



THE WEEEDER

JUNE 2019

Volume 31 Issue 6

CALENDAR

We meet on the fourth Monday of each month, 7:30 pm at the Brentwood Community Methodist Church, 809 Second Street in Brentwood. Board Meetings are held on the first Tuesday (after the 1st Monday) of each month, 7:00 pm in the Fireside Room. Delta Informal Gardeners encourages gardening through education and beautification of the community.

2019 General Meetings

June 24 Members Potluck
5:30 set up, 6pm Dinner
At the Selders Home
July 22
August 26

2019 Board Meetings

July 2
August 6
September 3

2020 Plant Sale

May 9 Wolfe Ranch



President's Message

After almost nine months of hard work we had a great Plant Sale. Thanks to all the DIG'ers, family and friends who helped through the Propagation and Sale process! On Sale Day we had approximately 47 DIG'ers, family and friends who worked the Sale, plus 19 High School Students helping throughout the day. We sincerely thank each and every one who helped on Sale day and the many months leading up to the sale. We couldn't have done it without everyone's help.

If any one has any suggestions on how we could improve the Propagation or Sale Process, please e-mail your comments to r.selders@yahoo.com. The Plant Sale Committee will consider all comments as the Committee reviews, revises, and updates our Procedures over the next few months.

Our June meeting is our annual Members Potluck and Curious Container Contest to be held at Celia's and my home. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Detailed information is located elsewhere in the Weeder.

Bob Selders, President 🌱

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Annual Members Potluck and Curious Container Contest will be held at the home of Bob & Celia Selders, on Monday, June 24th. Join us at 6pm (or 5:30 if you'd like to help set up) at 1570 Fairview Ave., Brentwood. Call (925)634-1475 for directions. Bring your choice of a main dish, salad, side dish, dessert or appetizer to share that feeds 6-8. We always seem to have a nice variety, so bring something you like to make. (Be prepared to share the recipe!) Bring your favorite beverage; beer & wine are acceptable as long as you share. Water will be available. DIG provides cups, plates, napkins, and utensils.

THE CHALLENGE: Bring a Curious Container! There will be prizes!

Create something unusual as a way to display your plant. Use your imagination. In the past there have been String of Pearls planted in a jewelry box, Hen & Chicks in an egg carton, a Tea Rose in a teapot, Thyme in a clock, and Lambs Ear in a toy lamb. Judging will be by a crack-pot team selected that night, using no rules and making up the categories as they go. Typical DIG Procedures.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by Bob S., who reminded us that our Members Potluck and Curious Container Contest is on Monday, June 24th at Bob and Celia Selders' home. Setup will begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6PM. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurer's report stating that the Plant Sale was a huge success. 🌸 Connie passed out a list of what plants sold and what did not. 🌸 After the Sale plants were donated to Freedom, Liberty, & Deer Valley High Schools, and Discovery Bay's & Bethel Island's parks. 🌸 Donations were made to Hope House and Deer Valley High School Garden, each receiving \$500.00. 🌸 Chris with Membership reported that DIG has 109 members. She added that DIG had received a thank you note from Deer Valley for DIG's donations. 🌸 Martin shared a thank you note from Independence High School for the \$1,000.00 Scholarship donation. Antioch High School District has also acknowledged receipt of their scholarship. 🌸 DIG's Board Meeting May 2019 minutes were approved as printed in the Weeder. 🌸 Connie reported that a field trip is next week. 🌸 June 19th will be the next Plant Sale Committee Meeting. 🌸 After a discussion, it was decided to proceed with a 2019 Member Directory. 🌸 The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌻



Travel Log: Carmel Area Nurseries

Recently Bev and Martin Tucker extended their anniversary celebration with a trip to Carmel and a return by way of Half Moon Bay. Long ago they discovered three of their favorite nurseries, which make the drive well worth the effort. Going out east of Carmel into Carmel Valley are two very large and well stocked ones which are bigger and better than Alden Lane!! The first one you come to is Valley Hills and further down the road is Griggs. If you like nurseries these are a must see. Coming back through Half Moon Bay is a natural for them since they lived there at one time and came to appreciate the always interesting HMB nursery. It is on Hwy 92 as you head back up the hill. Martin had told himself he wouldn't buy anything. He only spent \$100.



Do you have a recipe or photo to share? Heard of an event or garden to go see? Email it to rchoate80@yahoo.com



Hospitality

We want to thank Leslie Servin, Michael Pollock and Kryssie Dupuis for bringing some great goodies to our May Meeting. We also want to thank Pat Moore, Michel Pollock and Elinor Bell for volunteering, way back in May, to bring goodies to our July 22nd meeting.

Field Trips

Our next field trip will be on Wednesday, June 12th, to the California Nursery Historical Park in Fremont. There we can see a lovely park and the 1830's Rancho era Vallejo Adobe. Next, we will visit the Regan Nursery in Fremont. They specialize in roses, Japanese maples, camellias, Bonsai, but also have statuary and perennials. Their own Marsha Hildebrand spoke at our January meeting. On our way home, we will stop for lunch at Lunch at Casa Orozco, 325 S L Street, Livermore.

We will meet as usual at the BART Park and Ride lot on Walnut Blvd in Brentwood and LEAVE at 9 a.m. Sign up at the next meeting or call Juli Redford 925-778-5854. 

Note: Due to the timing of the Weeder publication, this field trip may have already taken place.

2019 Plant Sale



Thank you to everyone who worked to make it a success!

Membership

Once again we had two new gardeners join DIG last month. Kim Banta lives in Brentwood and Dee Dee Roberts lives in Oakley. Kim is interested in flowers, roses, bulbs and succulents. Dee Dee loves gardening, especially flower beds and is interested in learning much, much more. These two ladies have come to the right place to learn about all things related to gardening. Welcome Kim and Dee Dee!

Thank Yous

To Mary and Bill Frederickson for donating over 40 terracotta and ceramic pots for next year's succulent dish gardens. 🌸 To Sandy Marman for donating a huge first aid kit to keep in the shed at the Wolfe Ranch in case one of our members gets injured while working. Plus, Sandy's a retired nurse so she can put on her nurse's cap, clean up and bandage the patient's wound and send them right back to their work station! Right, Bob? 🌸 To Robin Choate for her invaluable email "blasts" that keep us all in the loop throughout the year. 🌸 To Pat Moore and Celia Selders for growing, grooming, sorting, potting and repotting, identifying and labeling hundreds of succulents and then displaying them so beautifully that they fly off the tables and into customers' carts. This is why we fondly call Pat and Celia "The Succulent Sisters!" 🌸 And the biggest thank you of all goes to Peter and Jane Wolfe for making our huge plant sale possible by graciously letting us use their property at the Wolfe Ranch all year long while we propagate plants for our yearly sale. The Wolfes deserve "fireworks" for all they do for our club! Thank you Peter and Jane!

Chris Artz 

A Special Thank You to Chris Artz for always bringing a wonderful snack to our Saturday Workdays and for helping proofread and write for the Weeder.

DIG Membership

P.O. Box 66

Brentwood, CA 94513

Please complete the membership form and return it with your dues to the address above or bring to the next general meeting.

Individual Membership.....\$20

Family Membership\$25

Make checks payable to DIG

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email address(es) _____

Phone (_____) _____

_____ **New Member** _____ **Renewal**

Dues Increased JUNE 1, 2019

For the first time since we became a club we have raised our dues. Individual memberships are now \$20 and Family is \$25, effective June 1, 2019.



P.O. Box 66

Brentwood, CA 94513