



# THE WEEDEEER

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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: June 8

\* Adjusted due to Holidays  
\*\* Subject to Change

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### It's Your Club - Please Volunteer!

Being President of DIG has been so much fun, but it's time for someone else to get a turn. Bob Selders has agreed to do a one year term while we finish up the agreement with the City on our new location. We'd really like some new people to get involved and help run the club. I hate to say it, but if more people don't help out, the club may not survive. I don't mean to be doom and gloom, but we're all getting older and it's getting harder for some of us to do things. That being said, the current Board members really love the club and aren't going anywhere. We're all happy to help new people learn about the club and how to do the different positions. There is even a binder on how to do each job and run the plant sale.

## New Board Member

We still need to fill the **Vice President** position (in-training to be President). Become involved in the running of the club - It's rewarding and fun. Call Connie 925-329-7195 or Robin 925-759-0700 if you're interested or have any questions.

Our Annual Plant Sale is our current focus and Propagation is how we start each year. Please come out on Saturdays to learn how to start new plants. It's a lot of fun and there are usually snacks!

## Propagation is Every Saturday

from 10am to noon

at Connie's, 530 Third Street, Brentwood.

We will meet weekly until the weather gets too cold.

See page 3 for details.

Now back to the fun stuff! Chris & I are in travel mode again. We're headed to Cincinnati soon to see our son and daughter-in-law. While there we plan to go to Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park and garden. I'll share photos next month. If you've been somewhere fun and have garden photos we'd be happy to share them too.

*Robin Choate*, President 

## Board Minutes

The October 8, 2024, Board meeting began at 7 PM. In attendance were Robin, Connie, Bob S., Cici, Sue, Roger, Debbie, Ginger, Chris, Bob C. 🌸 September minutes were Approved as printed in the Weeder. 🌸 Ginger gave the Treasurer's Report. She has created a new accounting category to track expenses applied to the money donated by Steve & Carole. 🌸 Debbie reported on the field trip to Serendipity Cellars 9/27. It was a great afternoon hosted by the owner, Bryan, who was full of information. 12 guests attended. The Mothers of Brentwood (MOB) event on 9/28 was a success. The kids loved planting lettuce and Marigolds. 🌸 Chris reported that Membership is at 98 current for 2024. Dues are coming in for 2025. 🌸 Sue has arranged for Kirby Wong to be the speaker for October and his topic is Daffodils. November speaker will be Chris Choate. 🌸 Hosting: Cici informed us she will be going to Costa Rica for the holidays, she asked for volunteers to cover her responsibilities for the Christmas potluck and meeting snack setup. Robin, Connie and Debbie Volunteered. 🌸 Roger contacted Brentwood Parents Club for information on placement of Banner for club info. He also may have a 5 minute speaker from Brentwood Senior Club. 🌸 New Site: Bob submitted the final insurance paperwork, unfortunately corrections were needed; they were completed and resubmitted. We should be 99% complete, just waiting. 🌸 Propagation: Connie requested that members bring lots of cuttings to Saturday workshops. We have had a poor turnout and discussed ways to encourage people to attend. She also requested that the propagation information be on the first page of the Weeder. 🌸 The Weeder seems to be a problem for some members who cannot open the link in the email. Only about half of the people who it is sent to actually open the email. We will be doing a test to see if everyone is actually receiving it. 🌸 Nominating committee: Sonia Sellers has agreed to be Program Director and Sue has agreed to stay on to assist her. We still need a VP, who would possibly become President in 2026. 🌸 New Business: Ginger mentioned a request made by the Historical Society that they wanted Daffodils to line the driveway to the site. Ginger has volunteered about 10,000 bulbs. We would need to coordinate planting and irrigation. Bob volunteered to speak to them, in an effort to follow through. 🌸 Meeting adjourned at 8 P.M

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie S<sup>t</sup>. Hilaire*

for Juli Redford, Secretary 🌸



## OCTOBER 28th SPEAKER

### KIRBY WONG DAFFODILS

Our speaker for our October 28 meeting will be Kirby Fong, a Livermore resident. He was a computer scientist at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from 1976 until his retirement in 2007. He'll be speaking to us about daffodils, a flower he became interested in after a neighbor recommended he plant some when he remodeled his yard in the 1980's. His interest in daffodils was heightened in 1989 when the American Daffodil Society held its national show in San Francisco, and he saw daffodil cultivars bred for show or exhibition. That inspired his continuing interest in trying and showing newer as well as historic daffodils. As many of you are aware, if you show up regularly at an activity, you'll eventually be asked to serve as an officer, and Kirby was asked to become a regional director on the board of the American Daffodil Society in the early 1990's. That led to a series of jobs in the American Daffodil Society as slide programs chairman (before PowerPoint and personal computers became popular), treasurer, awards chairman, and administrator of media (e.g. PDF and video) programs. He's also chairman for the annual daffodil show in Livermore and has been chairman of the national daffodil shows in 2000, 2007, 2016, and 2024. Another of his hobbies is photography, and he has put that to use by photographing many different cultivars for the American Daffodil Society's online database of named daffodils. You may learn more about the American Daffodil Society on the Internet at [daffodilusa.org](http://daffodilusa.org). The daffodil database is at [daffseek.org](http://daffseek.org), and presentation about daffodils is at [dafftube.org](http://dafftube.org).



Mr. Fong is going to share daffodil bulbs with the DIG members.

*Sue Castle*, Vice President - Programs 🌸

### Aunt Ida's Pressed Cookies

2/3 Cup Butter  
2/3 Cup White Sugar + extra  
2/3 Cup Brown Sugar  
2 Cups Quick Oatmeal  
1/2 Cup Finely Chopped Nuts  
2 Eggs  
1 teaspoon Vanilla  
2 Cups Flour  
1/2 teaspoon Baking Soda  
1 teaspoon Baking Powder  
1/2 teaspoon Salt

Pre-heat Oven to  
325 degrees



Cream butter then add sugars, oatmeal and nuts.  
Blend in eggs and vanilla.  
Sift together flour, soda, baking powder and salt.  
Mix with other ingredients.  
Drop small spoonfuls full of dough on greased cookie sheets.  
Dip a flat bottomed glass in the extra sugar, then press dough flat.  
(Dampen glass bottom to get the sugar to stick, then twist slightly when flattening dough to keep dough from sticking to the bottom of the glass.)  
Bake 10 to 12 minutes. Makes 6 dozen.

Recipe Courtesy Robin's Great Aunt Ida. Robin shared these at propagation and they were a hit!

## PROPAGATION

WE NEED YOU DIGGERS. Propagation continues Saturday mornings from 10-12. Please bring cuttings from your gardens. If you don't have any cuttings, still come to work on cuttings from others.

We need lots of help and hands to work on our propagation for our next years PLANT SALE. Bring your gloves and shears and good cheer. Treats are always welcome too. 530 3rd St. in Brentwood, corner of Chestnut, side yard. Weather has cooled off and is perfect for working. Looking forward to seeing you. Any questions call Connie [925-329-7195](tel:925-329-7195)

Connie 



## MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 98 paid members.

It's that time of year again, folks! Membership fees are due by January 1, 2025. The sooner you pay them, the easier it is for me. Dues are still only \$20 for an individual; \$25 for a couple/family. Please remember to include a completed membership slip (printed on last page of this Weeder) with your current contact information before mailing your check. Checks should be made out to DIG and either mailed to

**DIG Membership, P.O. 66, Brentwood, CA 94513** or given to me at a meeting or a propagation workshop. Please do not mail them to me because then I have to mail them to our post office box which costs our club a whopping \$.73! Thank you for your cooperation.



*Chris Artz*

Membership Chairman 

## RECIPE



### Swedish Apple Cake



Servings: Serves 6-8 Author: Rachael Murray

#### INGREDIENTS

- ½ cup butter, room temp
- 1 ½ cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla
- 1 ½ cups flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 ½ teaspoons cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 3 cups diced & peeled apples (~2 large apples)
- Optional: ¼ cup chopped pecans or walnuts

#### CARAMEL

- 1 ½ cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons half & half
- 4 tablespoons butter

#### PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and thoroughly grease a 9-inch springform pan.
2. In a small bowl, sift together flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
3. In a large bowl, beat butter and sugar until smooth, then add eggs one at a time, followed by the vanilla.
4. Slowly mix the dry ingredients into the wet until just combined, then fold in apples and nuts if using.
5. Transfer batter to the prepared pan and bake for 35-40 minutes as you prepare the caramel.
6. Caramel: when cake has been baking for 30 minutes, start the caramel. Add brown sugar, half & half, and butter to a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir often until the mixture is smooth and fully combined, no need to bring to a full boil.
7. Remove cake from oven and pour caramel over the top. Return cake to oven for additional 10-15 minutes or until caramel is cracking and cake is cooked through the center.
8. Allow cake to cool at least 15 minutes before slicing.

Recipe courtesy of 12 Tomatoes: [https://12tomatoes.com/swedish-apple-cake/?trk\\_msg=PI8IE5Q2EB84H0L7IVK4DLMALC&trk\\_contact=QOBKNKNEJ7L5O5UHSIK13FLQRK&trk\\_module=new&trk\\_sid=ICOTJHK7TRRFG5AD261E2KRJP0&trk\\_link=HDFSON8NC6RKRF5H49485MP4TG&utm\\_source=12t&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=SEE+THE+RECIPE&utm\\_campaign=daily-newsletter&utm\\_content=featured-recipe](https://12tomatoes.com/swedish-apple-cake/?trk_msg=PI8IE5Q2EB84H0L7IVK4DLMALC&trk_contact=QOBKNKNEJ7L5O5UHSIK13FLQRK&trk_module=new&trk_sid=ICOTJHK7TRRFG5AD261E2KRJP0&trk_link=HDFSON8NC6RKRF5H49485MP4TG&utm_source=12t&utm_medium=email&utm_term=SEE+THE+RECIPE&utm_campaign=daily-newsletter&utm_content=featured-recipe)

## DIG's WEBSITE & EMAILS

[www.deltainformalgardeners.org](http://www.deltainformalgardeners.org)  
email: [info@deltainformalgardeners.org](mailto:info@deltainformalgardeners.org)

Are you getting emails from us? We try to send out reminders a few days ahead of when things are happening. We use an email service and they recommend that you add the address it comes from to your contacts. It is different than the email above that you use to contact us and is:

[Delta\\_Informal\\_Gardeners@mail.vresp.com](mailto:Delta_Informal_Gardeners@mail.vresp.com)

We will be doing a test in the near future to see who is getting the emails. Please respond per the instructions.

The Weeder comes out around the second week of the month. If you don't get the email with the link, or you can't get the link to work, you can find the Weeder on our website on the Weeder page. Back issues are there also.

## 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

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“My green thumb came only as a result of the mistakes I made while learning to see things from the plant’s point of view.”

— H. Fred Dale



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