



# 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

*What a terrible blow* it has been to lose our beloved Steve Hendrickson so suddenly last month. Steve was not only the co-founder of DIG, but the lifeblood and the heart and soul of this garden club. He was our plant manager forever and his knowledge of plants was endless. He somehow got us to work, even in the rain, and laugh while doing it. I will miss his great humor. He was a kind and generous man to all who knew him, a great friend, and he was a wonderful citizen to Brentwood who cared so much about our community. Steve had a vision of how our club could be even better in the future and had been working on acquiring a new site for us. Thank you to Bob Selders, who will continue to work on that. I'm just so sorry Steve won't be here to see it through to the end. I hope you'll all join me in working that much harder to help fulfill his vision.



*Save the date*, Monday December 12, for our Holiday Potluck. A separate invitation will be mailed out.

*Connie Miller*, President 🎄



### Proposed 2023 Officers for Election

**President: Robin Choate**      **Vice President: Sue Castle**  
**Secretary: Juli Redford**      **Treasurer: Ginger Guider**

Vote to confirm at the November meeting

### Delta Community Services Annual Toy Drive



#### Discovery Bay TOY DRIVE

Can you and your friends help?  
 Because the need is greater than ever this year why not join us and ask your family, friends, or party guests to donate a new unwrapped toy to the Annual Discovery Bay Toy Drive and help light up a disadvantaged child's life?

Where do the toys go?  
 The toys are donated to The Delta Community Services Agency and The Brentwood Community Center which serve the Discovery Bay, Byron and Brentwood areas.

When are the toys picked up?  
 You don't have to take the toys anywhere. Our volunteer Santa's will safely come to your home the day following the Discovery Bay Youth Club's Lighted Boat Parade. On Sunday, December 11th we will pick up the toys you have collected from your porch!

How do I make arrangements to participate?  
 Contact us in advance to get put on the pick up list.  
 Call or email:

Steve & Sue Walde  
 925-834-8482  
 dltoydrive@sbshs.com

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Join us and help make a difference!



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.

## 2023 PLANT SALE

As most of you know, our 2023 Plant Sale will be much different than previous sales because we do not have a designated site available to propagate plants and have the Plant Sale. Therefore, we are planning to have multiple Pop Up Sales at member's homes. The plan is to use the homes of members, who would generously volunteer the use of their gardens, where we could plant primarily gallon cans and then that member would water and care for those plants until we would have a one or two day Pop Up Sale at their home.

We would advertise the day(s), time, city and type of plants available at the Pop Up Sale, but not post the specific location address of the sale until the day before the sale. We would also require shoppers to pre register for a specific time slot, to help control traffic throughout the day. **WHAT WE NEED NOW, is a COMMITMENT** from members, who can graciously provide their garden for this type of sale! We also need to know how many gallon size plants the member can care for at their home, so we can plan for how many plants to propagate. **We need a commitment from members who want to offer their homes for this program by November 28, 2022**, so we can determine if the location has adequate parking, traffic safety, the amount of soil and cans needed, etc., in order to begin the planting process early next year and the Pop Up Sale process in the spring.

Ginger Guider has graciously agreed to stock pile our soil at her home and we will need help each week, likely on a Friday, to fill gallon cans with soil and load them in truck(s) and/or trailers to be delivered to the location of that weeks planting location.

If you feel you can help us with a Pop Up Sale at your home, if you are not sure how many plants you can accommodate, the suitability of your location for parking, etc., or have any questions, [please contact Bob Selders, 925-642-0080, r.selders@yahoo.com.](mailto:r.selders@yahoo.com)

We know that many members won't be able to offer their gardens for this purpose due to size, location, etc., however, we still need all members assistance with this Plant Sale program. We will need help moving cans of soil to various locations, planting plants and assisting at the planned Pop Up Sales, so please be generous with your volunteer time to DIG.

We are working on a new permanent location for our propagation program and annual sale, however we are dealing with a government agency and don't anticipate being able to finalize any agreement until the third quarter of next year, hopefully in time to start our 2024 propagation program in September of 2023.

*Bob Selders* 

## 🌿 NOVEMBER SPEAKER 🌿

### Monday, November 28th

November's speaker is **Ed Laivo**, speaking about **High Density Pruning and Planting of Fruit Trees or Backyard Orchard Culture.**



Ed Laivo has over 40 years of extensive and varied experience in plant production, nursery management, sales, and marketing at both the retail and wholesale levels. Ed is a fruit tree and edible landscaping specialist with a focus on small-space gardening. He has been involved with the introduction or reintroduction of many popular varieties of fruits including figs, Pomegranates, and Blueberry selections to the home gardener.

His focus is techniques to better adapt these to the backyard grower.



Thank you Juli Redford for arranging for Ed to speak to us.

## STEVE HENDRICKSON'S CATS

We are saddened by the loss of our beloved Steven Hendrickson who passed away on Tuesday, October 11th. Steve was one of the founders of Delta Informal Gardeners and was a driving force in our plant sales as our Plant Manager. Steve had recently held our propagation workshops on his driveway.

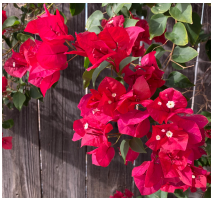
Steve was predeceased by his wife, Carole in December 2018 and leaves behind nine cats.

If you are interested in adopting one or more of Steve's cats please contact Connie 925-420-5347. Most of the cats are over 12 years old. The cats will soon be going to Community Concern For Cats for fostering and they will take over the work of finding them new forever homes.



## Board Minutes

The November 8, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Connie. Members present were Connie, Pat, Robin, Chris, Ginger, Bob S., Bob C., Sue and Cici. 🌿 Connie reminded us that the holiday potluck on December 12th will be from 6-9pm, with set up at 6:45pm. 🌿 Ginger presented the Treasurer's report and added the State of CA had revoked our Re-Sale License because it had never been used by D.I.G. She had personally purchased a new computer and encountered difficulties when she attempted to download Quickbooks. She will need to do more research and report back to the Board if we need to purchase new software or pay a monthly fee. 🌿 Chris reported we have 106 members, including 3 new. 🌿 The Board unanimously approved the October Board Minutes as printed in the Weeder. 🌿 Sue reported that we had received a donation from Leslie Servin in memory of Steve. 🌿 Bob S. stated that Liberty High School had received DIG's Scholarship forms and their Awards Night is May 23, 2023. Antioch High School had received the information, as well, and their Awards Night is May 9th, 2023. 🌿 Robin reported for Juli that the December field trip will be to either Alden Lane Nursery in Livermore or Orchard Nursery in Lafayette. Lunch would follow at a nearby restaurant at either location. It will be decided at the November 9th Field trip Committee meeting. 🌿 Cici will purchase the items needed for the potluck. 🌿 Bob S. stated that Propagation has finished until January 2023. 🌿 Per Bob S - The Site Committee is "on hold" until the City responds to our request for information that the City's Park department had received October 18th. He will be contacting them again this week. He added that he had met with Mary Black of the Historical Society who recently discussed with her Board the fact that DIG may be new neighbors. We won't have access to the new site until later in the year. 🌿 There was a discussion on DIG's Plant Sale for 2023. The options for a 2023 Plant Sale would be to have smaller public "Pop Up" Sales with time slot tickets held at member's homes, where we would also do our potting up, or a Members Only sale. Ginger volunteered her yard as the location for the soil. Bob will do an article for the Weeder to explain it all. 🌿 Connie will be ordering seeds, please contact her if you have a seed request. 🌿 The Holiday Potluck Party is December 12th. Bring a gift to be used as a table centerpiece if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. The gifts should be something garden related that you would want to have, but should have a cost limit of \$10.00 to \$20.00. Connie will send out invitations. 🌿 Robin reminded everyone to bring a new unwrapped toy to our next General Meeting on November 28th for the local Toy Drive. 🌿 At Robin's request, the Board unanimously approved the cost of \$359.64 to renew DIG's current website for 3 years. 🌿 The Board decided to make \$500 donations to each of the following: Freedom High School (Teacher John Sierra's garden program), Brentwood's Community Chest, Deer Valley High School's Special Day Class (Bruce Ellison, teacher), and H.O.P.E. (Hope, Opportunity, Prayer, and Encouragement) House (Brentwood's Community United Methodist Church's food and clothing Ministry). 🌿 The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.



Respectfully Submitted,

## FIELD TRIPS

It's that time of year for our traditional field trip to Orchard Nursery in Lafayette, so our next trip is scheduled for December 7<sup>nd</sup>. If you are not familiar with Orchard Nursery, it is a full-service nursery with a wide selection of plants, trees, succulents, seasonal vegetables, and knowledgeable staff. This time of year, they transform the main building into a Christmas store. Even if you are not purchasing anything, it's a treat for the eyes! After our shopping, we will have lunch nearby. Give me a call or sign up for this outing at our next general meeting on Monday, November 28.



We will meet as usual at the BART Park and Ride lot on Walnut Blvd. in Brentwood. We LEAVE at 9:00 a.m. Call or mail or Juli Redford 925-323-5854 or [julisews@hotmail.com](mailto:julisews@hotmail.com)

*Juli Redford* 🌲

## MEMBERSHIP

Currently we have 106 members. One new member is Bob and Sue Castle's lovely daughter, Sally, who has been diligently working alongside of us for the last year and doing a great job! Two more new members are Michele and Art Breves who live in Brentwood and who we are anxious to get to know at meetings, events and propagation workshops.

Welcome new DIGgers!

*Chris Artz* 🍂

**Juli Redford made this for our October meeting.  
It is the Best!**

## Apple Hill® Cake

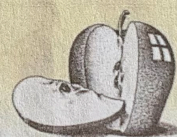
This recipe is for one of the most delicious apple desserts and it has an added advantage – it is very easy!

Combine 2 cups sugar,  
1/2 cup oil and 2 eggs  
Add 4 cups diced apples  
(Golden Delicious)  
Sift together 2 cups flour, 1 tsp. salt,  
2 tsp. cinnamon,  
1 tsp. nutmeg,  
2 tsp. baking soda

Add sifted dry ingredients to apple mixture.  
Pour into 9" x 13" greased cake pan and  
bake for 1 hour in a preheated 350° oven.

The Apple Hill® Growers have compiled their many tasty and time-tested recipes into three recipe books. These are available for purchase at your favorite Apple Hill® Grower. To order by mail: write to Apple Hill® Growers, P.O. Box 494 Camino, CA 95709. Or leave your name and address at (530) 644-7692 and we'll send you an order form.

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## 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_

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Due are Due!

Pay your 2023 dues at the next meeting or mail to the address above.

*Please include the information on the membership form.*



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