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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

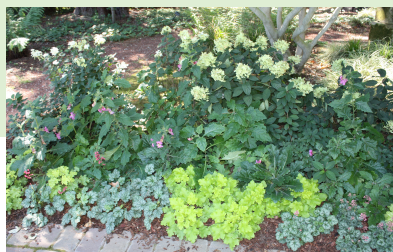
September 23
October 28
November 25

2019 Board Meetings

October 8
November 5
November 26

2020 Plant Sale

May 9 Wolfe Ranch



President's Message

It's finally here! What everyone has been missing and is anxious to get back to! Propagation will officially start on Saturday, September 14th, in preparation for our 2020 annual Plant Sale. We will be meeting every Saturday from 10:00 until noon at the Wolfe Ranch through mid November, when we take a break for the Holidays until mid January. We always have fun socializing, propagating, learning, and snacking on the goodies that members bring to share. We hope to see all members, whenever you can, on Saturday mornings helping with preparing for the annual sale.

The success of any club or organization is dependent on the help and participation of all members in furtherance of the purpose of the organization. There is a Board of Directors and different Chairpersons who work to further the purpose and goals of the club, oversee the legal requirements, maintain a budget, file annual legal documents, etc. Without these individuals doing these important jobs for the club, there would be no monthly programs, no field trips, no Plant Sale to fund our goals, etc., and consequently No Club! Each year at this time we look for new people to take over these Board and/or Chairpersons for the various positions. It is necessary to replace positions due to end of terms, members decision that they can no longer serve due to other commitments, health, moving elsewhere, or taking a different position with the club, etc. We would like people to step up and volunteer to help with filling positions and give it serious consideration when one of the Board or Chairpersons contacts you to take on a position. We need everyone's help. If you have any questions about responsibilities of a position please contact me.



Bob Selders, President 🌱

Board Minutes

The September 3, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Bob S. 🌸 Elinor has lined up Leslie Servin as speaker for the September 23rd meeting. Leslie will speak about visiting Public Gardens during her travels. 🌸 Elinor reminded us to start saving garden “treasures” for DIG’s biennial Auction in January. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurer’s report. 🌸 The Board unanimously approved the August Minutes as printed in the August Weeder. 🌸 Sue reported that a thank you letter for 3600 plastic 1 gallon plant pots had been sent to Debbie Taylor of Brentwood Gardens, Inc. Bob noted that we now have approximately 7000 pots, but we will probably need more. 🌸 The Board approved the Secretary’s Job description. 🌸 Chris reported that the membership remains at 111. The discussion of a 2019 Membership Booklet was continued from last month. It was decided that a 2019 Membership Book will not be printed. Dues must be received by January 31st for members to be included in the 2020 Directory. The 2020 Booklet should be available in March. 🌸 Robin is continuing work on the business cards which will have DIG’s information on both sides. 🌸 Bob S. said that he had succeeded in getting DIG’s monthly Meeting information back into the Grapevine and is still working on the Brentwood Press. 🌸 Juli reminded everyone that the next field trip is scheduled for September 25th to Annie’s Annuals in Richmond and the Berkeley Horticultural nursery. Annie’s will allow a 10% discount with a completion of an Annie’s customer profile form. 🌸 The Nominating Committee announced that they had begun recruiting in August, and they still need to fill three Board positions – Publicity, Programs, and a Vice President who will learn to take over the President’s position. A discussion of possible members followed. Nominating Committee is to contact the individuals and present the candidates at the October General Meeting. 🌸 The Board discussed Donations. Names of national and local non- profits popped up and a list was created. The list was divided among Board members for research and to share their findings at the next Board meeting. It was decided to postpone any decisions on Donations until our October Board Meeting. If any members have a Non-Profit that they would like to be added to the list, please call Bob S. 🌸 Propagation begins on Saturday, September 14 from 10 to noon at Wolfe Ranch. It will be a general clean up day, including pot and bin scrubbing etc. Saturday, September 21st, Propagation begins with a class on how to Propagate different types of plants and what to do, sharpening of tools etc. 🌸 Bob S. and Chris Artz plan to represent DIG when the Antioch Unified School District’s community outreach person, Trine Gallegos, visits the garden on September 5 to learn about all the good things that are happening there. 🌸 The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌻

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23, monthly meeting

Speaker: Leslie Servin

Topic: Public Gardens of the Western U.S. and How to Incorporate Ideas into Your Home Yard

Having lived in the same home in Brentwood for 56 years, being a graduate of Liberty High School, and joining D.I.G. in 1999, Leslie Servin has strong roots in Brentwood. She also has a long established interest in gardens and gardening, which comes naturally through her family history.



Leslie is a member of the National Dahlia Society, the American Camellia Society, and the International Camellia Society. Whenever she travels, Leslie tells me, she is “always trying to find a garden along the way.” In her presentation on September 23, she will share some of the gardens she has seen in her travels and talk about how they



sparked ideas for her own garden and, by extension, the many ways we can incorporate new inspirations and methods into our own home yards.

Elinor Bell, Vice President 🌸

AUCTION! AUCTION!

Although January 27, seems a long way away, it's not! D.I.G.'s biennial auction will be here before you know it. So now's the time to start thinking of garden and gardening items you might want to donate to this very special and fun event. If you have tools or garden art or pottery collecting dust, we'll happily auction it off with proceeds going to our general fund. Please remember NO books, magazines, or baskets. More information will be sent out soon.



Field Trips

Our next field trip is Wednesday Sept. 25, 2019! We will travel to Annie's Annuals in Richmond (740 Market Ave.), then to Berkeley for lunch and to visit the Berkeley Horticultural Nursery (1310 McGee Ave). CARPOOLING: Meet 9:00 am at BART Park n' Ride Lot on Walnut Blvd., Brentwood.

With your DIG membership card, you can receive a 10% discount at Annie's if you register at the nursery or ahead of time. Just go on to their website and register by selecting: "Wish List" then select: "Register." www.annieannuals.com

Fall is a great time to be in the garden while the soil is warm and weather is cooler. You can add to your garden now so plants form strong roots to grow faster next spring.

Do you have a suggestion for a pre-Christmas location to visit? The field trip committee appreciates your input.

Juli Redford 🌹 925-323-5854

Hospitality

We want to thank Michael Pollock, Marilyn Lanfri and Connie Miller for volunteering to bring goodies to our September Meeting.

Thank You

Thank you to Debbie Taylor of Brentwood Gardens, Inc. for generously donating 3,600 one gallon pots. We desperately needed these pots this year and couldn't be more appreciative.

MEMBERSHIP

Currently we have 111 members. Please tell your friends, family, neighbors, UPS delivery person, etc. about our wonderful garden club that only costs \$20 a year for a person to join. We learn so much useful information about gardening, have a good time as we work on our plants plus we get to enjoy the fresh air and beauty of our growing grounds at the Wolfe Ranch in Brentwood. It's a great way to give back to your community plus it's a healthy activity that everyone enjoys.

Chris Artz 🌸

Nursery Discounts

Just a reminder to everyone that your membership card can get you a nice discount at certain nurseries as long as you show your card to the cashier before they ring up your plant purchases. That way you can buy a few more plants!!! The participating nurseries are:

Alden Lane, Annie's Annuals, Perez Nursery, Pompei Nursery, and R & M Pool, Patio & Gardens (in Clayton) which all give 10% off on plants. Morgan's Home & Garden Center also gives 10% off on plants plus 5% on rock. Valley Oak Nursery gives a generous 15% discount on plants. Happy shopping!



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



*We will participate in the local
Holiday Toy Drive again this year.
Please bring an unwrapped toy or gift-
card to the November meeting.*



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**



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