

# THE WEEDEEER

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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 - Canceled  
August 23 - Canceled  
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

We had such a nice time at our picnic and it was great to see so many old friends. Thanks to all who came and also to those who helped set up and clean up. There were many great curious container entries too. And our next generation of DIGgers (Vivian Voortman) was right in there with her entry too! How cool is that?

It's hot and keeping my plants alive and happy, using as little water as possible is my main goal for the next couple of months. My vegetables are doing well, especially the bell peppers, tomatoes and eggplant. Zucchini not so much, but we'll see. Same with the pumpkin. Another one of life in the garden's little mysteries. Well, I suspect a trip to the nursery will soon be in order.



I hope you're enjoying your gardens even with the challenges this drought and heat is bringing us this year. I'm very much looking forward to September to begin our propagation and meetings to begin again. In the meantime, stay cool.

*Connie Miller*, President 

*"To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow."*

*- Audrey Hepburn*

## Board Minutes

Connie called to order DIG's July 6, 2021, Board Meeting at 11:05 AM. The Board Meeting was held at Wolfe Ranch. Included at the Meeting were Connie, Robin, Ginger, Chris, Dan, Bob S. and Cecilia. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurer's report. 🌸 Connie mentioned an article about farm water restrictions that may be put in place. 🌸 Chris noted we have 104 members. 🌸 Bob reported we received a Thank You letter from Freedom High School for the scholarship. 🌸 The Potluck was a success with 37 people in attendance. 🌸 Minutes of the last meeting were approved. 🌸 Connie noted that things will be slow until September. 🌸 Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Robin Choate* For *Sue Castle*, Secretary 🌸

## In Memoriam

We have recently lost two long time DIG members.

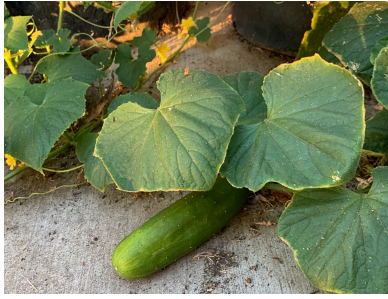
**Robin Beck** passed on May 30th. She was known for her beautiful roses and chrysanthemums.


**George Doneux** had been very active in DIG until his health declined. His wife Janice has invited us to attend a memorial scheduled for 11:00 am, Friday, July 16, at Resurrection Ministries, 1275 Fairview Ave., Brentwood.

## JUNE MEMBER PICNIC







It's a slow time, so here's a photo of the cucumber I grew.  Robin

## D.I. Y. FIELD TRIP

### Great Garden to visit in Santa Barbara, CA

While visiting a friend recently on the Central Coast, we toured the most amazing garden I have ever seen. It's called Ganna Walska (after its owner/creator) "**Lotusland**" and is recognized as one of the 10 best gardens in the world. This garden is home to over 3,000 different plants from all over the world. Exotic display gardens contain striking specimens of Mediterranean, tropic, desert and aquatic plants. You will see one surprise after another in the two-hour, self-guided tour. Visitor tours are offered between mid-February and mid-November, by reservation only. We can't wait to revisit this incredible garden. For further information, visit [lotusland.org](http://lotusland.org).



*Chris Artz* 

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](mailto:info@deltainformalgardeners.org)



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

### EGGPLANT SAUCE FOR PASTA

2 tbsp. olive oil  
2 lg. cloves garlic (or shallots), minced  
3 c. peeled, chopped tomatoes  
1/4 c. (or more) fresh chopped basil  
1 tsp. sugar, to taste  
1 tsp. salt, to taste  
1/4 to 1/2 tsp. black pepper  
1/2 c. chopped parsley  
1 med. eggplant, pared and diced  
Pasta

Heat oil in a large saucepan. Sauté garlic or shallots until lightly golden. Before measuring the tomatoes, drain off any excess juice. Add the remaining ingredients to the pan, cover and simmer for about 1 hour. Taste as the sauce simmers to see just how long you want to cook the sauce. Serve over pasta of your choice.

### EGGPLANT TAMALE PIE

2 lg. red onions, thinly sliced  
3 lb. eggplant, cut into 1/2 x 3 inch strips  
1 lg. can sliced black olives  
1 (16 oz.) can roasted mild peppers, cut into strips  
6 tbsp. olive oil  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
30 oz. Ricotta cheese  
6 lg. eggs  
1 c. grated Parmesan cheese  
1 1/2 tsp. cumin  
1 tsp. coriander  
1/2 tsp. nutmeg  
Salt and pepper to taste  
12 corn tortillas (6 inch)  
1 c. salsa

In a roasting pan, mix onions, peppers, olives, eggplant, oil and garlic. Bake at 425 degrees for 45 minutes. Stir often; cool. In a bowl, combine Ricotta, eggs, Parmesan, spices, salt and pepper. Beat until smooth. Oil a shallow 4 quart casserole. Line the bottom with 4 tortillas. Alternate 3 layers of tortillas, vegetables and cheese, ending with the cheese mixture. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until edges are brown. Let stand 10 to 15 minutes before serving. Serve with salsa on the side. Serves 8.

### ZUCCHINI BREAD

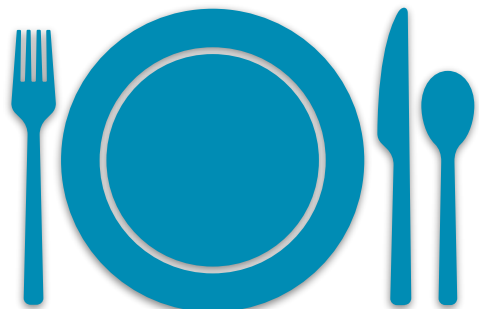
3 eggs  
1 c. oil  
2 c. sugar  
2 c. peeled, grated zucchini  
2 tsp. vanilla  
3 c. flour  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1/4 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. salt  
3 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 c. chopped nuts

In a bowl, beat the eggs until light and foamy. Add oil, sugar, zucchini and vanilla. Mix lightly, but well. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, salt and cinnamon and add to egg mixture. Blend well and fold in nuts. Bake in 2 greased loaf pans at 325 degrees for 1 hour or until done. Remove from pans at once and cool on a rack.

### CHOCOLATE ZUCCHINI BREAD

3 eggs  
1 c. vegetable oil  
2 c. sugar  
1 tbsp. vanilla  
2 c. shredded zucchini  
1/2 c. flour  
1/2 c. baking cocoa  
1 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. baking soda  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. baking powder

In a mixing bowl, beat the eggs, oil, sugar and vanilla. Stir in zucchini. Combine the dry ingredients and add to the zucchini mixture. Mix well. Pour into two greased 8 x 4 x 2 inch loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until bread tests done.



**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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\_\_\_\_\_ **New Member**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Renewal**

*Save the Date: September 18, 2021  
Our Return to Propagation!  
Details next month*



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