

THE WEEDEDER

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NEW- 2022 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

January 4

July 5

February 8

August 2

March 8

September 6

April 5

October 4

May 3

November 8

June 7

November 29

2022 Plant Sale: MAY 7

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another challenging year is behind us and I'm looking forward to the coming year. I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year. It was great to see so many people at our holiday party. I could just tell that you're all eager to get started outside; getting to work in your own gardens as well as with DIG. Not only is DIG a very special and wonderful garden club, we are a family of friends and I think we're all missing the camaraderie that goes along with working together and planning our plant sale. So get ready for a busy year. We have cuttings to pot up and seeds to plant. Keep an eye out for our starting date for Saturday workshops.



This wonderful rain we've been having has been so encouraging. My thirsty yard has sucked up the rain and I'm knee-deep in weeds now. But that's OK, I'm ready to be out in the garden and planning new things for the year. This is the year the front lawn goes. Definitely! I know, I've said that before.

Be sure and mark your calendars for January 24, our next meeting. We will be having our biennial Auction, which is always great fun and raises funds for DIG. We're lucky to have Emil Geddes as our auctioneer again too. Hope to see you there. Please don't forget to wear a mask. (See page 2 for details.)

Connie Miller, President

Thank you Sandy, Leslie and Marilyn for volunteering to bring treats for the Auction on January 24th.

Board Minutes

January 4, 2022, Board Meeting was called to order by Connie at 7:02 PM. Attending the Meeting were Connie, Robin, Steve, Ginger, Sue, Chris, Pat, Bob S., and Bob C. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurers' report. She added that the California Sales Tax form had been completed and sent in to the State. 🌸 Chris reported that our paid Membership now stands at 76. 🌸 Sue requested and the Board approved the December 2021 Minutes, as printed in the Weeder. 🌸 Robin said that the Realtors who organized and ran the Discovery Bay Toy Drive had sent a thank you letter to DIG with pictures of piles of toys donated by DIG. 🌸 Steve announced that Propagation and "Potting Up" will tentatively begin Saturday, January 22, weather willing. He added that plant prices, types and numbers will need to be revisited. Connie added that she will be buying seeds – so contact her if you want seeds. Robin added that Chris Choate had blended the new and old soil. 🌸 The Auction was discussed - organization, duties and worker positions. It is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2022. Volunteers are still needed. Masks are required. Cash or checks will be the only forms of accepted payment. It all begins at 6:30 PM. Set up your Garden related "treasures" to be auctioned off and then begin your Preview. The Auction begins at 7 PM. In addition, please bring boxes and bags to take your new treasures home with you. 🌸 The Board discussed the Holiday Potluck Dinner. All agreed that it was a wonderful evening and there was a good turn out. The room is booked for next year. 🌸 Connie made the Field trip report for Juli, hinting that there is something in the works for April and might be in Tracy. 🌸 Speakers for February and March will be Gwen O'Neal & Leslie Servin. 🌸 The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌸



AUCTION 🌸 AUCTION 🌸 AUCTION



Join us **January 24, 2022**, for our biennial **Auction**, where **Emil Geddes** will be on hand to auction off all the garden related items that our members donate. So, gather up those garden tools, pottery, garden art, etc. you no longer use and bring them to the Auction.

Bring your items at 6:30 pm and set them on the Preview tables. Check out all the items other members have donated so you can plan your bidding strategies. The Auction will begin at 7:00 pm.



This is a fun and entertaining event where we raise money to donate and fund the things we do. 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.

Please no books, magazines, or baskets.



Speaker Committee

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



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.

Robin Choate 🌸

925-759-0700 🌸

FIELD TRIPS

Stay tuned: We are planning a trip for the Spring. Details will be provided once they are confirmed. (Hint: April and Tracy)

Juli Redford 🌿

Roasted Honey Garlic Cauliflower

Ingredients

- 1/2 head of cauliflower cut into bite-sized florets

For the Sauce

- 6 tbsp honey
- 4 garlic cloves minced
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 1/2 tbsp soy sauce
- 1/2 tbsp sriracha sauce or to taste
- 6 tbsp water
- 2 tsp cornstarch



Instructions

- Preheat oven to 400°F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Place cauliflower florets on a baking sheet. Roast for about 15-20 minutes or until cauliflower is cooked and tender but still a little crisp. Allow cauliflower to cool for a few minutes (about 10 minutes).
- While the cauliflower is cooking, make sauce on the stove. Add all sauce ingredients except the cornstarch + water. Bring to a low boil and stir until blended. In a small bowl, completely dissolve cornstarch in water, then add to the mixture. Stir until sauce boils again and cook until sauce thickens (about 2 minutes). Set sauce aside and allow to cool for a few minutes (it should still be quite warm, but not so hot as to burn your skin if you were to touch it). Sauce will thicken even more when cooling down.
- When cauliflower has cooled down enough that you can touch them without burning yourself, add them to a large bowl. Pour in sauce and toss cauliflower in sauce and coat. Please allow cauliflower to cool down slightly before tossing in sauce, otherwise if they are too hot, it will thin out your sauce considerably. Serve while still warm. Garnish with fresh scallions if desired.


Courtesy of kirbiecravings.com via Pinterest

Master Gardener Online Event



The Joy of Succulents: A Master Gardener Webinar

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

 Add to Calendar

6:00PM – 7:30PM

Online event

Description

Succulents are beautiful, generally low maintenance and low water use plants. They are also excellent choices for a fire safe landscape. Learn how to select, grow, and propagate these plants for both indoor and outdoor enjoyment. Please join us for this beautifully illustrated program and be amazed at the many succulent varieties in every color, shape and size that can enhance your home and garden. Presented by Anna Frankfurt and Laura Brainin-Rodriguez.

<https://ccclib.bibliocommons.com/events/61cb6dc866e3c03600e60c3e>

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has really been great about mailing in their dues for the last couple of months. Thank you! We really appreciate this and currently have 79 members who have paid their dues for 2022. If you're not sure if you've already paid, just give me a call at 925-234-0395.

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**

Pay your 2022 Dues now!



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