

# *Show your library how much you care...*



# Become a BB's Garden Volunteer

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Consider supporting your local library by becoming a BB's garden volunteer!

Help us keep BB's garden, in front of the South Lake Tahoe Library, as lovely as it is now.



# BB's Garden

UCCE Master Gardeners in partnership with STPUD and Friends of the Library have recently revived BB's garden with Tahoe friendly plants.

Remembering BB's love of purple, you'll find purple flowers in bloom throughout the garden.





# Who was BB?



- It takes more than soil and seeds to make a garden, it takes nutrients and care, and in the case of the memorial garden at the Library, it takes a love of books and the color purple.
- Barbara Berezin-Kearney, affectionately known as BB, was a Literacy Specialist at the Library who spent endless hours teaching people to read at both the library and jail so they could have a better future.
- After her passing in 2002, a memorial garden was built to remember her warm, loving and caring personality.



# What do garden volunteers do?

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- Garden maintenance – including weeding, mulching, edging, raking, digging over, staking and tying in, pruning, dead heading, bed preparation, tidying and path maintenance.
- Clearing overgrown areas and thinning plants when necessary.





# Main Activities/Tasks

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- Weekly weeding checks
- Trash removal
- Evaluate plant health and irrigation system during the months of June – September
- Evaluate watering needs during October - May (depending on snow cover.)





# Necessary Skills/Experience

- All levels of gardening experience welcome!
- Flexible – willing to give support where necessary.
- Approachable – able to work with all partners
- Ability to listen and follow instructions.
- Ability to work safely and to not endanger yourself or others, using common sense to maintain a safe working environment.
- Able to work alone or in a team with people of wide ranging ages and abilities.





# Training & Support

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- Seasonal Tahoe Friendly Garden Workshops put on by UCCE Master Gardeners of Lake Tahoe
- UCCE Master Gardener Training
- On-going advice and assistance from current Master Gardeners and Friends of the Library volunteers with technical assistance from South Tahoe Public Utility District staff
- El Dorado County—South Lake Tahoe Branch staff support





# Putting your garden to sleep workshop...

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- Today's workshop – one example of support
- Predetermined maintenance schedules



# BB's Garden

## Fall Maintenance Schedule

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### 1. WATER

- Between irrigation shut-off by County Maintenance in early October and irrigation turn-on in spring, the garden needs to be hand watered until there is persistent snow cover. **It is imperative not to let the plants dry out.**
- Water only when the temperature is above 40 degrees F. Watering around mid-day gives the water a chance to soak in before the temperature drops at night.

**October:** hand water two times a week

**November:** hand water once a week

**December, January, February**

(If there is no persistent snow cover, hand water every two weeks)



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### 2. FERTILIZE

**November**: When foliage dies back, usually around the **first week of November**, apply organic, slow release fertilizer ( e.g. 5-5-5 or 7-7-7) around each shrub and perennial per package instructions. Water in thoroughly.





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### 3. PRUNE and WRAP SHRUBS:

**November:** When foliage dies back, prune dead and damaged branches and wrap the shrubs with garden tie tape to protect from breakage. The shrubs are listed below as they appear left to right when you are facing the garden:

- **Twinberry**
- **Sierra Current**
- **Red Twig Dogwood**
- **Variegated Dogwood**
- **Oceanspray**



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### 4. CUT BACK PERENNIALS:

**November:** When foliage dies back, use bypass pruning shears or scissors to cut back the dead leaves, leaving about 4" - 6" of the stems.

- **DO NOT** cut back the following plants. Cut back only the dead flower stalks to the basal leaves:



Huechera  
"Palace Purple"



Lady's Mantle



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### 5. PLANT FALL BULBS







# How to get involved...

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