



# THE WEEEDER

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## 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 - Canceled  
February 28  
March 28  
April 25  
May 23  
June 27 - Members Potluck  
July 25  
August 22 - Auction  
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

*Summer is here!* 102 degrees tomorrow, they say, and I'm still working on my watering system. I'm trying to change things to a drip system on my plants. So far, so good. I still have so many things in pots and these need watering every day in this heat. My vegetables I bought at our sale are thriving and the tomatoes are happy and growing well. Also the peppers, kale, are growing like crazy. This is when I kick myself for not bringing home more. I love seeing so many beautiful gardens around with daylilies, roses, lavender and so many beautiful trees. The Jacaranda down the street is so striking with its violet color. I hope you're enjoying your gardens and gardening. Stay cool in this awful heat.



Don't forget our Annual Summer Potluck on Monday, June 27. We always have a lot of fun and good food. Our Curious Container Competition is always a hit and I'm so impressed with how clever and creative our DIGgers always are. Don't worry if you don't have a Curious Container, just come and enjoy yourself and get to know other DIGgers better and just have some fun. (See page 2 for details.) Hope to see you there.



*Connie Miller,* President 🌻

"Gardening is a humbling experience." –Martha Stewart

## Board Minutes

The June 7, 2022 board meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Connie. Members present were Connie, Bob S., Pat, CiCi, Chris, Ginger, Steve, Juli, Sue, Bob C. and Robin. 🌸 Ginger presented the Treasurer's report and passed out a Profit and Loss statement from January 1 to June 7, 2022. Ginger added that she was still waiting for bills to come in from the Plant Sale so that she may tabulate the final tally. 🌸 Chris stated that Membership stands at ninety-two. This total includes numerous new members. 🌸 The Board unanimously approved the Minutes of the May meeting. 🌸 Juli, our Field Trip Chair, will be attending several Master Gardener "Our Garden" talks in Walnut Creek. When Juli decides on an Our Garden talk an e-mail blast announcing the time will go out. DIG Members can contact her and either carpool or meet there. Regular field trips will resume in the Fall. 🌸 Robin announced that stamps are going up to sixty cents on July 10th and requested that the Board purchase two rolls of stamps for future mailings. 🌸 The Board discussed a new Membership Booklet vs. an interim handout with DIG Members information. Due to time and effort constraints Robin will do a simplified version that can be handed out to DIG members. A new booklet is to be printed Spring of 2023. 🌸 Other discussions included the Weeder deadline & the re-ordering of DIG information cards. 🌸 Robin announced that DIG has Speakers booked through the end of this year for our General Meetings. List will be printed in the Weeder. 🌸 Our Potluck is June 27<sup>th</sup> at Bob and Cecilia Selders' home. Times and its organization were planned. 🌸 DIG's Auction is August 22nd. Emil Geddes will be asked to Auctioneer again. 🌸 A new Site Acquisition Team has been established. Bob Selders and Steve Hendrickson reported that they are in the initial stages of negotiations with City of Brentwood's Parks Director regarding the city owned land at 3900 Sellers Ave., near the Historical Society buildings. The Team is currently drafting a proposal to the City. Note: this site was previously in consideration as a location for our propagation workshops and Plant Sale. 🌸 Earlier in the year the Board had decided that due to our uncertain bank balance that donation decisions would be postponed until the end of the year. Steve proposed that the Board reinstate Donations since our balance has improved. The Board approved Steve's proposal with two dissenting votes. The DIG Board approved a \$500.00 donation to H.O.P.E. House Food and clothing Ministries in Brentwood and \$500.00 to the Family Harvest Farm - John Muir Land Trust in Pittsburg. 🌸 The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.



Respectfully Submitted,

*Sue Castle*, Secretary 🌸



## CURIOUS CONTAINER CONTEST

What do Thyme in a Clock 🕒, Passion Flower in a Romance 📖 Novel, and Succulents in a 🏠 Nest have in common? They were all entries in previous years Curious Container Contests. Create your own Curious Container and bring it to the potluck. Use a non-traditional container and add a plant, if it has a theme even better. Judges will be chosen at random that night and **prizes** will be awarded for whatever categories they come up with. It's all fun and imaginative and you get to take your creation home with you.



## 🌸 DIG's SUMMER POTLUCK 🌸

Monday, June 27th

at the Selders Home & Garden

1570 Fairview Ave., Brentwood

6:00 pm Setup & Cocktail hour

Dinner around 7:00 pm

Bring your choice of Entree, Salad, Side Dish, hors d'oeuvre, dessert, or whatever you like, enough to serve 8-10 people. DIG will provide water, cups, plates, napkins, & utensils. You are welcome to bring beer or wine or other beverages.



If you are feeling creative, participate in the curious container contest. See below for more information.

## Summer Planting Tips

<https://diggreenacres.com/blogs/articles/success-in-hot-weather-a-planting-checklist>

- Hot nursery containers do not retain water for very long, so be sure to plant new plants in the ground or a larger container as soon as possible.
- Until planting, keep your plant out of direct sunlight, and water when the top layer of soil is dry.
- As a guide, during triple-digit weather, quart-sized containers can require watering up to three times per day, while gallon-sized containers can require watering up to two times per day.
- Plant early morning or evening, when it's cooler, to reduce plant heat stress—and you'll be more comfortable too!
- Once planted, apply a 2"-3" layer of mulch around the roots—but not touching the base of the plant—to help cool the roots and slow evaporation of water from the soil.

## FIELD TRIPS

### Master Gardener "Our Garden" Speakers

111 North Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek

I'll be attending some of these talks and invite you to join me. When I decide to go to one we'll email everyone and we can arrange carpooling or to meet there. If there are talks you'd like to attend let me know. Most talks are from 10am to 11:30am.

June 22 - Composting

June 29 - Landscape Trees - Pests & Diseases

July 6 - Firewise Landscaping

July 13 - No-Till Gardening

July 20 - Plant Pests and Diseases

July 27 - Grapes

August 3 - Vertebrate Pests

August 10 - Vermicompost

August 17 - Cool Season Veggie Gardens

August 24 - Cover Crops

August 31 - Succulents

In September we'll resume regular field trips.

*Juli Redford* 🌸 925-323-5854

**Contra Costa County is offering  
free Home Composting  
workshops via Zoom.**

**Sign up at:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/free-backyard-composting-workshop-tickets-317336440837?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>



Mama Kitty hangs out in the geraniums.

## FUTURE SPEAKERS

July 25: Succulents - John Fike

August 22: Auction - Save your Garden Stuff!

September 26: Seed Saving - Trish Clifford

October 24: Grafting - Greg Letts & Kirsten Mollo

November 28: Ed Laivo, Fruit Trees

## 2022 Carol Hendrickson Scholarship Award Winner

Each year DIG has given a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from Liberty Union High School District and four 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 16<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of presenting our scholarship to Juliana Gonzalez from Heritage High School in the Liberty District. Elizabeth graduated with a 4.09 GPA, was active in the CFS S Club all four years. She was on the Rising Stars lighting crew her Freshman and Sophomore years, the Junior Varsity Tennis team her Freshman year. Out side of school she was active in the Girl Scouts all four years of high school and achieved the Girl Scouts Gold Award.

Juliana has been accepted at the University of San Francisco and is waiting to hear from several other UC campuses before settling on which school she will attend. She is going to major in Environmental Science, and help educate and market the importance of conservation for our future. Juliana is very personable, motivated, and I'm sure she will achieve her goals.

In regards to the scholarship in Antioch, even though I contacted the school counselor in August and discussed our scholarship with them, I did not learn until mid May that they did not have an established scholarship program in place at their school or at the other two continuation campuses. Unfortunately, it was way to late in the process to go to another Antioch campus, therefore there was no scholarship awarded in Antioch this year.

*Bob Selders* 🌿

## MEMBERSHIP

We recently had 3 more gardeners join DIG. They are Laurie Wexner from Antioch, who learned about our garden club from Kimberly Born (Thank you Kimberly!) and also Kellie and Bryce Robison from Oakley who are returning members. This brings our current membership up to 94. Welcome back Kellie and Bryce! We look forward to getting to know you!

*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) \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

June 27th

Summer Potluck &  
Curious Container Contest



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