



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

June arrived in a heat wave and then cooled down to our normal weather. This month will be our summer Potluck on June 23rd at the ECCHS Museum (East Contra Costa Historical Society), 3890 Sellers Ave, across the drive from our May Plant Sale Site. I'm looking forward to this function. We always have great food and fun with our curious container judging. You do not have to bring a curious container, just enjoy catching up with old members and meeting new members. We have had a few new members join the club and I encourage the new members to come so that you can learn more about who the DIG'ers are, meet more of our members and make new friendships with some great gardeners. Please note: ECCHS rules do not allow alcoholic beverages, smoking, or dogs on site.

Now that the Plant Sale is done, I can get back to my own garden! I usually have my vegetable garden planted by April, but that did not happen this year so hopefully I will have it planted in a week or so. I also have a lot of deferred maintenance that I need to catch up on, so I'm going to have a busy summer.

Bob Selders, President 🌿



Our New Site has a Name!

Suggestions were made. A ballot was prepared. We voted at the May 19th general meeting. Results will be announced at the June potluck and a prize will be awarded.



THANK YOU

Thank you to **Alden Lane Nursery** in Livermore and **Perez Nursery in Brentwood** for offering our members discounts on plants. Thanks also to **R & M Pool, Patio & Gardens** in Clayton for giving us discounts on plants and also for donating gorgeous plants every month for our door prizes at our membership meetings. Please be sure to present your DIG membership card to the cashier when purchasing your plants. For future reference, these nurseries are listed in the back of your Member Directory.

Board Minutes

The June 3, 2025 board meeting was called to order by DIG president, Bob Selders, at 6:58 pm. Members present- Bob Selders, Cici Kirchner, Robin Choate, Chris Choate, Debbie St Hilaire, Ginger Guider, Juli Redford Dave Redford, Sue Castle, Bob Castle, Chris Artz. 🌸 Vice President: Propagation class on June 9th at 11 am at Connie's. Members will be given items to take home. 🌸 Treasurer: Balance sheet and net income statement were distributed. Plant sale was successful and made a profit. 🌸 Secretary: Juli proposed the approval of minutes from the May board meeting, Sue seconded, the board approved. 🌸 Garments: Juli has visors for sale. 🌸 Membership: 82 paid members. 🌸 Programs: June 23rd Potluck- at the East County Historical Society 5:30 set up, 6:00 appetizers, 6:30 Dinner, 7:45 Curious container contest, site name contest winner announced. Clean up after. Instructions for the members will be in the Weeder. 🌸 Scholarships: Karen Hardee is presenting this evening at Independence High. 🌸 Field trips: Debbie scheduled a field trip to Filoli on June 18th. 21 people going. Debbie prepaid and will collect from members by mail. Expenses will be covered by DIG. 🌸 Hospitality: CiCi: June Pot Luck- June 23rd at ECCHS. 🌸 Plant sale comments- We had 313 customers. Venmo worked fine. Last minute price change on "sad plants" was confusing. Crossing guard needed for pedestrians from parking area. Signage for checkout line could be more visible. 🌸 Board Elections: In August a nomination committee will be formed to find next year's officers. Bob requested current board members let him know if they want to continue in their current positions. He suggest an apprentice program to train replacements. 🌸 Accounting software still needed for DIG. 🌸 Permanent Plant sale site: City has started the sale of surplus property process. So far, there has not been any other interested parties. Then Harvest Time can finalize the terms of the sale. 🌸 Old Business: Robin is working on the new member book. 🌸 Donations: After reviewing the funds available it was decided that we would give \$500 this quarter (2nd), \$500 next quarter (3rd), the for the last quarter (4th) – we'll see. This quarter: \$250 to Hope House and \$250 to Family Harvest Farm. 🌸 New business: New business size cards are needed. Changes include adding the sale address and email address. Robin will order 1,000 for \$40 from Vista Print. 🌸 Adjourned 8:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Juli Redford, Secretary 🌸



DIG GARMENTS

Are you interested in a shirt, gardening apron, fleece vest, or visor with our DIG logo? If you are, contact me. Items are custom ordered to your size and color choice. If you are interested, call, text or send an email to me and I can bring the samples to one of the general meetings or to a plant workday. Since visors are one size fits all, I have five currently available for purchase for \$12 each in red, royal blue, or Kelly green.

Juli Redford - julisews@hotmail.com. - 925-323-5854

MEMBERSHIP

Currently we have 82 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 meeting. Thank you!

Chris Artz Membership Chairman 🌸
925-234-0395.

JUNE 23rd Potluck

at The Historical Society Museum Pole Barn
3890 Sellers Ave., Brentwood

Our Annual Summer Potluck will start at 5:30 pm with set up and appetizers shortly thereafter. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share that feeds around 8; appetizers, salad, main, side, or dessert. We're "Informal" so bring your favorite. If we have more desserts than salads, it's ok, there's always enough to eat. Please stick around to help clean up at the end of the evening.

DIG will provide plates, napkins, utensils, and water. You may bring your own non-alcoholic beverages. ECCHS does not allow alcoholic beverages, smoking, or dogs.



The Curious Container Contest will be held after dinner. You don't have to bring one, but if you do and yours gets chosen you'll win a prize.

CURIOUS CONTAINER CONTEST

Create a curious container for our June Potluck. Do you have a container that is something you would not 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).



Prizes will be awarded to the winners chosen by judges picked at random that night, who will come up with their own categories. You don't need to do one to attend the potluck, but you'll miss out on the fun. You'll take your creation home at the end of the night.

There are examples of past entries throughout this Weeder.



Robin Choate 🌸

This was not an entry, but is an example of something not normally used as a planter. It was a little to big to use as a table decoration. 1970's Avocado Green Weber BBQ.

2025 CAROLE HENDRICKSON SCHOLARSHIPS

I recently had the privilege of presenting this year's scholarships to two exceptional young people at their school awards ceremonies.

Johnross Raymos was selected from Dozier-Libby High School in Antioch. He is the valedictorian for his class and has held leadership positions in several clubs at the school. Johnross has displayed a strong commitment to service and has volunteered at Kaiser Permanente for over 310 hours. He will attend John Hopkins University in the fall. He plans to study medicine and one day become a neurosurgeon.

Alejandra Hermosillo was also chosen from Independence High School in Brentwood. She volunteers with local food banks and her church. Alejandra has demonstrated her resilience and ability to succeed despite frequent moves. She has worked very hard and thrived during her time at Independence and will attend Los Medanos Community College in the fall.

We congratulate both students on all their hard work and achievements and wish them much success on their future goals.

Karen Hardee
Scholarship Chairman



FIELD TRIPS

On June 18th we will go to the FILOLI gardens in Woodside. In addition to the gardens we can tour the house and visit the Dambo Trolls.



We will carpool and leave at 9:00am from the BART Park and Ride lot on Walnut Ave., in Brentwood. We had to pre-pay so please reimburse Debbie as soon as you can. She emailed or texted those who signed up with instructions on how to pay her back. If you didn't sign up you can call to be on the waitlist in case of cancellations. 209-483-2135. Cancellations are non refundable, unless someone takes your place.

Plus, many of you requested to go back to Serendipity Wine Cellars: On July 11th, I will be attending, and the Trio performing, are friends. So I would like to encourage you to join me for some wine and music. Unfortunately this visit will not include a tour. The event runs 4pm to 7pm and it usually includes a great Sunset.



SOUTHERN PEACH BREAD

Ingredients

- 1 cup peaches, peeled and diced
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt



Instructions

Step 1: Preheat and prep your pans

Preheat the oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease either three mini loaf pans or one standard-size loaf pan. If you're going the traditional Southern route, use a cast iron loaf pan for that even bake and extra crisp crust.

Step 2: Stir together the wet ingredients

In a large bowl, combine the diced peaches, vegetable oil, sugar, eggs, sour cream, and vanilla extract. Stir until smooth, but don't worry if some peach bits remain intact—those juicy pockets are what make the bread special.

Step 3: Add in the dry ingredients

In the same bowl, gently fold in the flour, baking soda, and salt. Mix just until combined. Overmixing can make the bread tough, so stop once you no longer see dry streaks.

Step 4: Bake to golden perfection

Pour the batter into your prepared pan(s). For mini loaves, bake for 25–30 minutes. A full loaf may take closer to 50–55 minutes. The bread is done when a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, with a few moist crumbs attached.

Step 5: Cool and slice

Let the bread cool in the pan for about 10 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

Recipes Courtesy of Charlotte B. of [flavorsmile.com](https://www.flavorsmile.com) on Pinterest.

Debbie St. Hilaire 

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

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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_____ New Member _____ Renewal

*"Gardening is the art that uses flowers and plants
as paint and the soil and sky as canvas."*

- Elizabeth Murray 



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