



BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB
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A Notable Event

Snipped from:

http://www.californiagardenclubs.org/html/CGCI/past_presidents.htm

The Garden Club Federation organized December 5, 1931 at Santa Maria Inn with 23 charter clubs. Annual dues 15 cents per capita. Mrs Leonard B Slosson (Founder President) elected states president. Admitted to membership National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc., 12/5/32. First issue of state magazine, *Golden Gardens*, appeared 10/32 (4 pages, 50 cents per year), Miss Charlotte M Hoak, Editor. Lending library established with books donated by Las Jardineras G. C. (Los Angeles). Seventeen active chairmen in the state organization. First Flower Show School Held. 1935~1936 (Pres. Mrs. Richard W. Kirkley): Incorporated May 13, 1936, under the name of California Garden Clubs, Inc. Hosted the sixth annual meeting of National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. [END]



Dusty Miller

By Our Editor

An ornamental in the garden not prized for its blooms, given its name because of its felt-like appearance. It has grayish green foliage (turning greener when wet) growing slowly at first but can get pretty tall if not pruned back regularly. Dusty Miller is an aggressive grower and must be trimmed back every year with regularity. I remove my blooms as they appear. It's the whitish foliage that makes this plant a good contrast with blues, pinks, and deeper reds. Used as an accent in the back or front of a flowerbed, or in a grouped planting in the center. Often used in small containers alone or in large containers to contrast with small flowers with bright colors. Dusty will live years if cared for and trimmed back. They're water-wise once established and mine have had no insect problems. [END]

Valentines Day Design

Workshop by Gloria Aminian

February's focus will be on using Decorative Wood in a Design.

Decorative wood is an all-inclusive term that includes weathered wood (wood that has had its surface color, texture and/or form altered due to exposure to the weather, wind, and sun, etc.) It can be dried branches, sections of tree limbs or trunks. It is selected for its form and usually for its distinctive color/s. All decorative wood is plant material. Drift wood works really well.

Make sure the wood you plan to use is clean. The decorative wood can be used in a design as line material, a container, or to cover the pin holder. A base can be nailed to the bottom of a piece of wood to enable it to stand on its own. Sections of wood may be joined together by drilling holes and fastening the pieces together with screws. Have your wood ready to use before class.

Usually you do not need many flowers when using decorative wood. 3 - 5 stems would be sufficient. Select flowers that are compatible with the wood. Spiked forms as well as round forms can be used. A few medium and/or large green leaves might come in handy.

Call Helen to let her know you will be attending. Looking forward to seeing all of you next Saturday. [END]



Camellia Design by Helen Maas

The Camellia Society will have a hands-on mini camellia show at Church of the Bretheran on Feb 22nd at their 12:30 potluck luncheon. Bring your camellias and designs to learn how to show them according to the shows Horticulture and Design schedules. [END]

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.

Feb 21st General Meeting

Refreshments for meeting provided by:

Joan Muller, Joe Meyers, Nancy Nies, Elisabeth Norris, Denise Nielson, Bobbette Olivera, Mary Ortega, Claudia Patrick, Donna Pitcher, and Monica Price

9:00 AM – Social Time

9:30 AM – Program: Joel McIlvaine will speak on "Growing Almonds in Bakersfield"

Followed by Plant of Month

with Helen Maas

Following Meeting

Mini Flower Show and
Tour of Helen Maas' garden then onto
Diane Zumbrunen's garden

Opportunity table winner is

Vicki Hill

Penny Pines for November

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

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

January Photos



Thank you Gisele Schoniger, our guest speaker on Organic Gardening



Betty Wachob receives a Penny Pines Plantation



(r) Lunch at the Getty Museum and a tour. More photos can be found on our website at <http://bakersfieldgreenthumb.org/PhotoAlbums.html>

Up and Coming Events

Feb 14th -- Design Workshop at Glorias'

Feb 19th -- District Exec Board Mtg. in Visalia
11am at Marie Calendar's.

Feb 20th -- Home and Garden Show – Pick up badges from 8-11am from Karen Abercrombie.

Feb 26th -- District Mtg. at "The Depot" on 300 E. Street in Lemoore at 9:30am. Hosted by the Caruthers and Hanford Garden Clubs.



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