



THE WEEDEDER

OCTOBER 2025

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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.

Fall is here:

Fall has arrived and the beautiful colors of fall foliage will be showing up within the next few weeks in the eastern Sierras as well as the Trinity Mountains. In past years I have enjoyed seeing the fall colors along Hwy 395 from Bridgeport to Mammoth, as well as in the Trinity mountains in the Weaverville area. I am sure there are many other areas in the state where one can enjoy the changing colors. If you get a chance to get away for a day or two to one of these areas, I highly recommend it, but don't wait to long, the show will be over by the end of October.

Bob Selders, President 🍂

MEETING TREATS

Thank you to Sonja and Kathy for providing treats at our September 22nd General Meeting.

Also, thank you to Roxanne S., Juli R. and Michele M. for volunteering to bring treats to our October 27th meeting.

Experiment with Coleus Cuttings

At the October meeting Fred Newlan will give a 5 Minute Gardener Talk where he will invite the club membership to join him in doing an experiment with Coleus cuttings. Those who participate will get a free Coleus cutting and supplies to conduct the experiment. Please come and join the experiment.

Board Minutes

The **October 7, 2025** board meeting was called to order 7:02 PM.
Present: Bob Selders, Connie Miller, Sonja Sellers, Ginger Guider, Sue Castle, Bob Castle, Robin Choate, Chris Choate. 🌸 **Treasurer - Ginger Guider:** Rachel Ortega will be shadowing Ginger as Assistant Treasurer. † Expenses from 2024 were carried over to 2025. DIG paid to repair the well on the property in 2024 for our plant sale. The City of Brentwood, who owns the well, agreed to reimburse some of those costs. Reimbursement has not yet been received. † Accounting Program thoughts: Quickbooks or Excel programs have costs associated with using them. Non-profits can get the “ZoHo” program for free if income is under \$50,000 annually. Discussion of pros and cons of DIG purchasing one of them and/or a computer for accounting purposes. Tabled for more research. 🌸 **Secretary - Juli Redford:** (absent) -Sonja Sellers taking notes. September Board meeting minutes approved. 🌸 **Membership - Chris Artz:** (absent) 2 new members, 91 total. 🌸 **Programs - Sonja Sellers:** October - Colleen Wheeler - Curious Flora, November -Davy Trees – Joe Berg and Thomas Stover, December -POT LUCK, January 2026 – Garden Auction, February 2026- Leslie Servin (member) on Dahlias, March 2026 - Master Gardener James Breuner on CA Natives. † [Can someone go to Curious Flora Oct 12th, Sunday, 1PM, to hear talk about a new book on “Power Player Plants -Designing the Lush Dry Garden” by authors Cricket Riley & Alice Kitajima. Perhaps see if they would come talk to us, if it seems worthwhile-let Sonja know.](#) 🌸 **Field Trips - Debbie St. Hilaire:** (absent) Suggestion: Frog Hollow in Brentwood, potential tour on Oct 29th members would have to pay a fee. Specializing in Regenerative Agriculture/Organic farming; Peach trees and other things. Chris Choate to organize. † **Holiday Trip** planned for Dec 3rd to Lafayette - Orchard Nursery. 🌸 **Weeder: Robin Choate:** Renewed the website for 3 years. We need someone who understands websites to help clean it up. 🌸 **Plant Site Manger - Bob Selders:** Need help to get the roof on the well house - handyman suggestions were offered. † The City wants a community garden on the property. PRO: Potential for new membership. CON: We do NOT want to be responsible for it. OUR PLAN: City of Brentwood, Harvest Time and DIG would sponsor setting it up and establishing Guidelines. Management of garden to be handled by renters of the plots. (water usage and port-a potty are potential challenges) 🌸 **Plant Sale: Connie Miller:** Propagation needs people to take the boxes of cuttings home to care for them. Saturday mornings at 10-noon at DIG’s Garden. Discussion of plant varieties needed. 🌸 **Nominating Committee:** Connie will announce nominated officers at October general meeting. Nominations or volunteers can be made from the floor at that time. 🌸 **Motion to adjourn 8:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Sellers for *Juli Redford*, Secretary 🌸

OCTOBER GARDEN TASKS

Stop Fertilizing: Maybe the easiest task for you to do! Yes, it’s time to STOP fertilizing, you don’t want new growth to be nipped by the cold!

Check Your Watering Schedule: With the changing season cooler temperatures will require less water and rainy days are ahead in our future.

Perennial, Shrub & Tree planting: Probably the biggest task this month is getting some foundation plants planted! Make sure to get them in the ground at least 6 weeks before the first frost and they will be happy and settled in their new home, ready for next season!

OCTOBER 27nd SPEAKER

COLLEEN WHEELER

TIMING IS EVERYTHING:

How to maximize the cool planting season for a year of show stopping gardens



Our speaker this month is going to be **Colleen Wheeler**, the Chief Growing Officer for Curious Flora Nursery (and Co-owner). **Curious Flora Nursery** was formerly known as “**Annie’s Annuals**” in Richmond, CA. They are known for their unique plant varieties and CA native plants that you just can’t find anywhere else. They propagate and have display gardens to view these awesome plants! I am beyond excited about welcoming her to our DIG meeting and hope you will be too!

The title of her talk is “**Timing is Everything: How to maximize the cool planting season for a year of show stopping gardens**”. By carving out and keeping to a cool season (now) Calendar for planting, irrigating, pruning and more, you’ll make the most of your plants and effort in the garden. Yeah!!! Exactly what I’m looking for now in my garden journey!

She might even be bringing some plants to sell! So bring your wallet just in case!

Sonja Sellers 🌻



PROPAGATION & SEEDS

Don't forget we are having propagation every Saturday at DIG's Garden 10-12. Thank you to all who have been coming to help. We are getting a great assortment of plant cuttings, but can always use more help and more cuttings. This is the beginning of our Plant Sale for next year!! So please come and help, meet other DIGgers and learn how to propagate plants. Remember to water your plants the night before and take cuttings in the morning. We will be there rain or shine.

Connie Miller 

925-329-7195



PARISIAN APPLE CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 3 large apples, peeled and diced
- 1 teaspoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon cardamom
- ½ cup butter, room temperature
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 tablespoons dark rum
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar, for topping



PREPARATION

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and grease an 8x8-inch baking dish.
2. Place diced apples in a medium-sized mixing bowl and pour apple cider vinegar over the top, then toss to coat.
3. In another large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder, salt, cinnamon, and cardamom.
4. In a separate large mixing bowl, add butter, ½ cup granulated sugar, and brown sugar until light and airy. Mix in eggs one at a time, followed by the rum and vanilla.
5. Slowly mix in flour mixture until just combined, then fold in the diced apples.
6. Transfer to the prepared baking dish and sprinkle remaining granulated sugar over the top.
7. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until an inserted toothpick comes out clean.
8. Allow cake to cool before slicing for best results.

Robin shared these at a Saturday propagation day.

Recipe Author: Rachael Murray at <https://12tomatoes.com/recipe/parisian-apple-cake/?nav=baker&r=30184>



RECIPE

PEANUT BUTTER BARS

This tasty treat was brought to our September meeting.

INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 Cup Sugar
- 1/2 Cup Corn Syrup
- 1 Cup Peanut Butter
- 3 Cups Corn Flakes
- 2 Cups Chocolate Chips



PREPARATION

1. Heat sugar and corn syrup in a saucepan over a medium heat until sugar melts.
2. Stir in peanut butter and corn flakes.
3. Spread on cookie sheet or 8" x 8" pan and pat until desired size and thickness.
4. Sprinkle the chocolate chips over the top and melt in a 350 degree oven until spreadable, about 2-3 minutes.
5. Cool and serve. If you're in a hurry, 30 minutes in the freezer works. Use a butcher knife to cut.

Recipe from Sonja Sellers.

Peace Community Garden Potluck & Sing-along.

October 18th - 5:00 to 6:30 pm

Maple Street (between 1st & 2nd), Brentwood

Bring a chair and food to share.

Contact Cici 530-306-7034.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members Lisa Sagers of Brentwood and Gina Flint of Discovery Bay. We currently have 91 paid members.

It's that time of the year again - time to pay your membership dues for 2026. Dues are still \$25 for an individual or \$30 for a family. You can give your check to Chris Artz next time you see her or you can mail it in. Either way, **PLEASE INCLUDE A MEMBERSHIP SLIP WITH YOUR PAYMENT** (found on the last page of this Weeder). Your check should be made out to DIG and mailed to DIG, P.O. Box 66, Brentwood, CA 94513, ATTN. MEMBERSHIP.



Chris Artz

Membership Chairman  925-234-0395.

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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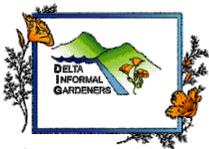
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"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

Jane Goodall



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