

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

2023 Plant Sale: MAY 13 ?

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a wonderful auction last month. I would like to thank all of you who participated by donating such wonderful items. Many thanks to our workers, Sally Castle, Heidi Holm, and Juli Redford who worked as our runners and Ginger Geiger and Sue Castle, our cashiers. Last but not least Steve Hendrickson and Emil Geddes our auctioneers who made the evening so special. It was a fun time and we raised nearly \$800.00 to add to our general fund. These funds go towards our plant sale expenses, speakers, and scholarships and donations that DIG makes throughout the year. DIG's purpose as a club is to encourage interest in gardening through education and beautification of our community. Our wonderful Annual Plant sale and monthly speakers and of course all you DIGgers are what make this club such a very special part of our community.



This year will be a challenge as our Site Committee is still in negotiations with the city regarding our new location. However, we will persevere and are planning to begin our **Propagation** later this month. We will meet at Steve Hendrickson's on Sept. 24 from 10am to noon. This is a tentative date because of the heat. As I write this, it is 105 degrees.

Hopefully this heatwave will end soon but watch for notices later in the month. Stay Cool!

Connie Miller, President 

Proposed 2023 Officers for Election

President: Robin Choate
Secretary: Juli Redford

Vice President: Sue Castle
Treasurer: Ginger Guider

Vote to confirm at the November meeting

PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS

Beginning Saturday, September 24th, we will hold Propagation Workshops from 10 am until noon. We will set up tables on Steve's driveway, 530 Third St., Brentwood. Bring cuttings of things that grow well in your yard, clippers, gloves, and a friend!

Subject to change - watch for emails.

Honey-Roasted Figs with Goat Cheese & Pistachios

These roasted figs are quite possibly the easiest appetizer ever. Perfect for when you feel like being fancy but don't have the energy to make a complex appetizer.

PREP TIME
10 minutes
COOK TIME
30 minutes
TOTAL TIME
40 minutes



Ingredients

- 1 1/2 cups soft goat cheese
- 8 large ripe figs
- 3 Tablespoons honey, divided
- 1/4 cup pistachios, chopped

Instructions

1. To prepare roasted figs, pre-heat oven to 350°F and line a large, rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper or a Silpat® baking sheet.
2. Cut figs in half lengthwise. Arrange sliced figs on baking sheet, cut side up, and drizzle with some of the honey.
3. Place baking sheet in pre-heated oven and roast for 30-35 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool for several minutes.
4. Top each roasted fig with a spoonful of creamy goat cheese and a sprinkle of chopped pistachios. Drizzle with some local honey and serve immediately. Enjoy!

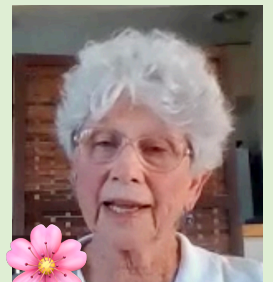
From Attainable.Sustainable - Kris Bordessa

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Monday, September 26th

September's speaker is Trish Clifford, CCCMG, speaking about Seed Saving.

Description: Learn how to grow out your vegetables and save seeds for next year's crop! This talk will teach you the value of saving seeds as well as how to avoid cross pollination so your seeds will be true to type (like the parents). She will also cover how to gather and store your seeds. Saving your own seeds will let you become a more self-sufficient gardener and give you access to locally adapted seeds.



Presenter: Trish Clifford became a Contra Costa Master Gardener in 2013 after retiring as a corporate trainer.

Since becoming a Master Gardener Trish has helped bring the Great Tomato Plant Sale to West County, and taught classes for the Speakers Bureau and Community Gardens. She is also on the board of the Richmond Grows Seed Lending Library which has established a seed library in the main branch of the Richmond Library, as well as helping to foster

FUTURE SPEAKERS

October 24: Grafting - Greg Letts & Kirsten Mollo
November 28: Fruit Trees, Ed Laivo

Contra Costa Water District has some tips to help you continue to use water wisely throughout the fall months:

ccwater.com/drought

Board Minutes

The September 6, 2022 meeting called to order at 7:02 pm by Connie. Members present were Connie, Steve, Bob S., Pat, Ginger, Juli, Sue, Chris, Cici and Robin. 🌸 Ginger presented the Treasurer's report and added that the bills are all paid. The Auction brought in a nice sum. 🌸 Chris reported that Membership continues at ninety-five. 🌸 The Board approved the August Minutes. 🌸 Under Scholarships, Bob S. has contacted the two local high schools - Liberty High School and Antioch High School and is waiting to receive their respective Scholarship forms. 🌸 Juli announced that the next Field trip is Tuesday, September 20th and we will be going to the Ruth Bancroft Gardens in Walnut Creek. 🌸 Regarding Site Acquisition Bob S., explained that the PG&E application had taken several months. He added that reviewing the Property the Plant Manager, said propagation is scheduled to begin on September 24th from 10 AM to 12 noon St., Brentwood. We will also talk about starting from seeds. 🌸 Robin said that website hosting is up for renewal in December and she is considering going back to Go Daddy, which is more expensive but easier to use. DIG needs a person to help with website design and management. We will poll the membership for someone who could help with DIG's website. Robin will continue with DIG's Facebook account and add an Instagram account in the future. Robin reminded everyone of the deadline for Weeder articles is Thursday at midnight. 🌸 A discussion followed regarding the need for additional committee volunteers. We have one potential that we hope to confirm soon. 🌸 Connie announced the Nominating Committee results for 2023 DIG Board – President is Robin, Vice President is Sue, Secretary is Juli and Treasurer is Ginger. 🌸 The speaker's subject for the General Meeting on Monday, September 26th is "Saving Seeds". 🌸 The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Castle, Secretary 🌸



THANK YOU

To Connie Miller for organizing such a great auction last month with the help of "runners" Heidi Holm, Sally Castle and Juli Redford, our cashiers Ginger Guider and Sue Castle, and also to our favorite auctioneer Emil Geddes and his sidekick, Steve Hendrickson, who teamed up to keep us in hysterics during the entire evening!

To Robin Choate for ever so graciously volunteering to be our president AGAIN! She did a superb job years ago and we know she will do it again. To Sue Castle for agreeing to be in charge of our speakers as Vice President. To Juli Redford for offering to be our secretary, which means we really need someone to step in to be our Field Trip Chairperson. (Please let us know if you'd like to be her replacement to lead the committee. We can let you know what the position entails.) And last but certainly not least, to Ginger Guider for once again agreeing to be our expert accountant/treasurer. Our club would no longer exist without her meticulous detail to every aspect of our club's finances which she has done for more years than I can remember.

FIELD TRIPS

By the time you read this, hopefully the 100+ degree weather should be gone! So unless it's gets too hot again, our field trip the Bancroft Gardens in Walnut Creek is still planned for Tuesday, September 20th.

"The Ruth Bancroft Garden and Nursery is a 3.5-acre garden, housing a collection of succulents, both unique and beloved, as well as drought-tolerant plants from around the world. It's a lovely garden to visit any time of the year."

Admission is \$10-12. Lunch will be nearby and we can stop at a nursery on our way back home. We will meet as at the BART Park and Ride lot on Walnut Blvd. in Brentwood. We LEAVE at 9:30 a.m. Email or call Juli Redford [925-323-5854](tel:925-323-5854) or julisews@hotmail.com

Juli Redford 🌸 925-323-5854



Are you a Website Wiz? Or know just enough to get by?



I could use your help with DIG's website.

– Robin Choate 925-759-0700 🌸

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**

*Invite your friends!
New members who join now will get their
2023 dues included with 2022.*



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