

# THE WEEEDER

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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.

### 2020 General Meetings

January 27 - Auction 6:30pm  
February 24  
March 23  
April 27  
May 18 (a week early due to holiday)  
June 22 - Member's Potluck  
July 27  
August 24  
September 28  
October 26  
November 23  
December 7 Holiday Potluck

### 2020 Board Meetings

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| January 7  | July 7      |
| February 4 | August 4    |
| March 3    | September 8 |
| April 7    | October 6   |
| May 5      | November 3  |
| June 2     | November 24 |

**2020 Plant Sale: May 9**

## President's Message

I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and I wish everyone a Very Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year!

It's that time you all have been waiting for! We are restarting our propagation and preparation for our Annual Plant Sale this month. We will be starting our Saturday morning work parties on January 18th with a clean up and repair work day. We start potting up and other planting chores on January 25th. There are only about four months until the May 9th Sale and we have lots of work to do. So please join us on Saturday Mornings from 10 until Noon at the Wolfe Ranch. We invite everyone that can work, likes to socialize, meet new friends, learn more about gardening, have lots of fun, and enjoy some great treats. The more helpers we have, the more fun and the easier the job. Let's make this the best sale ever.

We are still in need of 4" pots, so if you have any that you don't need please bring them out to the Wolfe Ranch and leave them in the pot container with our banner on it.

Happy Gardening everyone, we hope to see you soon at the Wolfe Ranch to help with our Propagation efforts.

*Bob Selders*, President 🌱



## Board Minutes

The January 7, 2020 Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Bob S. 🌸 Bob S. announced that this is the month for the Auction in lieu of the General Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for a Program Chairperson to manage future speaker arrangements. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurers' report and handed out the Balance Sheet and P & L statement. The Board discussed reimbursements. 🌸 November 23<sup>rd</sup> (December) Minutes were approved as printed in December Weeder. 🌸 Sue stated that a thank you letter and receipt were sent to Scott Stout with Valley Oak Nursery in Brentwood for his recent donation. The donation included numerous pots of varying sizes, cacti and succulents. 🌸 Chris reminded us that the requirement/deadline to be included in the 2020 Directory is to have your dues paid by January 31<sup>st</sup>. She added that 59 members have paid and 54 have not paid. The Directory should be available in March. 🌸 Robin said Amy Buck has created a new DIG web page and they are continuing to add to and update it. 🌸 This Thursday is the deadline for Weeder articles to Robin. 🌸 Juli stated that DIG's last field trip was actually rained out! She promised that the committee will keep those locations in mind for future trips. The Field Trip Committee is meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> to plan future trips. 🌸 The Board discussed the details for the Auction. Set up of tables and chairs is at 6:00 pm, members and auction items to arrive at 6:30 for preview and refreshments, the Auction begins at 7:00 pm with Emil Geddes as the Auctioneer. 🌸 The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sue Castle*, Secretary 🌻



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)

## UPCOMING EVENT -

### *Garden Auction*

**in lieu of our regular meeting  
and an hour earlier than normal**

**Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

This is always a fun event where you get to empty your garage or shed of old unwanted items and then refill it with new stuff! If you are tired of your garden art or just want to add something new, then this is the event for you. Acceptable Garden related items include tools, art, pottery, and decor, etc., but please no books, magazines or baskets. If your item isn't intended for use in the garden, but has a garden motif that's ok too. If you have a really nice household item you no longer need, it can be donated too, but please be sure it's clean and tidy for its next owner. If you have a question contact Robin at [rchoate80@yahoo.com](mailto:rchoate80@yahoo.com).



🌸 Bring the items that you are donating at 6:30 and enjoy refreshments while you preview the items available.

🌸 At 7:00 pm we will start auctioning off the items with the help of the highly entertaining Emil Geddes.

We will accept cash or local checks as payment. Bring a few bags or boxes to help carry your items home in. All monies made will go to DIG's general fund.

If your item doesn't sell, please be prepared to take it home again.

## Hospitality

We want to thank Juli Redford, Pat Moore and Connie Miller for volunteering to bring goodies to our January Auction.



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**APRIL 2 - 5, 2020**

## Field Trips

Our December field trip to Western Garden Nursery and Alden Lane Nursery was rained out. Several of us enjoyed coffee at the new coffee shop, Big House Beans and then stopped in at Valley Oak Nursery on Lone Tree Way. It was a little wet, but we enjoyed a chat with the owner Scott. We are meeting next week to plan another trip and will let you know where we are going soon. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

*Juli Redford* 🌻 925-323-5854



We are still in need of a Program Director who can find and coordinate our speakers. If you are interested or if you have a speaker suggestion please let Bob know.

## Thank You

Amy Buck has designed and setup our new website. She found us the best deal and moved as much as she could from the old location. There are a few more things to do, plus she has to teach me how to add stuff. What a lot of work! Thank you, Amy!

Take some time and check it out: [deltainformalgardeners.org](http://deltainformalgardeners.org)

Scott Stout at Valley Oak Nursery donated pots and plants for our plant sale. Take some time to go visit them at 7021 Lone Tree Way in Brentwood. They have a gift shop with locally made crafts and are gearing up their plant selection for Spring.

## MEMBERSHIP

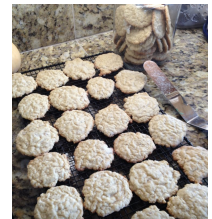
Time's up! Did you forget? Membership dues were due by December 31st and we only have about half of our members paid up. If you're not sure if you've paid yet, just give me a call at 925-234-0395 or email me at [cartz@comcast.net](mailto:cartz@comcast.net). Printing our Membership Directory is a complicated process that takes a lot of time to set up. We need your current contact information as soon as possible in order to add or keep you in the Directory. If we don't have your payment by January 31, you won't be included. Please help us move forward with this project so we can concentrate on getting ready for our main event, our plant sale. Checks should be sent to: **DIG, P.O. Box 66, Brentwood, CA, ATTN: Membership.** The current fees are \$20 for an individual, \$25 for a family. If you've already paid, thank you very much! I hope DIG's post office box is soon brimming with checks!

*Chris Artz* 🌸

👨‍🍳 We have so many wonderful cooks and bakers in our group that I know some of you would love to share your recipes and secrets. Please consider submitting something for next month's Weeder. 👨‍🍳

## AUNT IDA'S PRESSED COOKIES

- 2/3 Cup White Sugar + extra
- 2/3 Cup Brown Sugar
- 2 Cups Quick Oatmeal
- 1/2 Cup Finely Chopped Nuts
- 2/3 Cup Butter
- 2 Eggs
- 1 teaspoon Vanilla
- 2 Cups Flour
- 1/2 teaspoon Baking Soda
- 1 teaspoon Baking Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon Salt



- 👉 Pre-heat Oven to 325 degrees
  - 👉 Cream butter then add sugars, oatmeal and nuts.
  - 👉 Blend in eggs and vanilla.
  - 👉 Sift together flour, soda, baking powder and salt,
  - 👉 Mix with other ingredients.
  - 👉 Drop small teaspoons full of dough on greased or parchment lined cookie sheets.
  - 👉 Dip a flat bottomed glass in sugar then press dough flat. (Dampen glass bottom to get the sugar to stick, then twist slightly when flattening dough to keep dough from sticking to the bottom of the glass.)
  - 👉 Bake 10 to 12 minutes.
- Makes 6 dozen.

Contributed by Robin Choate 👨‍🍳

## 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 are due January 1, 2020

Please pay your 2020 Dues by January 31st to be included in the 2020 Member Directory.



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