



THE WEEDEDER

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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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April is here already and our plant sale is only a month away. I want to thank everyone who has been helping to prepare our temporary site and planting the plants over the past several months. If you have not been out to the new site in awhile, stop by on one of our work days and give us a hand. We are still planting plants and grooming the plants that we already have at the site so that they will look great on May 10th, the sale day. Please mark that date. We need everyone on hand that day to help with the many jobs needed to make this a successful sale.

We are still looking for members interested in helping our current Board members and our various chairpersons, with the goal of those members transitioning into the various positions. We need new people to learn the various positions and gradually take over, as many of the current Board and Chairpersons have served for numerous years and are getting older. If you are interested, talk to me or any of the current Board members or Chairpersons. All DIG members are welcome to attend any of our Board Meetings and learn more about our organization. The Board meets on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of each month, in the Fireside room at the Methodist Church, located behind the general meeting room, at 7:00 PM. NOTE: the May Board Meeting is on May 6 due to Memorial Day.

I want to thank Connie, Kimberly and De-De for bringing treats to the March General Meeting and I'm looking forward to the treats that Elinor, Joy and Debbie are bringing to our April General Meeting.



Bob Sellers, President 🌿

Contest: A Name for Our New Site

We can't keep calling our sale location "The New Site." So we've decided to have a Naming Contest for what to call it. Members are invited to submit ideas naming ideas by May 12th. We will vote by ballot at the May 19th general meeting. Results will be announced at June potluck and a prize will be awarded. To submit your name idea email it to Robin at rchoate80@yahoo.com. Be sure and include your name as some of your emails aren't obvious as to your identity.

We've referred to past sites as "The Ranch," "Shelly's," "Hoffman Lane", and "Under the Water Tower."

Board Minutes

The April 8, 2025 board meeting was called to order by Bob at 7:03 pm. Members present: Connie Miller, Bob Selders, Juli Redford, Cici Kirchner, Robin Choate, Ginger Guider, Roger Marman, Debbie St Hilaire, Sonja Sellers, De-De Hays. 🌸 Treasurer: Balance sheet distributed. 🌸 It was proposed and the minutes from the March board meeting were approved, seconded by Connie. 🌸 Garments- Juli: Two people ordered. Will be ready at end of April. 🌸 Membership-79 paid members. Members booklet will be done after sale. 🌸 Program/speaker: Speakers for the general meeting were discussed and schedules. April-Wanda of Perez Nursery (new plants), May-Brad Hurst (irrigation), June-Potluck, July-Bonnie Dwyer, Aug- Lori Caldwell. 🌸 June Potluck expenses and location ideas discussed: the growing grounds, a member's yard, Sunset Park, or Veteran's park all in Brentwood. 🌸 Wednesday April 9th will be a workday to move plants from Roger's and Connie's homes. 🌸 Publicity-Roger: Seven signs made and ready. It is suggested to have a sign at the plant sale stating where the money goes from the sale. Roger proposed an interview with the Press for publication the week or so before the plant sale. 🌸 Field trips-Debbie presented ideas for several good locations. Travel time was discussed. A member interest questionnaire will be distributed at next general meeting. 🌸 Potting up- On Saturdays. Robin will bring more plants from growers market. More soil will be delivered. 🌸 Plant sale-tally sheets reviewed, We have about 3,000 plants and hope to have to have 4,000. Signs for plant identification need to be set up. 🌸 New business- Naming contest for the new site. Ask members to submit ideas by May 12th. Voting will be at May 19th general meeting. Results at June pot luck. 🌸 Old business: It's time to review the bylaws for compliance. See member handbook. A policy or procedure will be created for determining the fee for each general meeting speaker. 🌸 Meeting adjourned at: 8:27 pm.

🌸 On March 19, 2025 Robin proposed that we buy seven signs to advertise the plant sale. Motion was approved by two voting board members: Juli R. and Bob S. 🌸

Respectfully submitted,

Juli Redford, Secretary 🌸



MEMBERSHIP

Currently we have 79 paid members. If you haven't paid yet, please mail your check made out to DIG to **DIG, P.O. BOX 66, BRENTWOOD, CA 94513**. You can also bring your payment to me at our next membership meeting. Either way, **PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE A COMPLETED MEMBERSHIP SLIP WITH YOUR PAYMENT.** Thank you.

Thank you,

Chris Artz

Membership Chairman 🌸 925-234-0395.

APRIL 28th SPEAKER

Wonda Yeakley

This month we are honored to host **Wonda Yeakley from Perez Nursery**, located at 2601 Walnut Blvd in Brentwood. (www.pereznursery.com). Perez Nursery & Landscaping has been in Brentwood for over 40 years and at the current location for the last 12. Wonda started out as a home gardener and enthusiast. She was self-taught until she started working at Perez Nurseries, where Irma Zepeda-Perez (owner of the Nursery) has been mentoring her. She designed and installed the reflection garden at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. She thinks of plants as "pets" that she wants to be sure go to good homes by asking questions of customers to make sure their purchases will be a good fit for them and their garden, providing a beautiful and thriving environment to enjoy.



Wonda will be talking about new plant varieties for various uses. She has a wealth of knowledge, so please come with your garden questions and give her a warm D.I.G. welcome!

I was thinking it would be fun to see each other's gardens! If you want to send me a picture of your garden or something related to it, I could create a looping Power Point to show during the coffee/snack time after the speaker or perhaps before the meeting begins if we don't need the computer set up for the speaker. Send a photo to sonjasellers1@me.com.

Sonja Sellers 🌸



PROPAGATION:

SEEDS SEEDS SEEDS

I would just like to say BRAVO to all you seed growers who have done such a wonderful job this year. You have provided such a wonderful assortment of plants for our sale. I'm so excited for our sale and I'm really loving all the beautiful plants you've been bringing in.

I'm now going to ask you to think of other plants you would like to try growing from seed for next year (yes, I'm already thinking of next year). I have some things in mind and hoping we can get an earlier start. So start a list for our next seed order. Any questions call me at 925-329-7195.

Connie Miller 

THANK YOU'S

To Nicole at POOL, PATIO & GARDEN for the beautiful plants she donates every month for door prizes at our meetings. This nursery is located on Marsh Creek Road in Clayton and Nicole is the perfect person to bring all your plant questions to.

To Connie Miller, Plant Manager, for keeping us organized with a constant supply of I.D. labels for our newly potted up plants.



To Ally'Ana from Liberty High School, Owen, who's Elinor and Roy Bell's grandson from UCSF and Robin and Chris Choate's grandkids, Alex & Will, from Guerneville for volunteering at Saturday work parties helping us load up one gallon cans with

potting soil. It has been such a delight seeing these energetic young people working side by side with us. If you have high school age students who need a place to volunteer, please contact Bob Selders.

To Bob Selders, Bob Castle, and Chris Choate for doing all the behind the scenes heavy work and planning on a weekly (er, maybe daily?) basis since January. Without their dedication, we would be nowhere near ready for our May 10th plant sale.

Chris Artz Membership Chairman 



RECIPE



Refrigerator Raisin Bran Muffins

Preheat oven to 400*

4 cups Raisin Bran Cereal
2 1/2 cups sugar
5 cups flour
5 tsp baking soda
2 tsp salt
4 eggs, beaten
1 cup oil
1 quart buttermilk
1 cup raisins, if desired



Mix Bran cereal, sugar, flour, baking soda, and salt. Add eggs, oil and buttermilk. Mix well. Add extra raisins If desired. Batter can be stored in refrigerator for up to 6 weeks in a covered container. Makes 5 dozen muffins. Bake off as many muffins as you like and refrigerate the rest of the batter. 😊

Bake in a 400* oven for 20 minutes

Note, I like to add 2 tsp of pumpkin pie spice to the batter.

Pimento Cheese Spread

1 (16 oz) block extra- sharp Cheddar cheese
1 (8 oz) block mild Cheddar cheese
1 (8 oz) package cream cheese (softened)
2 (7 oz) jars chopped pimentos (drained)
1 (12 oz) jar roasted red bell peppers (finely chopped)
1/4 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
Dash of ground black pepper



1.Shred Cheddar cheeses.
2.Simply mix the grated cheese mixture in with the remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Be careful to not mush the cheese into a lump, toss as much as you stir it. Chill it overnight before you serve it.

Recipes Courtesy of Celia Selders who has provided snacks at our Saturday work days recently, much to our delight.

DIG Membership

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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

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"There are no garden mistakes,
only experiments."

—Janet Kilburn Phillips



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