

# 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 - Canceled  
April 27 - Canceled  
May 18 - Canceled  
June 22 - Canceled  
July 27 - Canceled  
August 24 - Canceled  
September 28 Potluck Canceled  
October 26 - Canceled  
November 23 - Canceled  
December 7 Holiday Potluck - Canceled

### 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

It's November already and hard to believe we haven't been able to meet since last February and we don't know when we will be able to meet again! We can only hope and pray for the development of a safe and effective vaccine soon and getting the vaccine distributed throughout the world quickly.

In this month's Weeder I interviewed and wrote an article on Bev and Martin Tucker, who have been tireless Diggers for the past 25 years. Our long time members know Bev and Martin well, but the newer members likely don't know their history, devotion and the hard work that these two have done for DIG. Enjoy the article and when you see them, thank them for their service and commitment to the best Garden Club in the State. I enjoyed writing this article and I plan on doing additional articles for future Weeders on the many other long time member's contributions to DIG.

Fall is here and winter will be here before you know it. It's time to start getting your garden and garden tools ready for the winter. Clean, sharpen, and put your tools away. Get ready to protect your tender plants against frost. With the weather getting cooler you will be spending more time inside, so enjoy the nice weather when you can. I hope everyone has a nice Thanksgiving and stays healthy and safe.

*Bob Selders*, President 🍁🍂🌿

## Nominating Committee Report

In last month's Weeder we identified who the Nominating Committee had nominated to serve as our 2021 Board of Directors and requested the Membership to nominate additional members to serve on the Board. We received no additional nominees so the below is the list of members nominated for their respective positions:

Connie Miller, President  
Ginger Guider, Treasurer

Robin Choate, Vice President  
Sue Castle, Secretary

Per our By Laws, we vote and elect the officers at our November Meeting. Since we are unable to meet, we are doing the following process to elect the new Board:

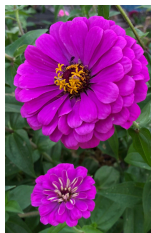
✳️ We will email all members a ballot listing the above nominees and request that you vote for all, or ✳️ If you want to add another nominee, write that person's name and position, then vote for each position. ✳️ Members must email their ballot back by Monday, November 23, 2020. ✳️ The current Board will induct the new 2021 Board at the December Board Meeting, via conference call, on November 24.

## Board Minutes

DIG's November 3, 2020, Board Meeting was called to order by Bob S. at 7:02PM via conference call. Included on the call were Bob S., Connie, Ginger, Sue, Pat, Robin, Chris, Juli, and Steve. 🌸 Bob reminded the Board that because of the COVID-19 the majority of DIG's activities have been cancelled, including Programs and General Meetings. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurer's report and added that donations have come in for DIG's plant giveaway. 🌸 October's Board meeting Minutes were approved as printed in the Weeder. 🌸 Chris stated that DIG's 2020 membership stands at 93. 24 members have already paid for 2021. 🌸 Juli, Field Trip Chair, will continue to suggest personal field trips in the Weeder. 🌸 Weeder articles are due on Thursday. Helpful hints and recipes would be appreciated. 🌸 Next on the agenda was the 2021 Board nominations. No nominations were received from the membership. The nominees are as follows: Connie as President, Robin as Vice President, Ginger as Treasurer and Sue as Secretary. Ballots will be sent by email with votes cast by replying to the email. 🌸 Bob S. reminded the Board that the December Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. 🌸 Donations will be decided next month. 🌸 Toy Drive - Since we can't meet, an email will go out with locations where members can drop off toys on their own. 🌸 The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sue Castle*, Secretary 🌻



## MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to the 24 people who have already paid their 2021 membership dues. As soon as our club is allowed to resume meetings and propagation work parties, you will all get shiny gold stars to stick on your foreheads for your exemplary action! If you haven't paid your dues yet, they are \$20 for individuals and \$25 for families. Please send your check to DIG, P.O. BOX 66, BRENTWOOD, CA 94513. ATTN: MEMBERSHIP. Thanks!

*Chris Artz* 🌻

## MARTIN & BEV TUCKER

DIG has many hard working members who have contributed their time and expertise to making Delta Informal Gardeners the great Garden Club that we all have come to love and enjoy. I thought we should highlight those many long time members, so all our members can know a little more about our fellow Diggers.

I recently was contacted by Martin Tucker indicating that, for various reasons, he wanted to step down after four years as our high school Scholarship Chairperson. Bev and Martin have been very active members since they joined DIG in 1996, soon after retiring and moving to Antioch. I thought our members might be interested in learning a little more about Bev and Martin, who have served as outstanding Diggers these past 24 years.



Bev and Martin met while working at Yosemite National Park. Martin graduated from high school in Susanville, CA and needed to raise funds to go to college. Bev was attending San Jose State when she too needed to earn some money to pay for college and by chance both got jobs in Yosemite. Martin was working as a 19 year old manager of one of the grills and Bev was a waitress there. They fell in love and have been married for 70 years! After their Yosemite job and marriage they moved to San Jose. Bev went back to San Jose State while Martin got into San Jose City College, which at the time was on the same campus and a feeder school into San Jose State. Martin went on to get his degree from San Jose State, but Bev dropped out in order to work and help get Martin through college and also to have four children. Bev did go back to San Jose State and graduated the same year as their oldest child graduated from High School! Way to go, Bev!

Martin worked many positions in education as a teacher in elementary and high school. He also was a high school student counselor for 18 years, a college administrator for 16 years at Santa Clara University, University of San Francisco, and Pitzer College. He also directed special summer programs at Stanford and Notre Dame. Martin worked in education for 46 years and reflected on some of his fondest memories, including when he worked in East San Jose with the Mexican American community. The community liked Martin so much that they made him an Honorary Mexican. He recalled that he advised a young African American girl (the little sister of track star Lee Evans) who wanted to be a dentist but could not afford medical school. Martin suggested that she go to school to become a dental assistant to see if the dental field was what she really wanted. He met her a number of years later at a school reunion. She thanked him for his suggestion and said she became a dental assistant and then went on to college and become a dentist!

Bev was also very successful in her career after raising a family and getting her degree from San Jose State. She worked with pre-schoolers and their parents, and she also worked for the Crippled Children's Society in Claremont, CA, where she was given the task of setting up an educational program, then furnishing, staffing and running the program.

Once Martin retired in 1996 they moved to Antioch. Martin wanted to pursue his hobby with Bonsai and attended the local Bonsai Club, but did not find the group to be very friendly. He then saw a notice about a DIG meeting. After attending a few meetings he joined the very friendly club and the rest is history! Martin served three years as Vice President, two years as President, plus completed Presidents terms of several members who could not complete their terms. He and Bev served as Field Trip Chairpersons for a number of years, Chairperson for Scholarships for four years and Bev was Hospitality Chairperson for a number of years as well. Bev and Martin also enjoyed hosting many of the annual DIG June potlucks at their home.

Martin has also been active in other organizations since retirement, including the Brentwood Methodist Church, where we will again have our General meetings once we get over COVID-19. Martin also volunteered at Kaiser every Thursday for ten years and the Livermore Bonsai Club. Bev has been involved with P.E.O. International, a philanthropic organization where women celebrate the advancement of women, educate women through scholarships, grants, etc., and support Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri (a two year academic college, soon to become a four year college).

Bev and Martin's service to DIG has definitely helped make DIG a great garden club and fortunately we have a lot of dedicated members like Bev and Martin. When I asked them what they liked most about DIG they said the social aspect and camaraderie, the many friends they have made and the sincere appreciation expressed by the many people who attend our Plant Sale. I think we would all agree.

I want to personally thank Bev and Martin for their many years of service to DIG and the community. I look forward to seeing them at our various meetings and functions once we get past this terrible virus. I will be highlighting other long time Diggers in future stories. - Bob Selders

## NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

Courtesy of Green Acres Nursery & Supply

<https://idiggreenacres.com/blogs/articles/cool-season-veggies>

### November Veggies

Each month provides a fresh chance to add veggies in your garden, either by plant or seed. November is no exception—and this month presents a special window for certain veggies that you can get started right now. We find winter veggies to be easy going and the gardening is low key and relaxed. If you haven't tried cool season gardening yet, please do! Cooler temperatures mean there are far fewer insects, pests, weeds and diseases, compared to summer gardening.

Using the [Vegetable Planting Calendar](#) (\* see link below) as a reference, this is an ideal time to put veggies in the ground by either seed or plant. For planting by seed this month, you can choose among peas, fava beans, radishes, carrots and more. Some cool-season veggies do best when started by plant, and there are lots of choices here too—broccoli, bok choy, cabbage and some fabulous greens.



As an extra bonus, by planting winter veggies you keep your soil active and alive, actually improving it for your next summer's hectic round of warm-season veggies. When you also choose organic fertilizers and amendments, you get to "grow the soil" so you can grow better plants and have even higher harvests year after year.

\* <https://idiggreenacres.com/blogs/learning-center/vegetable-planting-calendar>

**HINT:** Remember to wash or replace your garden gloves on a regular basis. They can carry bacteria and other grungy stuff in them. 🧤🧤🧤

## Recipe

### THOUSAND ISLAND DRESSING

2 cups Best Foods mayonnaise  
½ cup catsup  
½ cup sweet pickle relish  
3 Tbsp. finely diced onion, any kind  
1 tsp. minced garlic  
4 tsp. white wine vinegar  
½ tsp. kosher salt  
½ tsp. pepper  
3-4 dashes Tabasco sauce



Whisk all ingredients together until well mixed. Chill at least 1 hour. Keeps refrigerated 3-4 days.

Courtesy of Marilyn Lanfri



Rumor has it that these Apple Muffins are AMAZING!



<https://sallysbakingaddiction.com/glazed-apple-crumb-muffins/>

## D.I.Y. FIELD TRIPS

This time last year we were planning our annual trip to Orchard Nursery in Lafayette. We aren't going as a group this year, but the good news is: you are able to go on your own! As of November 5<sup>th</sup>, their holiday shop (inside) is now open. Business hours are Thursdays through Monday 9 am to 5 pm. Even if you don't purchase anything, it's a lovely place to visit.

Another location was mentioned to me by a board member; Cactus Jungle in Berkeley. Their website ([cactusjungle.com](http://cactusjungle.com)) shows beautiful photos of the nursery. Succulents are often quite beautiful in the cooler months. They are open Monday through Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm.



Both places have outdoor areas to shop and they do ask that you wear a face mask and use correct social distancing. We can all be safe and have enjoyable outings.

*Juli Redford.* 🍂

Photo Courtesy Cactus Jungle

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

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**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



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