

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

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

2023 Plant Sale: MAY 13 ?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been so hot! I'm not a hot weather person so my gardening is on hold for now. I've purchased a few plants to put in the front yard where the lawn used to be, but the first one I put in promptly died. I know, wait until fall. I'm anxious to get the job finished out there. In the meantime, I'm enjoying looking around at what other people have done. There are many interesting variations of rock I notice. I really like some of the uses of succulents I see. Some of you I know have done some wonderful things with your gardens. Send in pictures and share your gardens. I'm still looking for plants and deciding on what will grow there. It's in the hot sun almost all day. I'm pretty sure native plants and succulents will be the answer. As I look around at gardens, I figure any plant that's doing well right now is going to be a good choice. Roses seem to be doing well and they're one of my favorites. I hope we get some relief from this heat. I saw a few raindrops the other day for just a minute. Then they dried up and our "rain" was all done. What a disappointment.



Coffee Mug Garden
By Robin Choate

As September approaches we are thinking about our propagation. We still don't have a permanent home, but we will definitely set up some kind of temporary one to get started. Watch for announcements next month.



And remember our Auction on August 22. Bring your unused garden items to auction and help raise some money for DIG. It's lots of fun and you can end up with some really neat stuff. I hope to see you there.

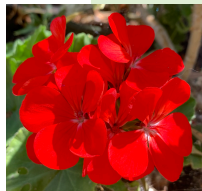
Connie Miller, President 🌻

"Weeds are flowers too, once you get to know them."

- A. A. Milne 🌻

Nominating Committee

It's that time of year again! Time to start the nomination process for the 2023 Board Members. A Nomination Committee has been formed to present nominees to the General Membership for election at our November General Meeting. We also are always looking for new people to get involved in our many Committees, and it is our desire that these people can move thru different Committee Chairperson and Board positions, so we can get new ideas and new leadership. The current Board and Chairperson members have served for multiple years, ranging from about 5 to 34 years. Most of which don't mind continuing their service, but we need our many members to get involved as Chairpersons, Assistant Chairpersons or Board Members, to step up and help the Club continue to grow. This year's Nomination Committee consists of our outgoing President Connie Miller, Sue Castle, Cici Kirchner and Bob Selders. Please contact any one of us, if you are interested in serving and don't be surprised if you get a call from one of us trying to recruit you!

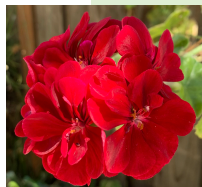


The Board Positions are President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Committees include Membership, Programs, Publicity, Field Trips, Scholarships, Hospitality, Weeder, Nominating, DIG Garden Apparel, Plant Manager, Plant Sale and Site Selection Committees. If you have any questions about the duties of any of these Positions, we have job descriptions for most of them. For a copy of the job description, you can contact Bob Selders at r.selders@yahoo.com or call at 925-642-0080.



Please be generous with your time and help the Club by volunteering for one or more of these many positions. Many of the current Board Members and Chairpersons have served multiple years and times in the same and multiple positions and we need new people with fresh ideas to keep the club moving forward.

Bob Selders 



FUTURE SPEAKERS

September 26: Seed Saving - Trish Clifford
October 24: Grafting - Greg Letts & Kirsten Mollo
November 28: Fruit Trees, Ed Laivo

🌸 AUGUST AUCTION 🌸 Monday, August 22nd

Our Auction will be held at the DIG meeting on August 22. Emil Geddes has agreed to be our auctioneer again. Set up & Preview begin at 6:30 pm - Bring those garden related items you no longer need and spend some time checking out the new to you items you want to take home, all while enjoying some snacks. Items that sell well are clean garden tools, pottery, garden art, bird houses, etc. Please, no books or baskets.

The auction will begin at 7pm. Volunteers are needed to be ticket runners - when an item sells you label the item with the winner's name & price and sets them aside, while your partner runs a tag to the buyer with the item name & price on it. Tags are taken to the cashiers at the end of the evening to make your donation. This is always a fun and entertaining evening.



All proceeds go to DIG's general fund and will be part of our donations back to the community.

Thanks Juli, Joy, and Linda for providing refreshments for this event.

AUGUST IRRIGATING

As temperatures stay high, plants need extra attention. Check that your water is at the furthest reaches of the canopy (the drip edge), and not near the trunk. Use a moisture meter to be sure you watered long enough to soak the entire root zone. Drip is a slow process that can take an hour or longer, but is often only needed a few days per week for mature plants.

When you see brown leaves, think of those leaves as an umbrella for the rest of the plant. If you take off those brown leaves, continued hot spells could damage further into the heart of the plant. Brown leaves may not be the ideal look, but they are excellent protection from summer heat and sun.

Source: <https://idiggreenacres.com/blogs/articles/august-garden-solutions>

Board Minutes

The August 2, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Connie. Members present were Connie, Steve, Bob S., Pat, Ginger, Juli, Sue, Bob C., Cici, Robin and Sally. 🌸 Thank you notes were received from John Muir Land Trust and Contra Costa Master Gardeners for our donations. A donation was received from the Tucker's with a note that they missed spending time at DIG. 🌸 The July Minutes were approved as printed in the Weeder. 🌸 Connie reported for Chris that Membership stands at ninety-five. 🌸 Ginger presented the Treasurer's report. She added that the rent for the church has been paid through December. 🌸 Bob S. said that this month he will contact Liberty High School and Antioch High School regarding the Scholarships. 🌸 As part of the Site Acquisition Team, Bob S., had another meeting with the City of Brentwood's Parks Department regarding the property on Sellers Road. He was told that the Park's Dept. did not have it on their radar and has no funds in the current budget for the property. Access may not be available until 2023. 🌸 Discussions followed on various ideas regarding DIG's relocation and Plant Sale. 🌸 Juli will continue listing her Field Trip suggestions and recommendations in the Weeder. 🌸 The next General Meeting will be the Auction. It is on Monday July 22nd. Set up is at 6:15-6:30PM and the Auction follows at 7 PM. 🌸 Connie, Bob S., Sue, & Cici were appointed to the nominating committee. 🌸 Cici invited everyone to a potluck at the Community Garden adjacent to the Church, August 20th at 6pm. 🌸 The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌸

Time to start your Fall Garden !

What will you plant? Let us know...

info@deltainformalgardeners.org

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 95 fabulous members. A special thank you to Robin Choate for painstakingly creating our 2022 Member Booklet. Great job, Robin! Please be sure to pick one up from Chris Artz at one of our meetings.

Community Garden Pot Luck Gathering

If you didn't know, there is a lovely community garden located on Maple Street, behind the church where our general meetings are held. Our DIG member, Cici Kirshner, has planned and organized a potluck event at the garden for the community to get acquainted.

Lemonade and ice tea will be provided. Saturday, August 20 at 6 p.m.

FIELD TRIPS

The Master Gardner talks I attended in July were very good! Here's the schedule for the upcoming talks. I'll be going to the Cover Crop class on Aug. 24th, and Growing California Natives on Sept. 7th in Walnut Creek. Give me a call if you'd like to ride with me from Antioch.

Rivertown Garden

Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, 1201 West 10th Street, Antioch

Good Bug- Bad Bug

August 20, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Composting

September 6, 2022 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Succulents

September 20, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Our Garden

North Wiget Lane and Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek,

Cool Season Veggie Garden

August 17, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

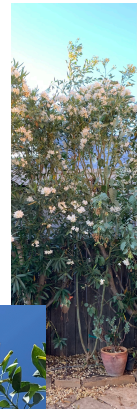
Cover Crops

August 24, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Growing California Natives

September 7, 2022 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Juli Redford 🌸 925-323-5854



Several years ago I brought home a Native CA Bush Poppy from our Plant Sale (1st photo). I love this plant. A few years later I saw another plant with a similar label at our sale, so I brought it home too! Turns out it was not the same plant. This Poppy has grown up & through my 40+ year old oleanders and is almost 20 feet tall.

Robin Choate 🌻

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 _(_____) _____ HOME MOBILE

_____ **New Member** _____ **Renewal**

Auction in August

Donate those garden items you no longer need and find something new you do! Details inside.



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