



THE WEEEDER

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2023 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.

2023 General Meetings

- January 23
- February 27
- March 27
- April 24
- May 22
- June 26 - Members Potluck
- July 24
- August 28
- September 25
- October 23
- November 27
- December 11 - Holiday Potluck

2023 Board Meetings

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| January 3 | July 11* |
| February 7 | August 8 |
| March 7 | September 5 |
| April 4 | October 3 |
| May 2 | November 7 |
| June 6 | November 28* |

2023 Garden Tour: MAY 20

* Adjusted due to Holidays

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm hungry already! June 26th is our **Annual Summer Potluck** to be held again at Bob & Celia Selders' garden, 1570 Fairview Ave., Brentwood. We'll setup at 5:30 pm, have appetizers at 6:00, and eat dinner around 6:30. Bring a dish to share that feeds 8-10. Bring an appetizer, salad, side dish, main dish or dessert... We don't assign what to bring, because we are, you know, *Informal*. If we have more desserts than salad, we won't get upset. If your offering is a hit be prepared to share the recipe. DIG will provide plates, cups, napkins, cutlery, and water. Bring what you'd like to drink and if it's an "Adult Beverage," just be sure you're an Adult.



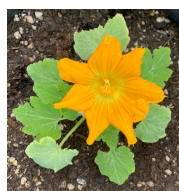
The Curious Container Contest will be held after dinner. The Judges will be picked randomly from the crowd. They get to make their own rules and categories. We'll use the Curious Containers as table centerpieces and you'll take them home with you afterwards, and maybe a prize for your creativity. Examples of previous include Thyme in a Clock, Hen & Chicks in a nest,

Bird of Paradise in a Birdcage, and Passion Flower in a Romance Novel. It doesn't have to have a theme, it can just be a plant in a unique container like an antique bed warmer, a tin can, a bird feeder, or a shell.

We want to thank Bob & Celia for hosting our potluck again. I've lost count of how many times they have graciously allowed us to invade their garden to hold this get together.



Robin Choate, President 🧑



"The garden is a love song, a duet between a human being and Mother Nature."

Jeff Cox 🌿

2023 Carole Hendrickson Scholarships

This year we awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to deserving students at Antioch High and also Liberty High. I was pleased to attend and give our scholarship on May 9th at Antioch and on May 23rd at Liberty. The two schools awarded scholarships to a little more than 100 students each and totaling almost \$200,000 at each school. Each school Career Center provided me with the following information on the student that received our Scholarship.

Antioch High School - Michael Gaunt was recognized as a three time athlete, principal honor roll, and recently awarded the "Mr. Hustle" for varsity baseball. Michael is a member of Link Crew (a peer group that centers on inclusiveness and peer support for incoming students). Michael aspires to become a Fish and Game warden or firefighter. He will be studying Wildlife Science and Management and Fire Science at UC Davis this fall.

Liberty High School – Kyla Scordelis was very active in FFA throughout her time at Liberty. She participated in the Brentwood Floral and Horse judging contests, organized the Brentwood Petting Zoo at the Loma Vista Elementary School Spring Fling; competed in a speech contest, speaking on the importance of AG education in Elementary Schools, taking third place at the FFA Sectional level. She has attended FFA State Leadership Conference and Advanced Leadership Academy, has been a role model and mentor to younger students. Kyla plans to attend Chico State to continue her education.

Congratulations to Michael and Kyla. We hope our scholarships help them reach their goals!

Bob Selders 



The Castle Garden



STARBUCKS LEMON LOAF

INGREDIENTS

1 1/2 Cups all-purpose flour
3.4 oz Instant Lemon Pudding Mix
1/2 teaspoon Baking Powder
1/2 teaspoon Baking Soda
1/2 teaspoon Salt
3 Eggs
1 Cup Sugar
2 Tablespoons Butter, softened
1 teaspoon Vanilla
2 teaspoons Lemon Extract
1/3 Cup Fresh Lemon Juice
1/2 Cup Vegetable Oil
3/4 Cup Plain Greek Yogurt
Zest of 1 Lemon



Frosting

3 Tablespoons Butter, soft but not melted
1 1/2 Cup Powdered Sugar
3 Tablespoons Lemon Juice
1 teaspoon Lemon Extract

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line the bottom of a 5" x 9" loaf pan with a piece of parchment paper. Spray the pan and parchment paper with non-stick baking spray. Set aside.
2. In a mixing bowl, combine the flour, pudding mix, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. With a mixer, combine the eggs, sugar, butter, vanilla, lemon extract, lemon juice, oil and yogurt. Mix until evenly combined. Gradually add the dry ingredients to the wet, stopping to scrape the sides of the bowl. Add the lemon zest, mix until just combined.
3. Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan. Bake for 55 minutes or until the center is fully set and a toothpick inserted comes out crumb free.
4. After baking, let cool in the pan for 5 to 10 minutes. Run a knife around the sides of the pan, invert and remove from pan, removing the parchment paper from the bottom. Let the cake finish cooling on wire rack.
5. For frosting combine the butter, lemon juice and lemon extract, with a mixer. Gradually add the powdered sugar and beat until creamy. Evenly spread the frosting over the top of the loaf. Refrigerate to let the frosting set completely before slicing. Refrigerate any leftovers in an airtight container.

Recipe provided by Debbie St. Hilaire.

Board Minutes

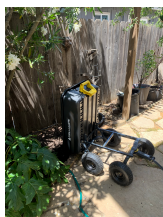
The June 6, 2023 Board Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Robin. Members present: Robin, Connie, Ginger, Bob S., Juli, Roger, Chris 🌸 Treasurer report was presented by Ginger. 🌸 The minutes from the May board meeting were approved as printed in the Weeder. 🌸 A new field trip coordinator is being looked for. 🌸 Chris gave our membership count at 91. 🌸 Publicity: Roger continues to look for ways to promote DIG. 🌸 Donations to Hope House and Family Harvest Farm were decided on and approved. 🌸 Scholarships: Bob S. reported on the scholarship award nights for Antioch High and Liberty High schools. 🌸 Site Committee: The approval process is in motion and slowly moving forward. 🌸 Plant Sale: Connie said the member's garden tour and plant sale was enjoyed by all who participated. 🌸 Juli will oversee the garment ordering and will be available by the June potluck. 🌸 A memorial for Diane Lee will be held on September 30. 🌸 Members Potluck is June 26th at the Selders' garden. 🌸 Old business: Robin has a yard of potting soil available. 🌸 Adjourned at: 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juli Redford, Secretary 🌸

Product Review: Gorilla Carts

I recently received a Gorilla Cart for my Birthday. Yes, it was several months late and I had to go get it and put it together myself, but it's a great gift. In deciding which model to get I opted for the smaller one with a 600 pound capacity because, as my husband pointed out, I'm not strong enough to pull 1200 pounds. It has a great "dump" feature, so once you fill it up it's easy to unload.



Bob Castle has the bigger one and recommended it. I purchased this locally at a big box store, but it's also available on line.

Robin 🌸

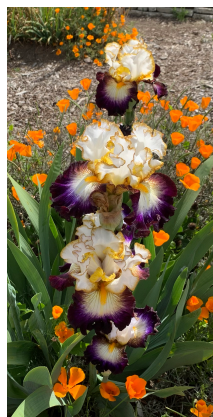
FIELD TRIPS

Our last minute field trip to the Iris garden at Dry Creek Regional Park was a real treat! The mild weather prolonged the blooming of the lovely Iris flowers. Among the Iris were several other lovely plants in bloom: poppies of various colors, tower of jewels, perennials and annuals.

The air was clear and the sky just slightly overcast creating perfect lighting for photographing the area. The seven of us then ate lunch in Pleasanton and returned home from a nice outing.

Juli Redford 🌸

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More photos of our Field Trip and Garden Tour will be posted on our Facebook page.

Garden Tour Thank You 🌸

We had a great time exploring the gardens belonging to Debbie & Ken St. Hilaire, Sue, Bob & Sally Castle, and Celia & Bob Selders. We really appreciate the efforts they put in so that we could enjoy their gardens.



A lot of people helped get ready for this event. In addition to our hosts and the committee of Connie, Debbie, Linda & Robin, there were all the people who showed up with their trucks to move plants, the people who potted up plants, brought snacks, shared cuttings, etc. Thanks Erica, Kathy, Carol Ann, Fred, Ginger, Matthew, Dan, Chris, Kay, Juli, Roger, Elinor, Penna, Pat & Cici. (My apologies if I missed someone.)

DIG Membership

P.O. Box 66

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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

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Members Potluck
 & Curious Container Contest
 June 26, 2023
Details inside



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