



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Sale Day has finally arrived and the customer turn out was excellent all morning. In spite of the squirrels and rabbits, we sold a lot of plants and the customers all seemed happy. I want to thank everyone who has helped with our propagation and sale efforts over the past number of months. I believe we all made new friends and had a great time working together to make this another successful sale, in spite of our setbacks with weather, critters munching on our plants, etc.. Our DIGers team overcame the many setbacks with hard work and a positive attitude! Now it's time to relax and enjoy the summer, because we will be starting the whole process over again before you know it.

Reminder! The May General Membership Meeting is one week early, May 19, due to the Memorial Day Holiday, so mark your calendars!

I want to thank Elinor, Joy and Debbie for bringing some great treats to the April meeting and I'm looking forward to the treats that Juli, Michele and De-De are bringing to our May 19 meeting.



Bob Selders, President 🌱



A Name for Our New Site Contest

Suggestions were made. A ballot is being prepared. Come to the May 19th general meeting and vote for your favorite. Results will be announced at the June potluck and a prize will be awarded. Soon our new site will have a new name that will flow off of your tongue like poetry. Or at least we'll all know where we're going when we say "See you at _____."

Board Minutes

The April 8, 2025 board meeting was called to order by DIG president, Bob Selders, at 7:05 pm. 🌸 Members present- Connie Miller, Bob Selders, Chris Artz, Cici Kirchner, Robin Choate, Sonja Sellers, Debbie St Hilaire, Ginger Guider, Juli Redford, Sue Castle, & Bob Castle. 🌸 Treasurer- Balance sheet and net income statements were distributed. Customer checkout at the plant sale was discussed including the use of Venmo. 🌸 Secretary- The minutes from the April board meeting were approved. 🌸 Garments- Juli: Still have some visors to sell. 🌸 Membership-79 paid members and membership applications will be available at the plant sale. 🌸 Sonja has scheduled the following: May-Brad Hurst, July-Bonnie Dwyer, Aug- Laurie Caldwell, Sept.-Cathy Voortman on dry flower wreaths. A request was approved for \$50 to buy new varieties of plants for the members to grow and review. 🌸 Publicity- The plant sale is listed in The Press in the calendar section and event section. 🌸 June Pot Luck- June 23rd. At the Historical Society grounds. 🌸 Field trips-Debbie received a large amount of feedback from the survey. In July there will be a trip to Filoli. 🌸 Hospitality- CiCi: June potluck is being planned. 🌸 Site- Good news: the city has started the next phase of "surplus property sale." 🌸 Plant sale- The Castles are making signs for the plants with photos or seed packets. John Sierra and students will assist. Lunch will be provided for workers. We have about 3,200 plants. 🌸 Propagating of warm weather & native plants should start now. DIG will try to give an instruction lesson. 🌸 Naming contest for the new site- Members have been asked to submit ideas to Robin by May 12th. Voting will be at May 19th general meeting. Results at June potluck. 🌸 DIG master inventory- Juli distributed the first draft of the list. More items will be identified and added. 🌸 We are still looking for accounting software for our treasurer. 🌸 Adjourned 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Juli Redford, Secretary 🌸



Photo credits: Chris Artz, Julie Selders Marcel, & Robin Choate.

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 🌸

MAY 19th SPEAKER

BRAD HURST 🌸 IRRIGATION

Our gardens are only as good as our watering systems allow them to be. Especially in zone 9b! This month Brad Hurst will be speaking to us about just that, home garden watering systems. He is a local, self-employed, irrigation wizard! I don't know about you, but I hate messing with my garden's irrigation needs... I just don't understand it! I am looking forward to hearing him hopefully shed some light on this issue for me!

Here is the Biography he sent to me:

Hello, my name is Brad Hurst. I am 63 years old and married for 33 years to my one and only wife Monica. Together we have had seven wonderful kids that are now all grown up. Back in 1987 I was a wandering drifter who after three years out of college went to work for my alma mater literally working as a weed puller for campus cleanup. Over the next five years I would become the grounds superintendent with a crew of up to 15 and 145 acres of campus. It



was during these five years that I learned how to not only landscape but also build/repair irrigation systems. In 1992 I was hired as the lead foreman for the city of Dublin public works department overseeing the street and parks division. It was there that I learned

of even more complicated irrigation systems. In 1995 I started my own landscape service company where-in I serviced residential, commercial, and municipal accounts. No matter what, I always found myself doing the irrigation repairs. Eventually I would go on to sell my company and start a new one that only services residential irrigation systems. I have been doing this since 2014 working about eight months out of the year in irrigation and as a short-term schoolteacher for Brentwood and Oakley school districts the other four months. I love both my Jobs because with the one I get to work with some wonderful kids and teachers while with the other I get to figure out how to solve irrigation issues and make a good living at it. Life Has Been Good. - Brad Hurst.

Please join me in welcoming Brad to D.I.G.! **Bring your questions!**

Don't forget to send me any photos you want to share of your garden! If you text or email them to me ahead of time, we can avoid potential technical issues when it is time to share. Maybe I could put them on a looping Power Point to look at as people arrive at the meeting? Then you could briefly share what the picture is about or not... (your choice).



Sonja Sellers 🌸

Get a Head Start on Your CURIOUS CONTAINER

Create a curious container for our June Potluck. Do you have a container that isn't something you'd normally put a plant in? Say, a clock or a bed pan or a chandelier? Use it as a planter and enter it in our Curious Container Contest held on June 23rd at our Summer Potluck. Themes are encouraged, but not required (Thyme in a clock). The potluck will be held at the Historical Society, next door to our new site.

Robin Choate 



THANK YOU

To John Sierra at Freedom High school and his students that worked so hard moving plants for our customers. Several were so knowledgeable that they were giving advice and making sales. Others worked non stop lifting and carting soil and plants. And they all seemed happy to be there!

Most of all, thank you to all the members who grew plants, shoveled soil and showed up.

Robin Choate, Assistant Plant Manager 



GREEK SALAD

Greek Salad is one of those dishes that always brings a burst of fresh, vibrant flavors to the table. The combination of crunchy cucumbers, ripe tomatoes, Kalamata olives, and tangy feta is just so satisfying. The simple dressing of olive oil, lemon, and oregano really brings everything together.

Servings: 4

Ingredients:

- 2 cups cucumber, diced
- 2 cups tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup bell pepper, diced. (any color)
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1 cup Kalamata olives, pitted
- 1/2 cup feta cheese, crumbled
- 3 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Oregano (optional)



Instructions:

1. In a large bowl, combine the diced cucumber, chopped tomatoes, bell pepper, red onion, and Kalamata olives.
2. Add the crumbled feta cheese on top.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together the olive oil, red wine vinegar, salt, pepper, and oregano (if using).
4. Drizzle the dressing over the salad and toss gently to combine. Serve immediately.

Recipes Courtesy of Retro-Vixen on Pinterest.

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

"If your plant's leaves are turning yellow, it might be because it has too much water, too little water, too much light, too little light, too much fertilizer, not enough fertilizer, or maybe your plant is just a jerk who doesn't want you to be successful and happy."

- unknown 



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