



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.

2021 General Meetings

January 25 - Canceled
February 22 - Canceled
March 22 - Canceled
April 26 - Canceled
May 24 - Canceled
June 28 - Picnic - Plant Exchange
July 26 - TBD
August 23 - TBD
September 27 - TBD - Maybe!
October 25 - TBD
November 22 - TBD
December 13 - Holiday Potluck -

2021 Board Meetings

January 5	July 6
February 2	August 3
March 2	September 7
April 6	October 5
May 4	November 2
June 8	November 30

2021 Plant Sale: CANCELED

President's Message

I'd like to thank the following people for coming out to Wolfe Ranch on May 15 and helping in our annual clean-up. Normally we'd be doing this after our plant sale but somehow this year, despite no plant sale, we still needed to clean up the potting area. It looks so neat and organized now and we're ready to start up again in September. Thanks to Bob & Celia Selders, Bob Castle, Robin Choate, Nan Kreeger, Linda Cullen, Dan Artz, Leslie Servin, Holly Showman, Joy Neal, Vivian Faye, Pat Moore, John Case and Roger Marman. It's a dirty job but as always, needs to be done.

I'm looking forward to our DIG Picnic on June 28 at Wolfe Ranch. Set up will be at 5:30. Mark your calendars and don't forget this year it's a picnic, not a potluck. We won't be sharing food. Come and see old friends and let's have some fun. We'll also have our curious container competition which is always a big hit. And if you don't have a curious container, come anyway and enjoy seeing what our clever DIGgers come up with. Our judges are chosen arbitrarily and awards are given for whatever categories they choose. And of course we have fabulous prizes for the winners. See you there.



Photo from Celia Selders

If you have plants you would like to share you can bring them, but if there are no takers you will need to take them home with you. Only bring a few! We can not keep them at Wolfe's until next Spring.

Connie Miller, President 🌹

What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have never been discovered.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Board Minutes

Connie called to order DIG's June 8, 2021, Board Meeting at 11:05 AM. The Board Meeting was held at Wolfe Ranch. Included at the Meeting were Connie, Robin, Ginger, Sue, Chris, Dan, Pat, Juli, Bob S. and Cecilia. 🌸 DIG's recent Clean-Up at Wolfe Ranch on May 15th went well and lots of items are organized and the area spruced up. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurers' report. After a quick examination of DIG's expenses, Ginger said that DIG's finances are fine. 🌸 The Board unanimously approved the DIG's May Minutes as printed in the Weeder. 🌸 Bob S. attended Freedom High School's Awards Night and presented DIG's \$1,000.00 Scholarship to Elizabeth Kneer. Elizabeth plans to focus on Environmental Sciences. At Dozier-Libbey Medical High School Bob S. virtually presented DIG's Scholarship to Monserrat Lopez, who plans to be a Registered Nurse. 🌸 Chris reported that DIG has 96 members. Chris will ask for dues at the June Picnic. 🌸 Juli reported that Field Trips are currently a work in progress. 🌸 DIG's JUNE PICNIC is on Monday, June 28th at Wolfe Ranch. It's BYO Food & drink. Because of COVID 19, there is to be no sharing of food. Set up is at 5:30 PM and the



PICNIC begins at 6:00PM. There will be a garden related "Curious Container" Contest for prizes. In addition, bring any plants that you would like to give away or exchange. 🌸 At the Picnic, Robin will ask for Speaker helpers in anticipation of meetings starting in the Fall. 🌸 DIG's focus is Propagation in the Fall. It will begin on Saturday, September 18th at Wolfe Ranch. 🌸 Under new business, the Board decided that in lieu of the General Meeting on January 24th, 2022, DIG will have the Bi-Annual Auction. Be sure to save all of your garden "treasures" for the Auction. 🌸 The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌸



Carole not only grew gardens, she quilted them too!

STEVE & CAROLE HENDRICKSON

Steve Hendrickson was born in Escalon, CA and raised in Manteca by his mother and grandparents, until his mother, Beverly, married Ben Peterson in 1960, who was a well known Brentwood realtor and successful business person. Steve attended Brentwood schools and graduated from Liberty High School. In 1966 Steve was drafted into the army and spent his service in Germany as a mechanic. Upon returning from Germany, Steve went to work for Spector Physics in Palo Alto assembling lasers. Steve was dating Carole's sister when he met Carole in 1975, who worked for DuPont chemical at that time and they were married in 1977. Steve and Carole continued living in the Palo Alto area until 1984 when Steve's step-father, Ben Peterson, passed away and Steve's mother wanted Steve to move back to Brentwood and help manage and maintain the real estate holdings that Ben and Beverly had accumulated over the years.



Upon moving back to Brentwood, Steve and Carole wanted to get involved in the community and started looking for how they could do so. It was in 1988 while Steve, wanting to learn more about plants, worked part time at Norman's Nursery. Jean Scudero, who worked at the nursery, introduced Steve to Pat Moore and that was the beginning of the Delta Informal Gardeners. You can refer back to the April Weeder for more detail on the formation history in the article on Pat Moore. The Club held their first meeting in June 1988 and first Plant Sale in August 1988 and have held a Plant Sale every year since then until 2020 and 2021 when the pandemic prevented us from having our annual sale.



Steve and Carole were driving forces in the success of the garden club. Steve took propagation classes at DVC from Kathy Echols, who was instrumental in forming DIG, and incorporated what he learned into our Plant Sale process. Propagation of plants for our annual sale has become an annual event that many of you participate in and enjoy. Steve has been the plant manager and guru of the sale for all the plant sales until these past few years. Steve has served in almost all Board and Chairperson positions over the years. Carole also served in almost all Board and Chairperson positions over the years and she prepared the monthly Weeder for over 25 years.

Thank you Steve, for being at Norm's Brentwood Nursery in 1988, meeting Pat Moore, involving Kaye Rosso and forming the Delta Informal Gardeners!

Bob Selders 🌱

2021 Carol Hendrickson Scholarship Award Winners

Each year DIG has given a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Liberty Union High School District and three years ago we added a \$1,000 Scholarship to a graduating senior from the Antioch High School District. Both Districts have multiple high school campuses (Liberty – 5; Antioch -6 campuses) so we rotate our Scholarships each year to a different campus.

On May 20th, I had the pleasure of presenting our scholarship to Elizabeth Kneer from Freedom High School in the Liberty District. Elizabeth graduated with a 3.71 GPA, was active in the Theatre, French and Choir clubs. She was on the sophomore Varsity Swim Team and Junior Varsity Pole Vaulting Team. Outside of school she volunteers at the “Enchanted Hills Camp for the Blind and Visually Impaired” and works part time as a Preliminary Technician at Vision Optix Optometry.

Elizabeth is enrolled at Los Medanos College this Fall majoring in Environmental Science, with the goal of going on to a four year college and a degree in Environmental Science. She wants to continue her work with the Blind and Visually Impaired and incorporate that with her environmental work in some way. Elizabeth is very personable, motivated and I’m sure she will reach her goals.

On June 3rd, I participated in the Dozier-Libby Medical High School, Antioch, Awards Ceremony via a Zoom meeting. Our scholarship was presented to Monserrat Lopez, who ranked 9th in her class. Monserrat is planning to attend Los Medanos College in the Fall, focusing on Math/Science with the goal of transferring to a four year college and becoming a registered nurse.

Bob Selders

Interesting & Informative Podcasts

Green Acres Nursery and Supply has great “Podcasts with Farmer Fred,” that are hosted by Lifetime Master Gardener, Fred Hoffman. Whether you’re a newbie or a seasoned gardener, you’re sure to learn something new. I particularly enjoy the conversations with Sacramento area gardeners and gurus who answer questions I never knew I had. To listen to these podcasts, just go to idiggreenacres.com and scroll down to **Green Acres Garden Podcast** and click on “Listen Now.” Currently there are 20 different episodes including my favorite, “Plants for Dry Shade.” Check out these podcasts. I don’t think you’ll be disappointed.

Chris Artz 



RECIPE



We will be featuring recipes from our member’s cookbook. Let us know what you think.

POTATO LEEK SOUP

1 tbsp. finely chopped onion
2 tbsp. butter
1/2 c. flour
6 c. chicken stock
4 c. raw diced potatoes
1/2 c. diced leek (yellow part only)
1/2 c. whipping cream
Salt to taste
1 tsp. finely chopped parsley

Saute onion in butter until transparent. Add flour and mix well. Add 3 cups of the chicken stock. Stir well and let simmer slowly. In a separate pot put the other 3 cups of chicken stock, potatoes and leeks. Bring to a boil and let simmer for 20 minutes. Mix both liquids together, add the cream and check for seasoning. Serve topped with parsley.

TOMATO, BASIL AND CHEESE TART

8 lg. tomatoes (7 tomatoes should be chopped, 1 tomato thinly sliced for garnish)
1/4 lb. bacon
1 med. red onion, finely chopped
1/4 c. fresh basil leaves, lightly packed
Pinch fresh pepper
2 c. Mozzarella cheese, grated
10 inch pie shell

Prebake the pie shell at 375 degrees for 10 minutes, set aside. Cook bacon until crisp, drain and set aside. Reserve 2 tablespoons grease from cooked bacon. Add onion and stir until limp over medium high heat. Add chopped tomatoes and basil. Cook uncovered, stirring occasionally, until thick for 15 minutes. Stir in pepper, add bacon that has been finely chopped. Spoon cooked mixture into pie shell, cover with cheese. Bake at 400 degrees until cheese is melted and golden brown, about 15 minutes. Garnish with tomato slices and basil leaves. Let sit 5 minutes before serving. Serve with any zesty bread and green salad. Serves 6.

FIELD TRIPS

Hi ya’ll. It’s time to get out to the back forty and get them crops harvested! Okay, just kidding. But if you are looking for a field trip, farm stands in Brentwood are open with fresh fruit and vegetables. To find out where to go, the best source for information is this website: www.harvestforyou.com. This allows you to search by u-pick and pre-pick farms. Then you choose the product you are looking to buy.

We hope to resume group field trips soon!

Juli Redford 

Do you have a suggestion for a field trip? Have you been somewhere fun and plant worthy?

Let us know about it:
info@deltainformalgardeners.org

DIG Membership

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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

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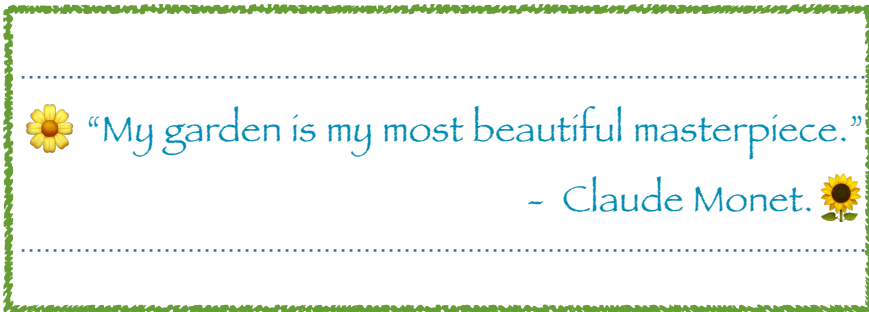
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