



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

By Joyce Darrow

We will be having our fifth Standard Flower Show on April 25, 2009, at East Hills Mall. Every member can participate in some way.

There are many jobs that do not require designs or horticulture. We need members to be Hostesses, spending approximately 2 hours circulating and greeting people as they come through. Clerks record all awards and work with the Judges. Potluck lunch will be served to the Judges and committee chairmen.

Of course, we need entries in the Horticulture and Design Divisions. Horticulture means one specimen of any fresh plant material grown by the exhibitor. You bring a specimen and we will provide the container for it. All container plants must be in the possession of the exhibitor for 90 days prior to the show. Terrariums and dish gardens must be in the exhibitor possession for at least six weeks.

In the Design Division, it is best that you sign up ahead of time for your choice of arrangement. The design must be created and placed by the exhibitor. However, you may purchase all of your plant material. Emphasis is on "Fresh Plant Material". No artificial flowers, foliage, fruit, or vegetables shall be used.

Schedules (rules and guides) for the show are available at the meetings. This booklet tells you the size for your arrangements, your style, size for a petite arrangement and many more of the requirements for exhibitors.

This show is a fun time for everyone, nothing is very difficult. Call Cynthia Chase with any questions and we'll be sure to find a spot for you. [END]



## **Mulch Throw Down**



Cynthia Chase announced that we will have a mulch day on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at 7:30am, at the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Bring shovels, rakes, push brooms, wheelbarrows, and gloves. [END]

## **March Design Workshop**

by Gloria Aminian

Designs in the Oriental style is the Design of the Month for March. Please bring your own plant material. Three to five floral stems of the same variety, three branches for line material, and three or more stems of leaves can be used. You have a choice of type of container. They can be low, oblong or square, or tall containers. Simplicity is the key in Oriental designs. The class starts at 10am on Saturday. Hope to see you at Gloria's house. [END]

## **Tree Foundation of Kern**

By <http://www.urbanforest.org/about>

March 14<sup>th</sup>~ Patriots Park at 8 am will be our Arbor Day Celebration and tree planting with the City of Bakersfield. Fun for the family, a tree trimming and planting workshop at 8:30 am, a bonsai workshop at 9:30 am, activities for the kids and 50 trees to plant. (trees provided by PG&E and the Tree Foundation of Kern). [END]

## **Club Skills For Hire**

By Joyce Darrow

We have some people in the Garden Club that are very capable to help with household chores for a fee. If you have a plumbing and/or other handyman jobs give Phillip Fuentes a call. Mary Ortega's husband does welding, windows, doors, and fences. Richard Amaya will do most types of gardening work including vegetable garden prep work. Trudy Albrecht manicures beds/borders and some yard cleanup. [END]

**Nomination Committee** Cynthia Chase and the members of this committee will meet and present the slate of offices at the March General Meeting. Since we do not have a meeting in April, Rob Rephan made the following motion which was seconded by Shirley Stevens: I move to have the ballot of officers put in the April newsletter for ballots to be mailed to Cynthia Chase before the April BC Garden Fest or put in a ballot box at the Garden Fest. [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 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting

##### **Refreshments for meeting provided by:**

Rob Rephan, Norma Reynolds, Jeanne Rice, Marilyn & Raul Ruiz, Rosemary Ryan, Olga Scott, Nancy Sherman, Harriet Simonsen, Marie Smith, and Pat Slagle.

**9:00 AM** – Social Time

**9:30 AM** – Program: Dale Edwards of Old River Sod will speak on "Growing Healthy Grass"

##### **Followed by Plant of Month**

With Judy Domingos

##### **Following Meeting**

Mini Flower Show and  
Tour of Gordon Nipps garden

##### **Opportunity table winner is**

Pat Bell

##### **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>

## February Photos



(L) Thank you Joel McIlvaine for cracking the shell of info on Almonds. (C) Tour of Helen's garden. (R) Betty judges in our mini flower show.

#### **Up and Coming Events**

**Mar 14<sup>th</sup>** – Design Workshop at Gloria's

**Mar 19<sup>th</sup>** – District Exec Board Mtg. in Visalia 11am at Marie Calendar's.

**Mar 20<sup>th</sup>** – First Day of Spring.

**Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** – District Mtg. at Squaw Valley, Coffee at 9:30am. Hosted by the Squaw Valley Garden Club. Contact Joyce Darrow for more info.

**Mar 31<sup>st</sup>** – Apr 2nd –Pacific Region Convention at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas.

**Apr 8<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>** – Operation Wildflower Conference in Ridgecrest, for more info

[http://www.californiagardenclubs.org/html/Chairmen/wildflower\\_conference.html](http://www.californiagardenclubs.org/html/Chairmen/wildflower_conference.html)

(Trudy A. is looking for member to share room with at Wildflower Conference; she'll drive)



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