



# 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

October 28

November 25

December 9 Holiday Potluck

## 2019 Board Meetings

November 5

November 26

## 2020 Plant Sale

May 9 Wolfe Ranch



## President's Message

Time is flying by so fast! We have been back at work each Saturday for over month already and only have a handful of Saturdays left this calendar year. If you haven't been out to our Saturday morning get-togethers, it's not to late. We will work every Saturday at the Wolfe Ranch until the holidays or *cold* weather. Thus far this year we have averaged about 18 members and non members each Saturday, but we can always use more help.

We had fresh soil delivered and will be blending it with the excess soil from last year. Just a heads up, the first person who complains about the soil this year will be placed in charge of acquiring the soil for the 2021 sale that is acceptable by all 100 plus members!



We are in desperate need of 4" pots for our cactus and succulent starts. Please bring them and any 1 gallon pots you may have to the Wolfe Ranch and drop them off any time in the DIG Return Pot box or bring them out on Saturday mornings at propagation. If you have a large quantity of pots call or e-mail me and I can arrange to pick them up.

Happy Gardening everyone. We hope to see you on Saturday at the Wolfe Ranch to help with our Propagation efforts.

*Bob Selders*, President 🌱

## Hospitality

We want to thank Leslie Servin, Dana Wang, and Debbie St Hilaire for volunteering to bring goodies to our October Meeting.

## Board Minutes

The October 8, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Bob S. 🌸 Our speaker for October will be Leslie Buck speaking on the Gardens of Kyoto; in November Cathy Voortman will let us know "What to Start Now for your Spring Garden;" and January will be DIG's biennial Auction. 🌸 Since we do not have anyone for program director next year we may have to assign months to individuals to find speakers. 🌸 Bob read the Treasurer's report from Ginger. 🌸 The September Minutes were approved. 🌸 Chris reported that the membership remains at 111. 🌸 Dues for 2020 are due by January 31<sup>st</sup> so we can print the member directory by March. 🌸 DIG information cards have been printed and will be distributed at the next meeting. 🌸 Robin will look into printing our "Compliment Cards." 🌸 Robin discussed finding someone to be the Webmaster for our website, which is in need of updating. 🌸 DIG's Monthly Meeting information is back in the Grapevine and Brentwood Press' website calendar. 🌸 Connie shared that the next field trip will be Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> to Western Garden Nursery in Pleasanton and Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore, followed by lunch at Terra Mia Italian Restaurant in Livermore. 🌸 The Nominating Committee announced DIG's new slate of candidates: Bob S. will be President, Connie as Vice President, Ginger stays as Treasurer and Sue remains as Secretary. We still need a program director. 🌸 The Board approved a \$1,000.00 donation towards reforestation of the Paradise/Magalía Fire area via the Magalía Pines Baptist Church and Recovery. 🌸 The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.



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)

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



## UPCOMING EVENT - October 28, 2019

### THE SECRET GARDENS OF KYOYO

At first glance the gardens of Kyoto, and perhaps one particular home garden in the SF Bay area, appear untouched by human hands, yet they are the result of careful planning and continuous precise attention from a dedicated team of gardeners.

Leslie Buck, a natural garden designer and aesthetic pruner with over 20 years working in the Bay Area -- and our speaker on **October 28** -- apprenticed with one of the foremost and oldest landscape companies in Japan, Uetoh Zoen. During her time in Japan she learned "how to bring nature's essence into a garden scene, how to design with native plants, and how to subtly direct a visitor through a landscape." In her memoir, *Cutting Back: My Apprenticeship in the Gardens of Kyoto*, Leslie shares her journey of personal and professional growth with heart and humor.



Photo by Maya Blum

In her special presentation for D.I.G., Secret Gardens of Kyoto, Leslie will share parts of her memoir and take us on a tour of gardens rarely seen. You will "enter private home landscapes of Kyoto, interact with monks in serene monastery gardens, and hear birds and frogs living in an emperor's estate -- all from the viewpoint of Japanese garden craftsmen" with whom she trained.

Signed copies of *Cutting Back* will be available after the presentation. Learn more at about Leslie at [lesliebuckauthor.com](http://lesliebuckauthor.com).

*Elinor Bell*, Vice President 

## SAVE THOSE GARDEN TREASURES

On January 27, 2020, D.I.G. will host its biennial Auction! So now's the time to start thinking of those 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

Many of us braved the hot weather to visit Annie's Annuals for our field trip in September. Annie's plant selection is huge, but the highlight for me was the sight of so many butterflies enjoying the flowers! We received a nice 10% discount on our plant purchases.



Our next field trip will be on Wednesday, **December 4, 2019!** We will head to Pleasanton's **Western Garden Nursery** and then on to **Alden Lane Nursery** in Livermore. We expect to enjoy some Christmas decoration/gift shopping along with plants.

Terra Mia Italian restaurant in Livermore has been highly recommended for a good lunch. **CARPOOLING:** Meet at 9:00am at BART Park n' Ride Lot, Walnut Blvd. in Brentwood.

*Juli Redford* 🦋 925-323-5854

## Thank You

🌸 To the wonderful members who graciously volunteered to take on positions within our garden club. Connie Miller will be our new Vice President (again!). Kryssie Dupuis will be our new Publicity Chairperson with Dana Wang acting as her back up. Welcome to the team, ladies! We can't thank you enough. 🌸 To Robin Choate (our Co-Plant Manager, Weeder Editor, and the list goes on....) for creating awesome little "business cards" which promote DIG! 🌸 To Bob Selders and Steve Hendrickson for finding premium soil for this year's plants. We are now "Dirt Rich!" 🌸 To all the members who have shown up at the Wolfe Ranch on Saturdays to help with propagation, including Linda Miller who joined the group recently. Thank you, Linda! These workdays are not only essential to our club's goals for the coming year but are a fun, relaxing way to spend a few hours of your Saturday in a beautiful, pastoral setting. You will always find a very warm and welcoming group of DIGgers out there and the goodies are always an extra treat!

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership fees are due by January 1, 2020. If your dues aren't paid by January 31, 2020 you will not be listed in our 2020 Member Directory. Please note that dues have gone up \$5. They are now \$20 for an individual; \$25 for a family. Kindly remember to **INCLUDE A COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP SLIP** (see last page of this Weeder) with your current home address, email address and your preferred phone number, either home or cell. Checks should be made out to DIG and either given to Chris Artz at a meeting or mailed to DIG, P.O. 66, Brentwood, CA 94513.

*Chris Artz* 🌸

## DIG Information Cards

Do you ever find yourself talking to strangers in a store or nursery about the plant they are choosing or what they have in their garden versus what you have in yours? Do you mention that you belong to DIG and that they might be interested too, but you don't have an easy way to give them information about us? Now you do! We have printed cards with all our important information for you to hand out. Just keep a couple in your wallet and share when you can. These cards will be available at meetings and events. Just see Robin or Chris.



## Request for Shade Plants

Deer Valley High School's CBI Student garden is in need of shade plants for one of their flower beds. Hydrangeas, camellias, ferns, azaleas, aralias, acubas, abutilons, violets, ajugas, and begonia plants would be greatly appreciated. If you have plants you'd like to share, please call or text Bruce Ellison at 925-216-9581 or email him at [bruceellison@antioch.k12.ca.us](mailto:bruceellison@antioch.k12.ca.us). Thanks in advance for your donations.

## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ **New Member**      \_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal**

## Dues are due January 1, 2020

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