



BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB
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Presidents Message

By Joyce Darrow



To all the wonderful members: I want to thank all members of the Green Thumb Garden Club for supporting the activities of the Club during the last two years. It's been a busy time, with lots of activities.

We have a great Club and have tried to promote and encourage gardening.

It takes a lot of people to make the Club run smoothly. Members sign in each meeting, and are greeted with a smile as they pick up their name badges. Coffee is ready as are refreshments that are contributed by members assigned for that month.

Meetings have always been opened with an inspiration, then normally treated by a speaker who has been chosen from a wide variety of subjects. A member also shares information on some favorite plant. Many members bring in gardening related items that are raffled off each meeting.

The Club has participated in maintaining the 24th street triangle, and helped plant daffodils in containers along Baker Street together with the Bakersfield Beautiful organization.

We have had two good plant sales this past year. Our budget has included two student scholarships and we have purchased 15 plantations from donations to our Penny Pines project that honors, or is in memory of our special friends.

For the first time this year, our flower show was held in the East Hills mall along with the Art Show by the Bakersfield Art Gallery. One of our most popular activities is a garden tour after a meeting and a bus trip to the Getty Museum and Gardens was a special treat this past year.

We have had a floral design workshop twice a month, for those interested, much of the past year.

The Club has a booth each year at the Home and Garden Show, to keep the public aware of our activities.

Members receive information on the Club's activities by mail or E-mail each month and the Club (cont. next column)

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has a web site www.bakersfieldgreenthumb.org.

We are always reminded that the purpose of the Club is to bring together those interested in expanding and sharing horticultural knowledge and experiences, floral and landscape design, youth education, conservation, and civic beautification.

Yes, the last two years have been busy, but we have so much to be thankful for. I am always grateful for each and every one of you that have helped make the Green Thumb Garden Club a success. [END]



Programs for 2009-2010

By Incoming VP Rob Rephan

June is the last month of the garden club year and that means it's time to plan for another year. The program at each garden club meeting is an important feature and we would like to continue the tradition of having programs that members are interested in. It would help us plan the year if you would give us your suggestions for speakers or topics so we can plan the schedule for the year. If you have a preference or want to add an idea, please let me know in person or by email. I'll try to keep the tradition going. There are programs at 10 meetings per year. Here is the list of topics we've heard about so far. Please share your ideas.

Attracting butterflies, Wildflowers, Vegetable gardening, Water wise gardening, Native plants, Growing flowers for arrangements, Canning, and Drip irrigation. [END]



Quote: "They are beautiful in their peace, they are wise in their silence. They will stand after we are dust. They teach us, and we tend them." By Galeain ip Altie MacDunelmor.

Quote: "In my garden there is a large place for sentiment. My garden of flowers is also my garden of thoughts and dreams. The thoughts grow as freely as the flowers, and the dreams are as beautiful." By Abram L. Urban

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.

June 20th General Meeting

Refreshments for meeting provided by:

Roy & Carolyn Twisselmann, Betty Wachob, Millie Wheeler, Don & Marilyn Williams, Sally & Walter Wortendyke, Marcella Yoon, Diane Zumbrunnen, and Avie & Paul Bottoff.

9:00 AM – Social Time

9:30 AM – Program: TBA

Followed by Plant of Month

With Roe Copeland

Following Meeting

Tour of Trudy Albrecht's garden

Opportunity table winner is

Delores Bradford

Penny Pines for November

Last chance *Jewelery Sale!* Bring your no longer used jewelry and add it to our sales table. Come and shop for something different to add to your collection. Declutter your jewelry box and pick up something exciting for your summer wardrobe.



Members out and about enjoying Judy Domingos' koi pond, garden tour and hospitality.

Up and Coming Events

June 25th – District Meeting, 9:30am coffee with meeting starting 10am at Quaker Hall 17218 Ave 296 in Farmersville.

Hosted by the La Casa Garden Club.

July 18th – General Meeting at Palm and A St., Program and Plant of Month TBA.

EDITORS NOTE

Being your editor for the last three years has been a privilege. Thank you for allowing me to serve and gain this experience. Due to family health issues this will be my last newsletter. I will continue to be your WebTech and as often as possible your photographer.

(please note an extra page for website only by member Audrey Cochran)



"Planting the seeds of gardening"