



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

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

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

If you missed this year's auction, then you missed out on some great sale items and a lot of fun! For those who were there, you got some great items at great prices and you helped make this auction one of the most successful auctions yet. Emil Geddes was once again an entertaining auctioneer. We thank everyone who donated and bid on the items. It financially helps the club to fund our contributions back to the community in the form of Scholarships, food bank donations, and many other worthy causes. Next auction will be January 2022.



Propagation has started! We will be meeting every Saturday, rain or shine, at the Wolfe Ranch (700 Creek Road, Brentwood) from 10:00 to Noon, until the Saturday after the Plant sale. We can use all the help we can get, so come and help whenever you can and as often as you can. We generally have good things to munch on, lots of fun, meet new and old friends. Frequently, some of the DIGgers meet up for lunch after our work session to continue the camaraderie.

We are still in need of 4" pots, and we always need gallon 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.

Bob Selders, President 🌿

Hospitality

We want to thank Pat Moore, Connie Miller and Juli Redford for providing great goodies for our January Auction. And we thank Michael Pollock, Leslie Servin and Linda Soliven for volunteering to bring goodies for our February 24th meeting.

Board Minutes

The February 4, 2020 meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Bob S. 🌸 Bob S. reported that the Auction was a success with the most money the event has ever made. Emil Geddes was commended as a fun and entertaining auctioneer. There was a discussion of possible improvements and changes for future auctions. 🌸 Bob S. announced the Speakers for the next General Meetings. On February 24, Fire Capt. Robert Ruddick will speak on Firescaping and protecting your home with a Fire-Resistant Landscape and in March Gwenn O'Neil will address Aeroponics. 🌸 The Treasurers' report was given by Ginger. She noted that we had received a thank you note from the Community Chest for our donation toward the Mayors' Turkey Drive. She reported that she had filed federal and state paper work and paid the taxes from the 2019 Plant Sale. 🌸 The Board approved the Proposed Budget, as well as monies toward the repair of the large planting table at Wolfe Ranch sale area. 🌸 The January Minutes as printed were approved. Sue reported that Thank You and Receipt letters had been sent to Mr. Geddes, DIG's Auctioneer and Ms. Fournier for her donation of cacti, geranium and Jade plants. 🌸 DIG's Membership stands at 75 paid members. 30 members are unpaid. 🌸 Juli announced the next field trip will be Thursday, February 27th to Local Nurseries. Lunch will follow at the El Camino restaurant. On April 2, the field trip will be to the SF - Norcal Flower and Garden Show in Sacramento. 🌸 The Board approved donations of \$500.00 each to Freedom High School and Deer Valley High School Community-Based Instruction for the school garden programs. The programs are under the direction of teachers John Sierra and Bruce Ellison, respectively. 🌸 Bob S. reminded everyone that Propagation is ongoing. Fresh cuttings of quick starters and divisions are needed. 🌸 The obituary for long time member Marlys Carlisle was shared. 🌸 Congratulations to Debbie Auer, DIG member and former DIG President for her award as Classified Employee of the Year for Byron's School District! 🌸 The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌻

Show Off your DIG Membership Card



NURSERY DISCOUNTS

ALDEN LANE NURSERY - 10%

(when you buy 10 of 1 plant)

981 Alden Lane, Livermore /925-447-0280

ANNIE'S ANNUALS - 10%

740 Market Avenue, Richmond /510-215-3301

MORGAN'S HOME & GARDEN CENTER

10% on plants; 5% on rock

2555 E. 18th Street, Antioch /925-755-7600

PEREZ NURSERY - 10%

2601 Walnut Blvd., Brentwood/925-516-1052

POMPEI NURSERY - 10%

4701 Main Street, Oakley/925-625-7330

R&M POOL, PATIO & GARDENS - 10 %

6780 Marsh Creek Rd., Clayton/925- 762-0207

VALLEY OAK NURSERY - 15%

7021 Lone Tree Way, Brentwood/925-516-7868

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Our programs have been arranged for by our
Program Volunteers.

Monday, February 24th, 7:30 pm

Sandy Marman has arranged for Robert Ruddick, Captain with the East Contra Costa Fire District to speak on "Firescaping and Defensible Space". Captain Ruddick has worked for the East Contra Costa Fire District for 20 years. He grew up in Knightsen and now lives in Brentwood. He holds a BA and MA from Saint Mary's College of California, in Integral Liberal Arts and Leadership. He is active in preservation of local Fire



History working with the ECC Historical Society. Captain Ruddick is on the Fire Districts PEER support team for mental health, and is the President of the ECC Firefighters Association. He married his college sweetheart Jeanette and they have two children. He has been a Contra Costa Master Gardener since 2010, enjoying grape growing, wine making, composting, vegetable gardening and native plants.

🌸 March 23: Sandy Marman was on a roll and found our March speaker too. Gwen O'Neill will speak on Aeroponics.

🌸 April 27: Richard Arp has arranged for a program on Daffodils.

🌸 May 18 (note meeting is one week earlier due to the Memorial Day holiday): Robin Choate has arranged for a speaker on Vermiculture teas and extracts.

More details will come on the March thru May Speakers! We want to thank all the volunteers who helped and arranged for these speakers to cover the first half of the year. Bob S will be asking for or appointing five more volunteers to get programs for our July thru November programs at an upcoming General Meeting, so please help with this important task!

Field Trips

Our next field trip is coming up soon and it's local! We will visit some nurseries right in our own backyard: Perez, Asahi, and Valley Oak. Oh, and we always stop for lunch too. This time at El Camino Restaurant in Brentwood. No traffic and long car rides on this little jaunt. Come join us on **Thursday, February 27th**. 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.

Save the date! Field trip #2 will be on **Thursday, April 2**, to the San Francisco-Northern California Flower and Garden Show at CalExpo in Sacramento. This will be an all-day outing. More details to come.



Juli Redford ☀️ 925-323-5854



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



THANK YOU

To Bob Castle for building a new sink frame and repairing the tables at Wolfe Ranch. He's also spearheading the repairs on our carts. Bob's handy work will make it so much easier for us to "pot-up" our plants this season.

MEMBERSHIP

We have 2 new members this month! They are Karma Dewitt of Discovery Bay and Linda Cullen of Brentwood. Karma added much excitement to our recent auction and both of these new members have already joined us at propagation. Welcome ladies!

Thanks so much to the 75 members who have paid their dues. You will be listed in our soon to be printed 2020 DIG Directory. Unfortunately, we have 30 members who still haven't paid and will not be included in our Directory nor receive our monthly newsletter or email blasts of upcoming events.

Chris Artz 🌸

Garden Auction



Thank You...

to the many people who generously donated a variety of items to our auction and also to those who shopped their hearts out at this event! It was a fun evening, as usual, and very successful. Special thanks to those who set up tables, chairs and refreshments as well as the "runners" and our lovely ladies at the "check out tables." And of course, Emil Geddes for volunteering to be our auctioneer again.



Do you know someone who is looking for a service project, scout project, or group project?

Shepard's Gate in Brentwood is a shelter for women and children. Their vegetable garden is in need of renovation.

Contact their volunteer coordinator:

Tracy Sanchez - tsanchez@shepardsgate.org

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**

PROPAGATION IS UNDERWAY

🌿 Saturdays from 10am to Noon 🌿
At the Wolfe Ranch



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