

# THE WEEDEER

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## 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

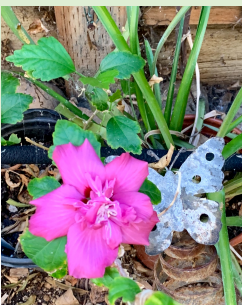
August 26  
September 23  
October 28

## 2019 Board Meetings

September 3  
October 8  
November 5

## 2020 Plant Sale

May 9 Wolfe Ranch

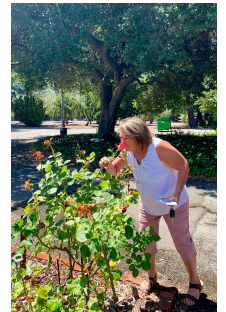


## President's Message

I hope you all are enjoying your summer and staying cool. It is hard to believe we are in August already and it is almost time to start up our propagation of plants for our annual sale next year. I've heard from some that they are anxious to get started, so here is the initial schedule and a reminder that all work days will be at the Wolfe Ranch:

✿ September 14, Saturday 10:00am to Noon: Refresher class on care and sharpening of your garden tools and clean up of the propagation site and containers for our starts. (Rumor has it there will be snacks.)

✿ September 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 10:00am to Noon: Hands on instructions on asexual propagation from cuttings of plants; bring your small snips or small pruners, gloves and excitement to learn. Everyone will have a great time. Cuttings will be provided this week, but we will have you bring some from your gardens the following weeks (stay tuned for more on the types of plants we are looking for).



✿ Propagation will be on going every Saturday this year until late November or early December based on weather. We will start up again in late January, date TBD based on weather, and will continue up to Sale Day - May 9, 2020. I promise to make every effort to having only one work day per week, except for the week before and the week following the sale this year. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Wolfe Ranch each Saturday beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

✿ Let's make the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Plat Sale the best one to date.

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*Bob Selders*, President 🌿

## Hospitality

We want to thank Sandy Marman, Beverly Tucker and Elinor Bell for volunteering to bring goodies to our August Meeting.

## President's Message continued

It is that time of year again where we must begin the process of nominating potential Board Members to be elected at our November meeting and installed at our December meeting to serve on the 2020 DIG Board. The Board consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These four positions are elected positions. In addition, we currently have a number of Chairpersons that help with specific areas important to running this club, including Membership, Field Trips, Publicity, Scholarships, Hospitality, Programs, Nominating, Newsletter, Plant Manager and Assistant Plant Manager. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested in serving as a Board Member or Committee Chairperson please let me know. At this point we definitely know that we need a Vice President, Publicity Chairperson, Program Chairperson and assistance with the Newsletter/Website. I or a member of the Nominating Committee may be reaching out to you soon!

## Board Minutes

The August 6 meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Bob Selders. ☼ Elinor is stepping down as Vice President and handed out to the Board the Speakers List for the rest of 2019. Our August 26<sup>th</sup> speaker is Brian Lavin with the Rare Fruit Growers Association and will address growing fruit in the SF Bay area. ☼ We will have an auction in January. ☼ Ginger gave the Treasurer's report. ☼ The Board unanimously approved the July Minutes as printed in the July Weeder. ☼ DIG's Membership Chairperson, Chris, reported that no new members have joined of late. ☼ There were discussions regarding the 2019 DIG Member Directory, business cards, and "Yours Is a Very Special Garden" cards that can be given for lovely gardens. The business cards give information about DIG's meetings and can be handed out by members. ☼ Robin stated that she has been working on the 2019 Directory. ☼ The Field Trip committee will be meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup> to plan our next trip. ☼



Bob led a discussion on Donations – who would be good recipients. Any decision was postponed until next month. ☼ Bob S. told the Nominating Committee that he would like the committee to find a VP

to help with the plant sale and be geared to be President. He will find a chairperson for programs. ☼ Bob S. then announced that DIG's 2019-20 Propagation begins on Saturday, 9/14 at 10 to noon. The 14<sup>th</sup> will be general clean up and set up at Wolfe Ranch. The following Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Propagation begins with a class on Proper Propagation. ☼ The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sue Castle*, Secretary 🌻

## UPCOMING EVENTS

"Rare Fruits for the Inland SF Bay Area" is the subject of Brian Lavin's presentation at our August 26<sup>th</sup> general meeting. This wide-ranging talk by the current Chapter Chair of the Golden Gate Chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers Association ([www.crfg.org](http://www.crfg.org)) will include discussions of rare varieties of common temperate and subtropical fruits such as apples, peaches, and avocados; and less familiar fruits such as Lucuma, Paw Paw, and Cherimoya. If there's time, he will tell us about some experimental fruits that he and other members have managed to keep alive in their own gardens over a span of several years. He will also share propagation methods for each fruit he talks about.



With a background in the tropics and zoology, Brian began his hobby of growing rare fruits because he was trying to figure out how to grow fruit to support the diets of exotic animals. As he explained though, his fruit growing interests now span pretty much everything. He's tried to grow things from the Arctic Circle as well as from tropical Africa. However, he is especially interested in things that can survive in California's Mediterranean climate. Thus, he concentrates on "playing with things" from other Mediterranean areas, the subtropics, and cloud forest regions; and that's what he'll share with us.

Brian will try to bring some examples if they're still growing in his garden by the end of August!

*Elinor Bell*, Vice President 🍎🥑🍌

## Field Trips

The field trip committee is planning something special for our next adventure.



Hope you can join us so these photos can be of you.

*Juli Redford* 

## Thank You

🌸 To Amy Buck for helping Robin with the grueling job of creating our membership directory for 2020.

🌸 To our president, Bob Selders for contacting local high schools last December to find students in need of community service hours and arranging for them to show up at the Wolfe Ranch on Saturdays to provide much needed help with all jobs related to our propagation.



The students were such a delight to work with. What a win-win situation for the students as well as our club.

🌸 Also, to Bob Selders for moonlighting as our Publicity Chairman since that position has been vacant for several months. Not sure how many other “hats” Bob has been wearing since he became president, but I’m sure his wife could name several!

*Chris Artz* 

## Informal

You may have noticed that not only do we like plants, but we like food too. Saturday snacks are an Informal event, so bring something when you can. Sometimes we have a lot and sometimes not. DIG does provide water, but if you’d like to help save the planet please bring your own refillable bottle.



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

## Crispy Oatmeal Cookies

(for yummy ice cream sandwiches)

- ½ cup butter
- ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1½ cups old-fashioned oats
- ½ cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)

Cream butter; gradually add sugars, beating well at medium speed of an electric mixer.

Add egg and vanilla, mixing well.

Combine flour, soda and salt in a small bowl; add to creamed mixture; mix well.

Stir in oats and nuts (if using). Dough will be soft.

Divide dough in half; spoon dough onto a large piece of wax paper and shape dough into a 10” log. Roll in wax paper and freeze.

Cut frozen dough into ¼ inch slices and place slices on parchment paper lined cookie sheets.

Bake slices @ 350 degrees for 10 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cookies cool for one minute on cookie sheet. Spoon your favorite ice cream



Marilyn Lanfri

## DIG Membership

P.O. Box 66

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **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.



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