

THE WEEDEDER

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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

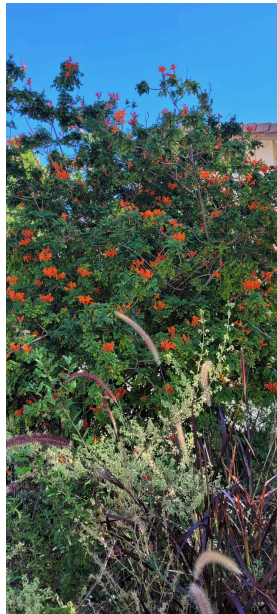
2022 Board Meetings

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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

Fall is definitely in the air and I'm happy to say goodbye to triple digit weather. My garden, as I'm sure many did, suffered from the terrible heat we had. But surprisingly many things weren't affected at all and many recovered nicely. I always love my Cape Honeysuckle (*Tecoma Capensis*) this time of year. It's covered with beautiful orange flowers and is always full of hummingbirds. This plant has grown like crazy and doesn't seem to need much water. I've purchased a few chrysanthemums also and am off to the nursery later to see what else I can find. As you all know this is the best time to plant so I'm eager to find some more things to tuck in around my yard. Also can't forget bulbs which are always a welcome sight in the spring.



There's lots to prune too, and don't forget when you are pruning to bring cuttings for propagation on Saturday mornings 10-12 at Steve Hendrickson's. We're off to a great start and already have a wonderful assortment of cuttings. Come and join us, meet other DIGgers and have some fun too. Hope to see you there.

Connie Miller, President 

PROPAGATION WORKSHOPS

We are holding Propagation Workshops from 10 am until noon on Saturdays. We 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!



Delta Community Services
ANNUAL TOY DRIVE



For the last 10 years or so DIG members have been donating toys and gift cards for local youth in need. If you would like to contribute please bring an unwrapped toy or gift card to the November 28th meeting.

FIELD TRIPS

Our field trip to The Ruth Bancroft Garden and Nursery in Walnut Creek was attended by ten of us DIGGERS. Visiting not long after the intense hot spell, it was delightful to see so many plants in bloom. One large tree was covered in what looked like orchid flowers. While these were not actually orchids, it was a beautiful sight!



It's now time to plan for the December field trip. Traditionally in the first week of December we visit Orchard Nursery in Lafayette to see their beautiful Christmas

store, cool weather plants, and catch some lunch nearby. A suggestion has been made to take our field trip to Orchard Nursery's sister site, Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore. Word is that they too have a lovely Christmas store too.



The field trip committee will meet at the end of October to finalize a location and a date for this December trip. Debbie St. Hilaire has agreed to join our committee, but we have room for more. Please contact me if you would like to come to the lunch meeting to help us plan for this trip and more trips for 2023.



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Pond at Ruth Bancroft Garden

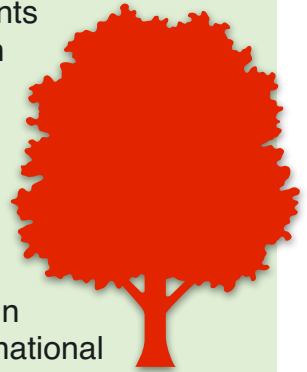
🌸 **OCTOBER SPEAKER** 🌸

Monday, October 24th

September's speaker is Kirsten Mollo, CCCMG, speaking about **Grafting**.

Description: Did you know that you can graft a tomato to a potato (otherwise known as ketchup and fries)?!!? Come learn about the wonders grafting - we'll cover the history of grafting, how grafting works, plant compatibility and grafting methods for home gardeners.

Presenter: Kirsten has been a Contra Costa Master Gardener since 2019. In addition to speaking engagements on grafting and common vegetable garden problems, she is actively involved with the organization's Executive Leadership Team and has been the co-lead for the Master Gardener new volunteer training program. She has an undergraduate degree in International Studies and Masters in Human Resource Management. After a stint as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali, West Africa, she has spent her career in HR. She currently works at Cloudflare, managing compensation & benefits programs. In her own home garden, Kirsten enjoys growing vegetables in containers gardening and has a recent obsession with succulents.



I want to thank Sandy Marman for all her help finding and arranging for a lot of our speakers this year. She has been amazing. *Robin*

NOVEMBER SPEAKER:

November 28: Fruit Trees, Ed Laivo

Board Minutes

The DIG Board Meeting on October 4, 2022 began at 7:00 pm. Attending were Connie, Pat, Chris, Bob C., Steve, Cici, & Juli. ✨ A Thank you card was received from John Muir Land Trust- Family Harvest Farm for our donation in June 2022. ✨ Membership - Chris Artz: Currently at 96. John Alcorn has rejoined. ✨ Minutes were approved from September's Board Meeting. ✨ Scholarships - Bob Selders: Liberty High School has form now. Antioch High has not confirmed receipt of the form. ✨ Site committee - Bob Selders and Steve Hendrickson. Still waiting for a response from the City of Brentwood. Bob and Steve will be meeting

on the 19th with Ms. Black of the Historical Society to coordinate the use of the property. ✨ Plant manager - Steve Hendrickson. Propagation workdays have filled 4 boxes of cuttings. Weather has been favorable on Saturday mornings

and well attended. Some seeds can be started now. ✨ Field trips - Juli Redford. The committee will meet to plan the December trip to Orchard Nursery or Alden Lane Nursery. Hoping to find a new field trip chairman soon. ✨ Hospitality - Cici reported all is good. ✨ Pat Moore - will bring DIG t-shirt order book to Saturday workdays. ✨ Donations - quarterly but we missed September. Any suggestions? Or wait until November and do more at that time. Since Ginger is not here with a list of the previous donations for this year, we will look at this again at the board meeting in November. ✨ Toy Drive - Donated toys should be brought to November general meeting. ✨ Adjourned at 7:36

Respectfully Submitted,

Juli Redford for Sue Castle, Secretary 



Steve shares propagation tips



Cactus Flowers in Bob & Celia's yard

APPLE CRISP COFFEE CAKE

Cake Batter

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick), melted
- 1 cup sour cream
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, and finely diced



Topping

- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick), melted



Glaze

- 2/3 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons apple cider
- 2 tablespoons butter

Instructions


- Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 9x13-inch baking pan.
- Whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and sugar in a large bowl.
- Stir in melted butter, sour cream, eggs, and vanilla until smooth. Pour into prepared pan.
- Sprinkle apples on top of batter.
- In a medium bowl, stir together all topping ingredients until thoroughly mixed. Sprinkle on top of apples.
- Place pan in oven and bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
- Make glaze. Combine all ingredients in a small saucepan and place over medium heat until sugar and butter are melted. Drizzle over coffee cake. Serve warm or at room temperature.

<https://spicysouthernkitchen.com/apple-crisp--cake>

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



I could use your help with DIG's website.

- Robin Choate 925-759-0700 

Brentwood Peace Community Garden Potluck

Saturday, October 22nd, at 5 pm

Brentwood Community Methodist Church,
809 Second Street in Brentwood

Tabletop Scarecrow Contest Prizes

Cider & Pumpkin Pie provided

Text CiCi 530-306-7034

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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