



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

New site update:

No change to date from last months Weeder.

Board and Chairpersons needs:

We still need more volunteers to help us grow with new fresh ideas and energy, so please step up, contact our nomination committee or me and offer to help as a chairperson or assistant for one of our many committees, or as a Board member or assistant. I will have copies of job descriptions for most positions available at the next General meeting for your consideration or contact me and I'll send you a copy of any positions of interest.

Ginger, our treasure for the past 10 years, really needs someone to take over her duties. She will work closely with that person while they learn the job. So please give it some sincere consideration, I am sure there is someone in the club who has relevant experience for this job or the many other jobs that we have available.



Photo credits
this issue to
Cathy Voortman

Remember this is your club and for it to continue to grow and thrive we need everyone's help and participation.

Bob Selders, President 🌶️

MEETING TREATS

Thank you to Pat, Lori and Leslie for providing treats at our August 28th General Meeting.

Also thank you to Kathy, Sonja, and Debbie for volunteering to bring treats to our September 22nd meeting.

Board Minutes

The September 2, 2025 board meeting was called to order by DIG president, Bob Selders, at 7:07 pm. Members present- Bob Selders, Robin Choate, Chris Choate, Debbie St. Hilaire, Ginger Guider, Juli Redford, Sonja Sellers. 🌸 Treasurer: Ginger- provided the income statement and balance sheet. 🌸 Secretary: Juli proposed the approval of minutes from the August board meeting, seconded by Connie, motion passed by the board. 🌸 Membership: 92 paid members. 🌸 Programs/Speakers: Sonja- Sept. speaker is Cathy Voortman on dry flower wreaths. Oct. and Nov. speakers in process , Dec. Holiday Party. The 2026 calendar schedule of meeting dates, auction, plant sale, ...is being developed. 🌸 Publicity: Roger will place the general meeting speaker info in The Press. 🌸 Field trips: Debbie-Orchard Nursery in December. 🌸 Hospitality: Debbie- will confirm with the City our Dec. potluck date and deposit. 🌸 DIG's Garden/ Permanent Plant Sale Site: Bob- Surplus property sale process status: still no word from the State. 🌸 Propagation & Plant Sale: Connie, Robin, Bob: start date-September 20th 10 am-noon at DIG's Garden. We will start with set up and refresher class. Connie has perennial seeds to start now. 🌸 Nominating Committee: Sonja, Sue, Connie- Will announce new board members up for election at the October general meeting. Co-chair needed for ALL board positions. Bob will bring board job description to the general meetings. 🌸 Old Business: Accounting software still needed for DIG. 🌸 Donations: Next review will be in November. 🌸 DIG received a thank you from John Muir Land Trust for our donation to the Family Harvest Farm and from the Master Gardener Program for a speaker fee. 🌸 New Business: MOU extension signed for us to stay on new site through property transfer, Insurance paid, waiting for required endorsements required by the City from the insurance company. 🌸 Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Juli Redford, Secretary 🌱

September 22nd SPEAKER

CATHY VOORTMAN

Forever Flowers: Growing Blooms to Dry

I am SO excited to welcome Cathy Voortman this month, her expertise with cut flowers is AMAZING!

Cathy Voortman is a local gardener who has lived in Brentwood her whole life. Growing up on an apricot farm, she developed a love for all things growing from a young age and was brought along by her parents to DIG events from roughly middle school onward. Needless to say, she has probably been an unofficial member of DIG for over 30 years. Plant life got a bit more serious after taking a job at the Amador Flower farm in Plymouth, CA and working in a Plant Pathology lab of her alma mater UC Davis. She progressed through many different phases of gardening in her life from species collecting (Salvias), to field botany of CA, to Chrysanthemums, heirloom tomatoes, annual cut flowers and most recently a focus on dried flower growing and arranging. Her talk this month will focus on just that: growing, drying and a little arranging of annual flowers for your own home.



Please join me in welcoming her for this very special evening!

Sonja Sellers 🍅

SEPTEMBER 20th PROPAGATION BEGINS



Please join us on Saturday, September 20th, from 10 am to noon, at DIG's Garden, 3900 Sellers Avenue, Brentwood. We will start with setting up our work area, so bring your muscles to help move tables and maybe a rake or shovel to help clear the ground. Once we're set up we'll have a quick refresher course on how to make cuttings and some hands on work. The first week plant material will be provided by board members, but future weeks we will ask members to bring things that grow well in their gardens.

We will also be asking members to "adopt a box" of cuttings to take home and care for until Spring. This involves keeping the Perlite moist and the box warm, but not too warm, so the cuttings will root. One or two boxes will go home each week for a while.

Robin Choate 🍓

PROPAGATION & SEEDS

I can't believe this year is flying by and we're getting ready for our next year's Plant Sale. As propagation approaches I have a couple of reminders. Please remember to bring any information about the cuttings you bring to propagate so I can make accurate labels. Plant name, size, color and any other info you have is appreciated. Make your cuttings in the morning before bringing them and water the night before. Bring cuttings of perennial plants that do well in your own gardens. Salvias are always great, any shrubs, lantanas, lavenders, ground covers to name a few. Also we're going to try growing some perennials from seed. If you care to participate please give me a call. These will have to be cared for at your own home until Spring. I've already ordered some seeds, but I'd like to order a few more so if you have something you'd like to try growing let me know. I'm looking forward to an exciting season.



Connie Miller 🥕 925-329-7195



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members Rachel and Jesus Ortega, Laine Lawrence, Patricia and Fred Camacho, Katrina Hamilton, and Karen Carter.

Currently we have 92 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.



APPLE EARTHQUAKE CAKE

Apples are starting to appear at the local farm stands.



INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup walnuts, roughly chopped
- 1 (15.25 oz) box yellow cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup vegetable or canola oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1 1/2 cups peeled and diced apple
- 1 (8 oz) package cream cheese
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups powdered sugar

PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350°F and lightly grease a 9x13-inch baking dish.
2. Sprinkle walnuts across bottom of baking dish.
3. In a large bowl, mix cake mix, water, oil, eggs, and cinnamon until smooth. Fold in diced apple and pour batter over the walnuts.
4. Mix cream cheese, butter, and vanilla until smooth. Mix in powdered sugar until well combined.
5. Scoop cream cheese mixture over cake batter and lightly swirl it into the batter.
6. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.
7. Allow cake to cool for a minimum of 30 minutes before serving.

Recipe from 12tomatoes.com

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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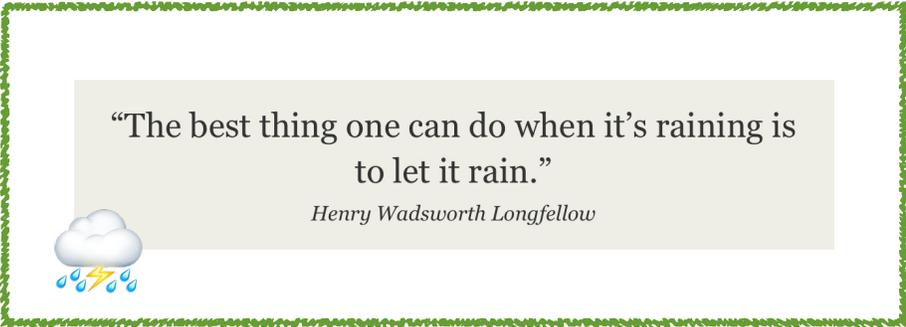
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