



THE WEEDEEER

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2025 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.

2025 General Meetings

- January 27
- February 24
- March 24
- April 28
- May 19*
- June 23 - Members Potluck
- July 28
- August 25
- September 22
- October 27
- November 24
- December 8 - Holiday Potluck

2025 Board Meetings

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

2025 Plant Sale: May 10

* Adjusted due to Holidays

** Subject to Change

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February finally brought some much needed rain, but we are only at about 1/3 of our average annual rainfall. Hopefully, we will be able to catch up over the next few months.

We are still working on getting our new sale site set up and will be working at the site every Saturday morning through the sale on May 10. We had a minor setback last week with the wind blowing our canopy over, in spite having all posts secured with 38 pound concrete blocks. It is back up and secured much better now, so hopefully we will be able to complete that project with no further issues. There will be additional work days during the week to help put up temporary fencing, filling in tripping hazards, etc. so keep an eye out for notice of those work days. I want to thank everyone who has come out in the cold weather to help and I am looking forward to seeing many more DIG'ers joining us at the new site and helping make this years sale a great success.



We are still looking for new committee chairpersons and Board members to help our club move forward and thrive. We are in need of a Vice President who will move into the President position in the future, we also can use a Scholarship Chairperson to relieve me of that position, and there are many other opportunities to assist or take over positions. If you have the slightest desire to get more involved please contact me (925-642-0080) and we can discuss how you can help.

Bob Selders, President 🌱

Thank you Juli, Robin and Sally for providing our refreshments at our January meeting. We look forward to what CeCe, Lisa, and Kathy will bring in February. 🍪🍰🍩

Board Minutes

The February 4, 2025 Board meeting was called to order at 7:03pm. Members present: Bob Selders, Connie Miller, CeCe Kirchner, Ginger Guider, Sonja Sellers, Roger Marman, and Robin Choate. 🌸 Treasurer: Ginger reported that year end reports were finalized and Taxes were filed. She has found ZoHo Books that may work as a replacement accounting program. 🌸 Minutes of the January 2025 Board Meeting were approved as published in the Weeder. 🌸 Chris (via email) requested we purge names of people who have not paid in over 2 years from the membership list. Board requested emails sent to those who still attend to remind them. It was suggested that we offer memberships at the plant sale and it was reported that we already do, but we can put more emphasis on it by offering a sign up for emails. 🌸 Speakers: Sonja reported that John Fike will speak at February meeting about Succulents and Ant Invasions. Some future speakers are in the works, but others have fallen through. 🌸 Scholarships: Bob has heard back from Dozier-Libby H.S., Liberty H.S. District had already replied. 🌸 Publicity: Roger will contact the newspaper in March to get an article written. Signs will be ordered soon. 🌸 CeCe has returned from Costa Rica and is all set for our next meeting. 🌸 Weeder articles are due to Robin by Thursday. 🌸 Bob reported that the storm blew over the framework for the greenhouse. We will meet Wednesday to repair the damage and secure by burying cinder blocks with ropes attached. 🌸 Connie said we would start potting up perennial plant divisions on Saturday, February 8th, at the new site. No succulents yet. 🌸 Bob priced "Port a Potty" services and was authorized to order one. 🌸 Old Business: Review of Bi Laws has not been done yet. List of items held by members still in the works. 🌸 Donations: The Board voted to donate to the Local 4-H and John Sierra's class at Freedom H.S. 🌸 Ginger requested a list of expected expenses for the sale. We anticipate ordering signs, more soil, repairs to carts and plants starts to supplement what we have already started. 🌸 Meeting was adjourned at 8:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Choate

for *Juli Redford*, Secretary 🌸



FEBRUARY 24th SPEAKER

Have you experienced an "Ant Invasion" this winter? Our speaker, John Fike, is returning to help us understand and deal with this strange phenomenon!

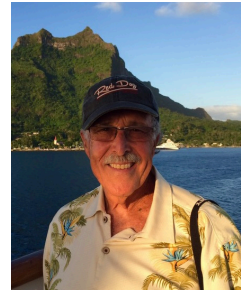
His main talk will be about **Succulents**, those beautiful, unique, and climate tolerant plants that offer color, texture and size to our gardens.

Where they came from, how to grow and maintain them, and deal with pests that might harm them.

John comes to us with a 34-year career on the faculty of UCSF. After retiring, his passion for biology and education lead him to the Master Gardener Program, with the goal of developing an enhanced perspective and appreciation of the fascinating world around us.

Please join us in welcoming back this awesome speaker to DIG!

Sonja Sellers 🌸



MEMBERSHIP

Please join me in welcoming our 4 newest members. They are Margo and Jeff Olson and Pam and Barry Schwitters, all from Brentwood. We look forward to getting to know them at our meetings, propagation workshops and work parties.

We have a total of 58 members who have paid their dues for 2025. If you still haven't paid yours, please do so soon so we can include you and your current contact information in our updated member booklet for 2025. Our dues are \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. Please make out your check to DIG, fill out and include a membership slip and mail to DIG, P.O. Box 66, Brentwood, CA 94513, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP. If you plan to hand your dues to me the next time you see me, please make sure your money and slip are in an envelope. Thanks.



Chris Artz Membership Chairman 🌸

PROPAGATION: PLANTS & SEEDS

Thank you to all of you who have volunteered to grow seeds. We had a great turnout and I'm looking forward to hearing how all your seeds are doing. Please keep me posted as to how it's going, if you've lost some or they're doing great let me know. I'm trying to keep track of what we have, so I will appreciate you letting me know. If you haven't given me a list of what you have please send me a text or email with that info.



We're starting our Saturdays potting up plants for our sale. Thank you for bringing divisions from your gardens. Again, please bring a piece of paper with any info you have on your plants so I can make accurate labels. Name, if you know it, color, size and any special information you have is appreciated. Can you believe we're actually going to have a real sale this year? Our new location is starting to come together and looking great!! Any questions call me at 925-329-7195.




Connie Miller 

THANK YOU

To Sonja S., who is in charge of our Programs, for asking our members for their preferences for future speakers which everyone appreciated. She also set up a "Round Table" discussion at our January membership meeting in which she shared pictures of her new seed starting station in her garage plus a picture of her ailing evergreen. There was a great flow of good information shared by all!



To those who showed up to prune roses at the Historical Museum: Fred N., Erica P., Sandy & Roger M., Einor B., Connie M., Karen H. & Robin C. And thanks also to those who moved canopy poles and then set up 5 canopies: Debbie S., Ginger G., Roxanne S., Bob S. & Bob C., Robin C., Connie M., De-De H., Fred N., Karen H., Michelle & Joe M., Juli R. and Chris A.

Chris Artz Membership Chairman 



SWEET & SOUR BAKED CAULIFLOWER

For the Cauliflower:

- 1 medium head of cauliflower, cut into florets
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika



For the Sweet and Spicy Sauce:

- 2 tablespoons honey (or maple syrup for vegan version)
- 1 tablespoon sriracha or chili garlic sauce
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce (or tamari for gluten-free)
- 1 teaspoon rice vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil
- ½ teaspoon grated ginger (optional for extra flavor)

For Garnish (Optional):

- Sesame seeds
- Chopped cilantro
- Lime wedges

Prepare the Cauliflower:

1. **Preheat the Oven:** Preheat your oven to 400°F (200°C). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper for easy cleanup.
2. **Cut the Cauliflower:** Cut the cauliflower into bite-sized florets, ensuring they are evenly sized for even cooking.
3. **Toss with Oil and Spices:** In a large bowl, toss the cauliflower florets with olive oil, salt, pepper, garlic powder, and smoked paprika until evenly coated.

Make the Sweet and Spicy Sauce:

4. **Combine Sauce Ingredients:** In a small bowl, whisk together honey (or maple syrup), sriracha or chili garlic sauce, soy sauce, rice vinegar, sesame oil, and grated ginger (if using) until smooth and well combined.

Bake the Cauliflower:

5. **Arrange on Baking Sheet:** Spread the cauliflower florets in a single layer on the prepared baking sheet. Make sure they aren't crowded so they can crisp up properly.
6. **Bake the Cauliflower:** Bake for 20 minutes, flipping halfway through, until the cauliflower is tender and golden brown.

Coat the Cauliflower with the Sauce:

7. **Add the Sauce:** Remove the cauliflower from the oven and drizzle the sweet and spicy sauce over the hot florets. Toss the cauliflower gently to ensure an even coating of the sauce.
8. **Return to Oven:** Put the cauliflower back in the oven and bake for an additional 10-15 minutes, or until the sauce has caramelized and the cauliflower is crispy.

Garnish and Serve:

9. **Garnish the Cauliflower:** Once baked, remove from the oven and garnish with sesame seeds, chopped cilantro, and lime wedges if desired.
10. **Serve:** Serve hot as a side dish, snack, or part of a main meal. Pair it with rice, quinoa, or a fresh salad for a complete meal.

Recipe Courtesy of Miya at [minimealprep.com](https://www.minimealprep.com) via Pinterest.

DIG Membership

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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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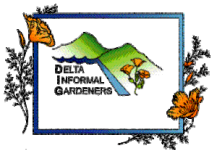
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*"Silently, one by one in the infinite meadows
of Heaven, Blossomed the lovely stars, the
forget-me-nots of angels."*

— Longfellow



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