list many varieties. Once you've got cannas planted, you'll have them forever, since they manage well in our Southern California climate. They do need to be cut back to about six inches when winter weather arrives, and after a few years it's best to divide the tubers since they reproduce well.

Cannas should be planted in full sun but they will tolerate a little shade. They don't need any fertilizer and will grow in almost any soil, from clay to adobe to decomposed granite, as well as good soil. While they need some water in the growing season, they don't demand much and will get along with minimal water once established. Insects and disease aren't a problem but snails do like to chew on the foliage when it's young and tender.

Plant the tubers slightly below the surface of the soil this month and through May and June. Cannas, especially the dwarf types, do well in large containers, and make a very good showing up against a wall or fence. [END]



Quote: "A garden is a journey that seems to have neither a beginning nor an ending..." by - John Gaston Fairey

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. All Members Welcome.

Apr 18th GardenFest

Contact Rob Rephan: plant info/sale tags are at our website at the Calendar Events page.

Apr 25th Bakersfield Blooms

Green Thumb Flower Show at East Hills Mall for more info on all phases of our show please contact Cynthia Chase.

Penny Pines for November

Help Penny Pines collect for another plantation by bringing in flower vases to sell. To see those who have received a plantation visit:

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



A walking yard tour through Gorgon Nipps wildflower habitat. Thank you Gordon for the wildflower seed packets you handed out.

March Photos



Dale Edwards of Old River Sod entertains us while filling us with greening up info. Judy gives a great presentation on Bonsai growing and care.

Up and Coming Events

May 2nd – Caruthers Garde Club Plant Sale 7am on Tahoe Street ((the main street in Caruthers) between Oak and Pear streets.

May 2-3rd – Kern County Rose Society Show at North of the River Veterans Hall at 400 W. Norris Rd..

May 16th –General Meeting at Palm and A St with tour of Judy Domingos yard afterward.

May 19th – New Member Orientation (see Presidents Message front page).



Quote: "Gardens are not made by sitting in the shade." By *Rudyard Kipling*. British (Indian-born) author (1865 - 1936)



"Planting the seeds of gardening"