



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 - Canceled
August 23 - Canceled
September 27 - Wear a mask!
October 25
November 22
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

2022 Plant Sale: MAY 7

President's Message

DIG is off to a great start for our new season.

We had a great first meeting in September with Cathy Voortman as our speaker. She showed slides of all the beautiful plants she grows from seed and I came away so enthused and ready to get planting my own seeds. Not only for my garden but for our DIG sale as well. We've had pretty good luck growing some things from seed the past two or three years. The cooler weather is perfect to be out gardening now and as we all know fall is such a good time to plant. Things in my yard are looking pretty tired from the heat and lack of water. I see so much that needs to be done and I'm in the mood to get out and work now.

Propagation is going well. I hope you can join us on Saturday mornings from 10-12 at Wolfe Ranch for our propagation work shops. This is where we start up many of our plants for our next year's plant sale. So come and join us. You'll learn how to make new plants, discover all kinds of new plants and get to know other DIGgers better too. We always have a good time. Also, I will have a sign up sheet if you want to try your hand at growing seeds for our sale as well. Hope to see you there.



If you are having trouble driving at night to get to our meetings, let me know and I'll arrange for someone to give you a ride. If you'd like to volunteer to drive someone let me know that too!

Connie Miller, President 🌹

"A gardener learns more in the mistakes than in the successes."

-Barbara Dodge Borland

Speaker Committee

A Big Thank You to our members who "volunteered" to find speakers for our general meetings. Richard Arp has found us Nancy Tackett to speak to us in November on Daffodils. Leslie Servin has promised to find a speaker for March. Sandy Marman is tracking down a speaker she had contacted before the shut down. October has not been confirmed, but I do have a couple potential speakers.

If you'd like to volunteer to find a speaker or be a speaker or know a speaker, please contact me at rchoate80@yahoo.com.

Don't forget, December will be our Holiday Potluck and in January we will have our Auction. Save all those garden related items and we'll auction them off to the highest bidder. All proceeds go to DIG scholarships and charities.

Robin Choate 

Board Minutes

Connie called to order DIG's October 5, 2021 Board Meeting at 11:09 AM. The Board Meeting was held at Wolfe Ranch. Included at the Meeting were Connie, Ginger, Chris, Pat, Sue, Cecilia, Bob S. and Robin. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurers' report. Ginger passed out a comparison of expenses for 2019, 2020 and to date 2021. 🌸 Chris reported that Membership remains at 97. 🌸 DIG's September Board Minutes were approved as printed in the Weeder. 🌸 Bob S. stated that the Scholarship process is in the hands of the High Schools. 🌸 Pat will check with her Tee Shirt sales contact to see what gardening club clothing is available. 🌸 Robin spoke about the Christmas Toy Drive, which is run by the Community Chest. Unwrapped presents or Gift Cards can be brought to Saturday Propagation or our General Meetings on October 25th or November 25th. 🌸 Connie referenced a list of DIG Procedures and reviewed them to be sure we were on schedule. 🌸 Purchase of Soil: Robin & Bob will coordinate the 10 yard purchase, delivery, and blending. 🌸 Speakers are not confirmed, but several members are contacting potential speakers. 🌸 Propagation has begun at Wolfe Ranch on Saturdays 10 AM – noon. Connie reminded us that labels are very important. A label needs to have the common name, color, size, description and the date of propagation. 🌸 Nominating Committee: Connie has asked the current officers if they will continue through 2022. All have agreed. 🌸 Bob suggested we put flyers in local nurseries and on Nextdoor about meetings. 🌸 Connie announced that she will be ordering seeds. 🌸 The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 

OCTOBER GARDEN TIPS

From www.kelloggarden.com

(Links to online articles)

October Garden Maintenance in Zones 9

What to Plant Outside

It's time to **plant garlic** and shallots at this time.

Continue to plant new perennials, trees, and shrubs. Plant early in the day and water in well, as the sun can still be intense during the afternoons.

Plant your spring bulbs if you have not done so already. They will provide a great deal of joy and excitement when they emerge from the earth after a long, cold winter. You can also plant native plants this month. Consider **sowing some wildflower seeds** and see what comes up.

Indoor Planting

Sow cool-season vegetables for a late fall planting and winter harvest. Consider planting:

- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Cucumbers
- Kale
- Lettuce
- Peas
- Swiss Chard



Fall Garden Mulching

- Mimic the natural forest floor by **covering bare spots in your garden beds with mulch**. This practice deters weeds from developing there, enriches the soil as the mulch breaks down, and provides a habitat for beneficial insects.
- Add a generous layer of mulch or **plant a cover crop** to vacant garden beds.
- Mulch newer perennial plantings and bulbs to insulate root systems during the upcoming winter months.
- Mulch rose bushes, citrus groves, and grapevines for extra winter protection.

Autumn Watering Tips

- Water in recently planted perennials deeply. Not only do the roots need the water to establish themselves before a harsh winter, but water also acts as an insulator.
- Continue to water your vegetable and flower gardens, preferably from below, using a **garden drip irrigation water system** to keep foliage dry.
- Water your fall container plants regularly.

ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Once again we are collecting toys for local children in need. Please bring unwrapped toys or gift cards to our October or November meetings or to Saturday Propagation.

Thank You!

FIELD TRIP

DIG FIELD TRIP REMINDER!



Golden Valley Nursery

26701 South Lammers Rd. Tracy

Tracy's Nursery & Gardens

29181 South Lehman Rd. Tracy

FRIDAY, OCT. 15TH, 2021

CARPPOOLING (approximately 50 minutes each way)

MEET 9:00 AM AT BART PARK N' RIDE LOT
(WALNUT BLVD., BRENTWOOD)

Lunch: in Tracy

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



Sweet Corn & Zucchini Pie

from pinchofyum.com

INGREDIENTS

- 4 tablespoons butter
- half of a yellow onion, diced
- 2 ears sweet corn
- 2 large zucchini, sliced very thinly (about 4 cups)
- 8 ounces sliced mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 12 ounces shredded cheese (I used both Mozzarella and Swiss)
- 4 eggs, beaten



INSTRUCTIONS

- Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Heat the butter in a large, deep skillet over medium high heat. Add the onions, zucchini, and mushrooms. While the veggies saute, cut the corn kernels off the cob. Add them to the pan and continue to saute until the veggies are soft, 5-10 minutes. Remove from heat.
- Once the mixture has cooled for a few minutes, stir in the basil, oregano, salt, cheese, and the beaten eggs. Line a pie pan (9-inch or larger) with parchment paper or just grease a pan with nonstick spray. Transfer the mixture to the pan. Arrange the top so the zucchini slices lay flat and look nice. Top with a little extra cheese for looks, cover with greased foil, and bake for 20 minutes. Remove foil and bake for an additional 5 minutes to brown the top. Let stand for 10-15 minutes before cutting into slices.

Membership

Currently DIG has 98 members, including Charlie Miller who lives in Brentwood and Anne Mingst who recently moved to Brentwood from Sunnyvale. Welcome ladies! We look forward to getting to know you at propagation work parties at the Wolfe Ranch on Saturdays and at our monthly membership meetings.

Thank you to those members who have already paid their dues for 2022. If you haven't paid yours yet, membership dues are still \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family membership. Please make your checks out to DIG and mail to **DIG, P.O. Box 66, Brentwood, CA, 94513, ATTN: Membership.**

At our next membership meeting I will have new membership cards for 2022 for members who have paid their dues. These cards can be presented at certain nurseries before you purchase your plants to get a discount. I also have a list to share with you of local nurseries who generously offer us discounts.

Chris Artz 

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**



October 25, 2021 - In Person Meeting!



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