



THE WEEEDER

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2024 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.

2024 General Meetings

- January 22
- February 26
- March 25
- April 22 Earth Day!
- May 20*
- June 24 - Members Potluck
- July 22
- August 26
- September 23
- October 28
- November 25
- December 9 - Holiday Potluck



2024 Board Meetings

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| January 2 | July 2 |
| February 6 | August 6 |
| March 5 | September 3 |
| April 2 | October 8 |
| May 7 | November 5 |
| June 4 | November 26* |

2024 Plant Sale: MAY 11

* Adjusted due to Holidays

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I'm looking forward to new things this year. The foremost for DIG will be our new location. We still don't have a confirmed date for when we can move on to the site, but plans are moving forward. We'll let you know when we know.



Instead of a speaker on January 22nd we will have our Biennial Auction. For those of you who have not attended one before, it's a fun evening where we donate the garden related things we no longer need and other members bid on them. All proceeds go to DIG's general fund and will be part of our donations back to the community.

Connie Miller and Bob Selders will be our auctioneers and organizers of the event. We will start earlier than normal, at 6:30pm. Bring your donated items then and help display them on the tables. Enjoy a snack while you preview all the things available and decide which to bid on. At 7:00pm the Auction will commence!

Volunteers are needed to help the evening move smoothly. We need Ticket Runners, who work in pairs. One writes down the winners name and winning bid amount to put on the item and moves it to the sold area. The other writes down the item name and bid amount to give to the winner. Thanks Debbie S and Cici K for volunteering to bring snacks. We could use a few more snacks. Please contact Connie at (925) 329-7195, to let her know how you are going to help.

At the end of the evening the winners take their tickets to the cashiers for their total and then pay by cash or check. (Thanks Ginger & Sue for volunteering as cashiers.) Don't worry! Volunteers get to bid on items too!

See Page 2 for suggestions on things to donate.

Robin Choate, President 

Board Minutes

The January 2, 2023 board meeting was called to order by Robin at 7:01. Members present- Ginger, Bob S., Connie, Robin, Juli, Roger, Chris, Sue, Bob C. Treasurer report- Given by Ginger. Income statement and balances sheets were distributed. Discussed the complexity of tax filing for DIG. Minutes from the November 28th board meeting were approved. Membership- Chris: 41 members paid for 2024. Vice President- Sue: Speakers booked through July. February- John Fike Good Bugs Bad Bugs. Publicity- Roger: Brentwood library has a neglected seed library. He will restart the effort to head up the project. Need seeds donated. Next donations will be discussed in February. Scholarships- Bob: Liberty and Deer Valley high schools in 2024. Site Committee- Bob: nothing new. Plant Sale/Manager- Connie will have a meeting to distribute seeds. Potting up plant starts from propagation boxes will start in February. Garment ordering- Juli: Will start and order to be ready before the plant sale. New Business- DIG is allowing a soil endorsement on Delta Worms website. Auction: Auctioneers are Connie and Bob S. Need Runners: 4, cashiers: 2, Connie will open room at 6:00 for set up, 6:30 bring items, bidding starts at 7:00. Refreshments will be first. Check or Cash only. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm.



Respectfully submitted,

Juli Redford, Secretary



BRENTWOOD SEED LIBRARY

The Brentwood Library is in desperate need of assistance with their seed library. I would like to know if any members have seeds they would like to donate. Please include as much information about unpackaged seeds as you know. Of course, I will heartily accept packaged seeds, and will make a collection box available at the meetings. Expired seeds are totally fine! I will start collecting at the next meeting.

Thank you,

Roger Marman

"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle."

Barbara Winkler 

JANUARY 22nd MEETING

"GARDEN AUCTION"

Bring those garden related items you no longer need and donate them to our Auction. Items that sell well are clean garden tools, pottery, garden art, bird houses, etc. Limited household goods with a garden theme are acceptable.



If you wonder if an item is acceptable, send a photo via text to Connie at (925) 329-7195.

Please, no books or baskets.



A rainy day view out the dining room window at Robin's house.

Share what's happening in your garden. Email photos to:

info@deltainformalgardeners.org

SEED GROWERS

Get ready. I will be distributing seeds to all of you who signed up to participate in our seed growing program. Watch for an email blast for date and time. Most likely in the next week or so. I will also have containers and soil for those of you who need it. If you have any questions or can't make the meeting give me a call at [925-329-7195](tel:925-329-7195).

DIG thanks you for your participation.

Connie Miller



Moroccan-Inspired Sweet Potato Soup



Makes 4 servings | Total time: 30 minutes

Ingredients:

2 tbsp. olive oil, 1 small chopped yellow onion, 1 chopped red bell pepper, 3 or 4 minced garlic cloves, 1 32-oz. carton vegetable broth, 1 16-oz. pkg. diced sweet potato, 1 tsp. ground cumin, 1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon, 1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes, 1 15-oz. can garbanzo beans, 4 cups chopped kale, salt & pepper to taste

1. Add all ingredients except kale into 6-qt. electric pressure cooker. Cover, lock lid and position steam valve to seal. Select Pressure Cook on High for 1 minute.

2. Carefully turn steam valve to vent to quick release pressure. Stir in kale until wilted. Season with salt and pepper.

Recipe from Forks over Knives



Southern Corn Casserole

By Paula Deen

Ingredients

- 1 (15 1/4 oz) can drained whole kernel corn
- 1 (14 3/4 oz) can cream-style corn
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) melted butter
- 1 (8 oz) package corn muffin mix
- medium shredded cheddar cheese



Directions

In a large bowl, stir together the two cans of corn, corn muffin mix, sour cream and butter. Pour into a greased casserole. Bake at 350 °F for 40 to 45 minutes, or until golden brown. Top with generous amount of cheddar cheese and return to oven for another 5 minutes until cheese is melted.

<https://www.pauladeen.com/recipe/southern-corn-casserole-recipe/>

Recipe submitted by Chris Artz

MEMBERSHIP

IT'S TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!! We have 41 paid members as of this date. Our dues are still \$20 for an individual; \$25 for a family. Please don't hand me cash next time you see me or I may just head out and go shopping! Kindly include a membership slip with your payment. Putting both items in an envelope would be even better and much appreciated. OR, make your check out to DIG and mail it with your information slip to:

DIG, P.O. BOX 66, BRENTWOOD, CA 94513. ATTN: MEMBERSHIP

THANK YOU'S

To everyone who set up before and cleaned up after our Holiday Potluck last month. Cici & Linda did a beautiful job making the hall look so very festive. Robin and Bob kept us entertained as they handed out the gifts. A special thank you to Sandy for sweetly making sure everyone had a name badge.

Chris Artz, Membership Chairman 🌱

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**

*Our next meeting is
January 22nd
It's Our Biennial Auction!*



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