



THE WEEDER

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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 - Canceled

April 27 - Canceled

May 18 - Canceled

June 22 - Canceled

July 27 - Canceled

August 24

September 28 Member's Potluck

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: Canceled

President's Message

Another month has passed and we are still in quarantine. Things are beginning to loosen up, but I don't see the ability for large groups to gather for another two or three months, if that, and only if the coronavirus continues to decline! The Board has discussed the coronavirus situation and decided that all General Meetings should be canceled until August. The Board will be closely following the regulation updates and discuss if we can have an August and subsequent General Meetings at our monthly Board Meetings, that will continue to be conducted by conference call. The June potluck has been rescheduled to September 28th if we can meet as a group at that time.

Plant Sale 2021: Our current plan is to begin our propagation process in September, depending on the coronavirus regulations in effect at that time. We have a significant number of perennials at the Wolfe Ranch that we are carrying over for the 2021 sale and will need volunteers to water these plants through the summer. Please contact Robin Choate if you can help.

Please stay safe, we will get through this pandemic and eventually get back to some semblance of normality when we can meet as a group again.

Bob Selders, President 🌱



Santolina "Lemon Fizz" and a Convolvulus sabatius, by Chris Artz

Board Minutes

Bob S. called to order the conference call for the **May 5, 2020**, Board Meeting at 7:03 PM. 🌸 Included on the call were Bob S., Connie, Ginger, Sue, Chris, Robin, Pat, Steve and Bob C. 🌸 After a discussion it was decided that General Meetings and Speakers will be canceled until August 2020. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurer's report and announced that DIG had received generous donations from members who participated in our plant giveaway. Ginger will get the High School Scholarships checks to Martin to be forwarded. 🌸 The Minutes were approved for the March 19th emergency conference call and April 7th Board meeting as printed in the Weeder. 🌸 A discussion followed regarding DIG's Potluck. The date has tentatively been changed to September 28th at the Selders's home. 🌸 Chris reported that DIG has 98 paid members. A discussion of how to increase membership followed. Suggestions included signs at local nurseries. 🌸 Robin stated that DIG's 2020 Member Booklets are ready and will be distributed at the potluck and/or meetings. 🌸 The Board unanimously voted to donate \$500.00 to Hope House. Additional donations will be discussed in December. Bob S reminded the Board that John Sierra's project is on hold due to the Coronavirus. 🌸 Bob asked for and obtained Board volunteers for clean up at the ranch. 🌸 A reminder: Robin needs volunteers for watering plants at the ranch during the summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌻

Bob S. called to order the **April 13, 2020** conference call at 7 PM. Included on the call were Bob S., Connie, Steve, Sue, Ginger, Chris, Robin, and Pat. 🌸 Discussed was the process of distributing the annuals to our members only. It was decided to have the members call their orders in to Connie by April 22 and make an appointment time for pickup on April 22, 23 or 24. All remaining annuals will be composted. There would be no charge for the plants, but we would suggest the members make a donation to help cover our costs. When members arrived they are to remain in their cars and we would load their plant order, after which they were to immediately leave the premises. The purpose of these procedures was to keep the number of individuals at the ranch to an absolute minimum. All workers are to wear masks and gloves as to be in compliance with COVID 19 regulations. The fate of the perennials will be decided at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌻

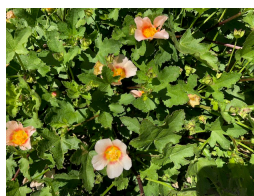
SHOW US YOUR GARDEN

Since we are Sheltering-In-Place let's share our "places" online. Post photos of your garden on [www.Facebook.com/BrentwoodDIG](https://www.facebook.com/BrentwoodDIG) so we can enjoy them with you. If you don't have facebook or have trouble posting you can email them to info@deltainformalgardeners.org

Here are a few we've already received:



From Celia's garden, plants courtesy of Cathy V.



Modiola Caroliniana or Ground Mallow from Juli R's garden.

A little something
Chris's husband,
Dan, built for their
backyard.



"Where flowers bloom, so does hope." Lady Bird Johnson

Thank You!



Thanks Bob Castle for rebuilding the work tables at Wolfe Ranch. This one has some history. Ask Bob or Peter about it some day.

Member Plant Give Away

Thank you to all who participated in our Members Annual Plant Give Away. We had a great turn out. Especially gratifying was, with the exception of the artichokes and strawberries, all of our annual plants were grown from seed by a few of our members. A very big thank you to Cathy Voortman, Celia Selders, Muriel Hilliard, Juli Redford, Sue and Bob Castle for starting our seeds. We had such a great selection of beautiful flowers and herbs and vegetables. If you are interested in trying your hand at seed growing for next years plant sale please let Connie know.

Connie Miller 🌻



Do you have a garden tip or recipe or photo to share?
Heard of an event or garden to go see?
Email it to info@deltainformalgardeners.org

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 98 members. Hopefully more people will join once we are able to have membership meetings and propagation workshops at the Wolfe Ranch on Saturdays starting in September. Fingers crossed!

Chris Artz 🌸

Waffle Cone S'Mores



Ingredients: Waffle cones, miniature marshmallows, chocolate chips, bananas and strawberries.

Wrap in aluminum foil and throw on the fire!

From Chris Artz

Orange 🍊 Pound Cake

*Did you get to try the orange pound cake
Marilyn brought one Saturday?*

Here is the link to get Ina Garten's recipe:

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ina-garten/orange-pound-cake-recipe-2124852>



Apple 🍏 Cake

1 cup flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 tsp baking powder
1/8 tsp salt
1/2 cup shortening (or butter)
1 cup finely chopped raw apples
2 Tbls milk



Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix the first 4 ingredients and cut in the shortening.

Add apples and milk, using more milk if the apples are not juicy.

Pour into a greased round cake pan.

Bake about 30 minutes.

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

Invite a friend to Join DIG



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