



BAKERSFIELD GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB
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Presidents Message

By Joyce Darrow

Cynthia Chase and I want to thank all the members who participated in the "Bakersfield Blooms" Flower Show on Apr 25th at the East Hills Mall. We had five non-members that had 31 entries in both Horticulture and Design, with a total of 130 entries in Hort. and 50 in the Design Division. It was a little disappointing that only 17 members (out of 126) actually entered but the Judges were pleased, giving us a 95 out of 100.

The following are awards given to members:

Betty Finch won the Award of Merit and the Horticulture Excellence Award, Margaret Burrowes – Award of Merit, Jeanne Rice – Award of Merit, Rose Mary Maquire – Award of Merit, Virginia Belcher – Arboreal Award, Joyce Darrow – Designers Choice Award, and Betty Finch – Petite (under 5") Award, Monica Lewis – Tri Color Award.

Having the Show at the Mall did give us more exposure to the public (two new members). Those helping with set-up and tear-down were Rob Rephan, Trudy Albrecht, Gloria Aminian, Stewart Lewis, Shirley Stevens, Cynthia Chase and I.

A successful Show! How about next Year? [END]



East Friesland Salvia

By Trudy Albrecht



Salvia East Friesland - East Friesland Salvia is a must have addition for border, mass plantings, or just that little out-of-the-way space that needs a splash of color. A May-early Fall blooming perennial with intense deep-purple flower spikes. Salvia's are easy to grow and perform best in full sun and a great addition in any garden. Sometimes this salvia is called a meadow sage or May Night. In my yard they are water-wise and nearly xeric. After the blooms are done I pinch them off then in late Fall I cut it back to the basil growth. This pictured Friesland gets full sun from 11:00am and has come back to its original 18"x24" size for five years now. If it gets too much shade it can look weepy. [END]

Predatory Snails

By Trudy Albrecht



A predatory snail called a Decollate snail (*Rumina decollata*) will feed on young snails and may be worth a try, but they also may nibble on young plants. Mine tend to be meat-eaters since I've

found no greenery damage. It takes a little time to get an established group, but many people have been pleased with the results.

They are semi-tropical and in some places where they would thrive, are banned as potentially invasive species. They are however, physically attractive snails (much like a seashell) and when they do the work effectively for "some" gardeners, they should be encouraged to keep doing so.

My personal experience with the common garden snail is limited, in that I only have one area where they try to enter my yard (along my driveway) where I stop them by use of Dead Line at the base of our fence on the concrete support. On the rare occasion I'll catch one that has used a daylily to bridge the line, but to no avail has it trespassed and survived.

May 1st we had a torrential downpour that shook up those common garden snails: they journeyed the expanse of the neighbor's front lawn, down the two-foot wall, and thought they'd scoot across my driveway. With umbrella in one hand, the other incased in a dishwashing glove I went hunting in the dark and captured dozens trying to make it to my beds. Further up the driveway where the Dead Line is in use I removed the non-moving remains the next day.

For more information on snails please visit <http://www.geocities.com/sseagraves/snailfacts.htm>



Quote: "The trouble with gardening is that it does not remain an avocation. It becomes an obsession." - *Phyllis McGinley* (1905 - 1978) US author, poet

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.

May 16th General Meeting

9-9:30am – Social Time. 9:30 meeting begins with program "The Importance of Recycling" with Aurora Rush of Kern County Recycling, followed by Plant of the Month with Fred Kotowski,

Yard Tour

Judy Domingos' Garden following meeting

Opportunity Table for May

Irene French

Penny Pines for May

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>



(L-R) Joyce, Sabrina, Cynthia & Margaret at the *Bakersfield Blooms* registration/info table. (L-R) Betty, Monica & Virginia enjoying the *Hort.* tables

April Photos



(above) Pat Tennant pulled our "wagon for raffle" around all day at *Garden Fest* and Trudy gives a mini-seminar on water-wise and xeric gardening

Up and Coming Events

May 19th – New Member Orientation to be held at Sally & Walter Wortendyke's house 7-9pm (contact Joyce Darrow for more info).

June 4-9th – CGCI 78th Convention (contact Gloria Aminian for more info)

June 7-13th – National Garden Week

June 20th – BGTGC General Meeting with a Garden Tour

June 25th – District Meeting in Farmersville

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



"Planting the seeds of gardening"