



THE WEEDEEER

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NEW- Next year's 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.

2022 General Meetings

- January 24 - Auction
- February 28
- March 28
- April 25
- May 23
- June 27 - Members Potluck
- July 25
- August 22
- September 26
- October 24
- November 28
- December 12 - Holiday Potluck -

2022 Board Meetings

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| January 4 | July 5 |
| February 8 | August 2 |
| March 8 | September 6 |
| April 5 | October 4 |
| May 3 | November 1 |
| June 7 | November 29 |

2022 Plant Sale: MAY 7

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Monday, December 13, 2021
Set up 5:45, Party from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Brentwood Community Center - 35 Oak Street

Cuisine: Bring a Main Dish, Salad, Side Dish, Dessert or an Appetizer to share. Please bring enough to serve 8. Plates, utensils, & napkins will be provided. (If you'd like to share your recipe, please bring a copy so others can take a photo of it, so they can try to make it themselves.)



Beverages: DIG will provide water. You may bring the beverage of your choice. Beer and Wine are allowed.



Gift Exchange: Each person who wishes to participate should bring an Exchange Gift. Garden or homemade gifts are encouraged. Gifts will be used as table centerpieces until exchanged. Please make it a gift you would be happy to receive, but not expensive.

R.S.V.P. To Connie 925-420-5347 by December 6th.

Per City of Brentwood requirements, Attendees will need to show photo I.D. and proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test within the last 3 days.



Connie Miller, President



Board Minutes

Connie called to order DIG's December's Board Meeting held on November 30, 2021, at 7:07 PM. Included at the Meeting were Connie, Robin, Ginger, Sue, Chris, Pat and Bob S. ❁ Ginger gave the Treasurers' report. She added that she had sent out all of the checks to the various Donation recipients. ❁ Chris reported that Membership has 62 paid members. ❁ Sue requested that DIG's November 2021 Minutes, as printed in the Weeder, be approved. The Minutes were approved by the Board. ❁ Robin shared that DIG's response for toy donations to Brentwood's Community Chest's Toy Drive was wonderful and a great success! ❁ Robin added that Linda C. had volunteered to take over DIG's watering duties and scheduling. Blending new and old soil will happen soon. Our cuttings are starting to root so we may be able to "Pot Up" soon. ❁ The Holiday Party at Brentwood Community Center is Monday, December 13th. Set Up is at 5:45 PM and Potluck Dinner begins after 6 P.M. ❁ New Business: The Auction is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2022. Set up, Preview, and Refreshments begin at 6:30 P.M. Auctioning will begin at 7:00. Garden



related "treasures" will be auctioned off, no books or baskets. Bring plastic bags and boxes to take items home in. A discussion followed regarding the Auction's organization, needs, worker positions and duties. Volunteers will be needed. ❁ The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌸

👶 ANNUAL TOY DRIVE 👶

What an awesome selection of toys and gift cards all you DIG members donated.

There will be a lot of happy kids this year.



Thank You so very much!

FUTURE EVENTS

**Our 2022 Officers will be sworn in
at the Holiday Potluck on December 13th.**



On **January 24, 2022**, we will have an **Auction** of garden related items that our members donate. This is a fun event where we raise money to donate. So, save those garden things you no longer use and bring them to the Auction. We will gladly auction off your no longer needed tools, pottery, garden art, etc. Please no books or baskets.



Can you volunteer to help that night? We need a few people to be helpers. After an item is sold you would give a sales tag to the buyer while your partner labels & moves the item to the sold table. Let Connie or Robin know if you'd like to do this fun job.



Speaker Committee

Do you know of someone who has an interesting garden related story to tell? Ask them if they'd like to be a speaker at DIG. Sandy Marman, Leslie Servin, and Richard Arp have helped by lining up speakers for the first part of the year. We need speakers for July through November of 2022. Contact Robin who will give you the information you need to schedule your speaker.



On February 28th **Gwen O'Neill** will speak on Hydroponic Towers.

Robin Choate 🧑‍🌾

925-759-0700 ❁

FIELD TRIPS

Our traditional December trip to Orchard Nursery in Lafayette did not disappoint! Leaving a dense morning fog in Brentwood, we arrived at the nursery to sunshine and open parking spaces. It was pleasant to stroll inside and



Martin & Bev (left),

Karyn & Robin (right)

outside while viewing the seasonal displays. Afterwards, all 13 of us dined and chatted at a nearby Mexican restaurant. There were many happy faces in this bunch!

Juli Redford 🌲

Chocolate Chip Cookies with Pomegranate Seeds

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup unsalted butter (2 sticks), melted (see note*)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup semisweet mini chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. In a medium bowl, combine flour, baking soda, salt and cinnamon. Set aside.
3. In a large mixing bowl, combine sugar, brown sugar, eggs, butter and vanilla extract.
4. Slowly add flour mixture to the large bowl until all ingredients are mixed together.
5. Add the chocolate chips and pomegranate seeds.
6. Using a cookie scoop or spoon, arrange dough on baking sheet (each cookie about 1.5 tablespoons of dough)
7. Bake for 9-10 minutes or until edges are slightly browned. Makes 3 dozen.

* Melted butter makes it easier to mix by hand, and will result in a flatter, slightly crunchier cookie. If you desire a slightly fluffier and chewy cookie, use room temperature butter and/or refrigerate dough before baking.

<https://www.trialandeater.com/chocolate-chip-cookies-pomegranate-seeds/>

MEMBERSHIP

We recently had 3 new members join DIG, which puts our total membership at 64. They are Erica Pantle and Lorraine Maxson from Oakley and Kathy Sciortino from Brentwood. Erica and Kathy heard about our club from friends and Lorraine has been coming to our plant sale for years and finally decided to join in the fun! Welcome ladies! We look forward to working with you and getting to know you in the coming year.

SPECIAL THANK YOU'S

To Connie Miller and Sue Castle for printing, stamping, addressing and mailing the invitations for our Holiday Party on Monday, December 13. Due to the pandemic, Connie had to jump through many extra hoops with the City of Brentwood to plan this yearly event so please be sure to call or email her as soon as possible to let her know if you plan to attend. No need to call if you can't join us.

To Linda Cullen for generously volunteering to be the person in charge of scheduling members to water our potted plants at the Wolfe Ranch. This is an important job organizing who waters our plants and when. Volunteers need to take their job seriously or plants will die, which is not our goal. When the time comes, please contact Linda to help our club with this huge task. We all need to do our part in making our plant sale a big success.



Chris Artz 📺

It's time to pay your dues for 2022! Please call Chris Artz at 925-234-0395 if you are unsure if you've already paid. Thanks!

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

Pay your 2022 Dues now!



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