

# THE WEEEDER

NOVEMBER 2023

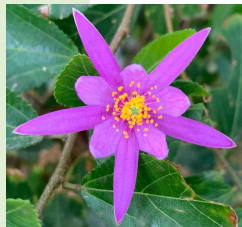
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## 2023 CALENDAR

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



**Lavender Star Flower**  
in Robin's garden.  
These were among the cuttings we started.

## 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

*It's that time of year when we all give thanks.* It's also the time when we give. The money DIG earns is mostly given away to others in our community. We recently donated to the Brentwood Community Chest, who help those in our community who need food and other items. We also donated to Freedom and Deer Valley High Schools for their garden education programs. The annual Toy Drive is another giving opportunity.

It's not always about giving things, it's also about giving your time. I really appreciate all the members who give their time to help with the plant sale, both growing the plants and the day of the sale. I especially appreciate the board members, who freely give their time to keep our club running. Please consider adding your time to our efforts.



Thanks to Fred Newland and Juli Redford who emailed photos to [info@deltainformalgardeners.org](mailto:info@deltainformalgardeners.org). They are in this edition of the Weeder. Don't forget to send in yours.



Next month our Holiday Potluck will be held on December 11th. No regular meeting will be held. On January 22nd we will hold our somewhat biennial Auction, so save your garden related stuff, housewares and gadgets that you no longer want and donate them then. Details for both will be sent soon.

*Robin Choate*, President 

"The best thing one can do when it's raining is to let it rain."

*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

## Board Minutes

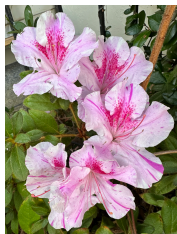
The November 6, 2023 board meeting was called to order by Robin at 7:03. ✨ Members present: Ginger, Bob S., CiCi, Debbie, Connie, Robin, Juli. ✨ Treasurer



report was given by Ginger. Accounting controls were discussed and established. ✨ Minutes from the October board meetings were approved. ✨ Debbie announced a Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> field trip to Poot's Cactus Nursery in Ripon. Signup at next general meeting. ✨ Membership has increased to 109. ✨ Hospitality-

For the Dec. 11 potluck, CiCi said that set up is at 5:30 and 6:00 for appetizers followed by dinner. ✨ Donations- For this quarter, it was proposed that donations of \$500 each to Brentwood Community Chest, the student garden programs at Freedom High and Deer Valley High; motion passed.

✨ Site Committee- Lease update: Nothing new. Bob shared a preliminary site plan. ✨ Plant Sale/ Manager- Connie will order seeds and has seed starting containers available.



Last day of propagation this year to be November 11. Some cuttings are ready to pot up. ✨ Garment ordering- Juli said visors are available. ✨ Toy Drive donations should be educational or gift cards, bring to November general meeting. ✨ Adjourned at: 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Juli Redford*, Secretary 🌱



## ANNUAL TOY DRIVE



For over ten years we have been participating in a local toy drive. This year the charity has lost its warehouse location, so they are partnering with another group and have limited space. They have requested that we limit our toys to smaller educational toys or gift cards. Please bring all gifts to the November 27th meeting.



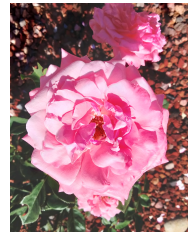
## NOVEMBER 27th MEETING

### "SHARING WHAT WE KNOW"

On November 27th we will have a "round table without the table" discussion on the "Good & Bad" of gardening in our area. Please join us and bring your knowledge and questions to share with the DIG.

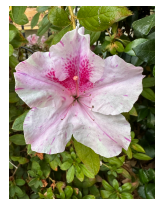
Do you have a great technique for watering or fertilizing? Need to know how? Need help with your soil? Your fruit trees, your cactus, your cucumbers? Got pesky bugs or critters? We'll try to answer your questions.

If you have a great solution to any of these problems please bring it to the meeting. Have a favorite tool or need advice on how to use one? Please bring for "Show & Tell." This night will be an interactive evening.



We have a lot of knowledge in our DIG membership and would love to share it. We have several Master gardeners, a worm farmer, a dahlia competitor, succulent growers, composters, farmers, and extraordinary veggie gardeners. I'm sure there are other talents in our group. Please come and share it with us.

*Sue Castle*, Vice President 🐔



### Gardener /gar-de-ner/ noun

A person who tries to keep plants alive in and around their homes. Gardeners are divided into the following categories based on their level of expertise:

**Novice Gardener:** Someone who hasn't gardened long enough to kill one hundred plants.

**Experienced Gardener:** Someone who's gardened long enough to kill one thousand plants.

**Master Gardener:** Someone who's qualified to tell others how to kill ten thousand plants.

## SEEDS

Are you interested in growing plants from seed? If you were here for the talk with Cathy Voortman you saw what beautiful plants can be had from growing with seed. I will be ordering seeds and need some help from any of you DIGgers in growing plants for our next sale. Vegetables and flowers. I have containers and soil for you so give me a call if you're interested.

Connie [925-329-7195](tel:925-329-7195)



We will have a  
**Pop-Up Potting Up Day**  
in December.  
Watch for an email.

## MEMBERSHIP

Lucky us! We have 4 new members. They are Gloria Henne and Julie & George Power from Brentwood and Carol Whitehead all the way from Rio Vista. This brings our total membership to 109 members. We look forward to working with these newbies and getting to know them.

Don't forget! It's time to pay your dues for 2025.

## THANK YOU'S

To Connie Miller for being the first member to pay her 2024 dues. Thanks for getting the ball rolling, Connie!



To Robin and Chris Choate at Delta Worms for once again donating a 5 gallon bag of their wonderful castings to lucky recipients, Celia and Bob Selders.

To Cici Kirchner for beautifully setting up our refreshments at our monthly membership meetings.



To our current secretary, Juli Redford, for also taking on the job of Garment Lady in her spare time.

To Debbie St. Hillaire for taking on the fun job of organizing our Field Trips. Any ideas for a fun field trip, please let Debbie know.

*Chris Artz*, Membership Chairman 🍌



## Sandy's Eggsalant Breakfast Casserole

### Base:

1 lg. bag (30 oz.) frozen hash browns, thawed (only use 3/4<sup>th</sup>s of the bag)

1/3 cup butter, melted

Press thawed hash browns into a 9" X 13" baking pan that has been sprayed with Pam. Drizzle with the melted butter.

**Bake at 425° for 25 min.** or until potatoes get brown around the edges.

Remove hash browns from oven. **Turn heat down to 350°.**

### Top with:

2 cups shredded Jack cheese

2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese

2 cups (or more...this is the best part!) sliced mushrooms that have been sautéed in butter

12 oz. pkg. Jimmy Dean sausage, cooked (I've also used Italian sausage & it was yummy!)



### Egg Layer:

In medium bowl, whisk together:

8 eggs

1 cup milk

1/2 tsp. seasoned salt

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

1/4 tsp. black pepper

Pour egg mixture over baked hash browns.

### Final Layer:

2-3 green onions, chopped

Paprika

Top with green onions and sprinkle with paprika.

Bake at 350° (not 425°) for an additional 40 min., or until casserole is no longer jiggly in the center. You can also test for doneness by cutting into the center with a butter knife to see if mixture is set. This casserole will actually finish cooking after you remove it from the oven and let it sit, covered, for about 10 minutes before cutting into it. Try not to over bake or casserole will be dry.

Recipe courtesy Chris Artz 🍌

## 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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Our next meeting is  
November 27rd  
It's time to pay 2024 Dues!



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