



# THE WEEEDER

MARCH 2024

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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

\*\* Subject to Change

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*They got our hopes up, then dashed them!* The City is back to dragging their heels on the lease for our new location. It's hard to move a bureaucracy, but we thought since they had called us things were finally going to happen. We're back to hurry up and wait. (Big Sigh!) We really appreciate Bob Selders for taking the lead in getting our new site coordinated with all the entities involved and for taking on the headaches.

We are still hoping to have a sale this year, but we may need to get a little creative. There is a chance we'll have to move the date to later in the year. We're also asking members to be Plant Foster Parents. We'd like members to take home 15-25 or more plants and *foster* their growth by putting them in the correct type of sunny location and keeping them watered. Connie has been wonderful letting us work in her yard, but it just doesn't have enough sunshine for a lot of the plants. (Oh, but we do enjoy the shady location while we work.) We currently have between 400-600 plants. We will start the foster plant program at our next Saturday work day.



Former Tree location

We had to take a tree out of our backyard because it blew over for the second time in that big storm we had. There was this lovely hole, so I suggested a trip to the nursery. Unfortunately, the people in the room pointed out that I have all kinds of plants in the side yard that I could put in the hole. Darn them!



*Robin Choate*, President 

~ The Garden in March ~

"It was such a pleasure to sink one's hands into the warm earth, to feel at one's fingertips the possibilities of the new season."

~ Kate Morton

## Board Minutes

The March 5, 2024 board meeting was called to order by Robin at 7:04. 🌸 Members present: Bob S., Robin, Juli, Ginger, Roger, Chris, Sue, Bob C., & Sally. 🌸 Treasurer's report was given by Ginger. Income statement and balance sheet are available for review. Bank statement was reviewed. The tax forms are being prepared. 🌸 Minutes from the March board meeting were approved. 🌸 Membership - Chris: 76 members have paid dues for 2024. 🌸 Vice President - Sue: April's speaker: Rose Loveall of Morningsun Herb Farm in Vacaville. 🌸 Publicity - Roger: The Board discussed and decided against an ad in the Brentwood Press Home and Garden section this year. New banners will be ordered as the old ones are worn and out of date. Seed donations are welcome for Brentwood library's free seed drawers. 🌸 Site Committee - Bob: Has been in contact with the assistant city manager every day and providing the necessary documents. Now we are waiting for the assistant city manager to create the use agreement. 🌸 Plant Sale - There's a need to move most plants from Connie's yard to sunnier areas. We will need members/volunteers to foster the plants at their homes until the plant sale. There is a possibility of changing the sale date. 🌸 Garment ordering - Juli: Will take orders through March 26th, that's the day after the general meeting. Visors are available now. 🌸 Old business: All worm castings donated by Delta Worms were sold at the general meeting, all proceeds benefitted DIG. 🌸 Meeting adjourned at: 8:04.

Respectfully submitted,

*Juli Redford*, Secretary. 🌸



Robin's new garden assistant:

P.J.

a.k.a.

"The Hell Cat"

## BRENTWOOD SEED LIBRARY

Please continue to bring in your seeds to donate to the Brentwood Public Library for their Seed Exchange Program. I will have a collection box at meetings and propagations, or you may donate your seeds directly to the library. The staff has reserved the Program Room on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1:15-2:15 pm, as a time for the community to gather to help sort the seeds into envelopes to help support this program. All are welcome!

Thank you,

*Roger Marman* 🌸

## MARCH 25th MEETING

### "HERBAL ALL STARS"

#### Rose Loveall

On Monday March 25<sup>th</sup> please join us to learn from Rose Loveall as she speaks about "Herbal All Stars for the Spring Garden." Herbs can be the workhorses of our gardens, not just looking pretty but adding function to every aspect of our lives. This talk will introduce some new and fun herbs to add to your spring herb garden to spice up your cooking, bar and medicine cabinet, and to entice the birds and the bees to visit as well! We will also revisit some classic herbs with some growing tips to maintain and extend their life in the garden, with some ideas on using them in some unusual and fun ways.

From Rose:



Morningsun Herb Farm is a family-owned 2 acre nursery and display gardens that have been in operation since 1995. Owned by Rose Loveall-Sale and her husband Dan Sale, Morningsun has grown from the ground up in the beautiful west valleys of Vacaville in Solano County. Rose has a background in Forestry and Horticulture, and has been propagating and growing herbs for more than 30 years. Morningsun Herb Farm grows over 500 species of herbs, vegetables, unusual and drought-tolerant perennials and pollinator plants. We specialize in a huge selection of lavenders and Salvia propagating over 90 varieties in our greenhouses. Our display gardens, located in our family walnut orchard, are wonderful teaching tools for gardeners, chefs, herbalists, and crafters. Bring a picnic to relax in the gardens, and some extra treats to share with our donkeys.

*Sue Castle*, Vice President. 🌸

## DIG GARMENTS

Would you like to have a shirt or apron before our plant sale in May? I can help with that!

I'll continue to take orders through March 26th. Just see me at or before the next general meeting on Monday, March 25th. You don't pay until the items are ready for pick up in April. You are welcome to bring your own shirts to be monogrammed with the DIG logo. These need to be submitted with the regular order on March 26th.

Available **now**, visors with the DIG logo at \$12 each. See me at the general meeting.



DIG does not make any profit from the orders. We simply order for you to make the process easy.

If you have questions, call me or send a text.

*Juli Redford*

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## GARDENING WEBSITES:

<https://www.attainable-sustainable.net/>

<https://audreyslittelfarm.com/>

<https://gardentherapy.ca/>

Robin follows these sites on Facebook.

Send your recommendations to:  
[info@deltainformalgardeners.org](mailto:info@deltainformalgardeners.org)

## MEMBERSHIP

Our newest member is Glenne McElhinney who bought a home in Antioch specifically for its beautiful garden. What a perfect fit for our garden club. We look forward to welcoming Glenne to DIG at future gatherings.

We now have 76 members who have paid their dues. If you haven't already paid yours, please do so soon. Dues are still only \$20 for an individual or \$25 for a family. Kindly make your check out to **DIG and mail it to DIG, P.O. Box 66, Brentwood, CA 94513, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP**. Don't forget to include a membership slip and please do not mail your check to Chris Artz. Thank you.



## MACARONI SALAD

1 lb. small elbow macaroni, cooked with plenty of salt, drain in colander, rinse with cold water until pasta is cool, drain again really well

6-8 hardboiled eggs, chopped fine or shredded

¼ cup or more well drained sweet pickle relish

2 cups celery, chopped

1 small dill pickle, finely diced (Optional)

Small can sliced black olives, drained

Best Foods mayonnaise (Start with 1/2 cup and add more to your liking (Later on you will probably need to add more because the pasta soaks it up. So have plenty on hand.)

1 – 2 Tbsp. regular mustard

Salt & pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients together in a very large bowl. Cover and refrigerate.

Optional:

\*2-3 sliced green onions or 1/8 cup finely sliced red onion

\* 1 pound of small, cooked shrimp

Recipe Courtesy of Chris Artz

Share your favorite recipe: [info@deltainformalgardeners.org](mailto:info@deltainformalgardeners.org)



*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  
March 25th  
"HERBAL ALL STARS"



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