



THE WEEDEER

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2026 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.

2026 General Meetings

- January 26- Auction: Early time 6:00 pm
- February 23
- March 23
- April 27
- May 18*
- June 23 - Members Potluck
- July 27
- August 24
- September 28
- October 26
- November 23
- December 7*- Holiday Potluck

2026 Board Meetings

January 6	July 7
February 3	August 4
March 3	September 8
April 7	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1

2026 Plant Sale: May 9

* Adjusted due to Holidays

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to all Diggers! I'm looking forward to a successful and busy year. We will start propagation this month with site preparation on the 10th. This should allow us to start potting up on the 17th. Details below. We need lots of help with the program, especially the week before the sale. This is our biggest fund raiser of the year and it takes a lot of people to make it successful.

SAVE THE DATE: MAY 9, 2026 ✨ DIG's ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Regarding negotiations with the City on our new site. No update due to the Holidays. We expect negotiations to restart soon.

Bob Selders, President 🌱



MEETING TREATS 🍊🍰🍇🍪

Thank you to Connie, Rachel, Debbie, and Mary for volunteering to bring treats to our January 26, 2026 Auction-Meeting.

PROPAGATION

We're ready to get back to work at DIG's Garden. On January 10th we worked on putting the Greenhouse / Hoop house back up, clearing debris, and moving tables into place. We should start potting up the cuttings we made last Fall on January 17th. If you took home a box of cuttings we will let you know when to bring them.

We will work from 10am to noon on Saturdays until the Sale. Bring your potting up tools: gloves, trowel, and clippers. DIG will provide water (or you can bring your own) and anyone can bring snacks when they feel like it. Guests are welcome.

Watch for weekly email reminders.

🌹 Also:

On Wednesday, January 28th from 10am to noonish we'll be Pruning Roses at the Historical Society. Bring your gloves and clippers. Contact Erica if you have questions: 925-783-8928.

Board Minutes

✿ The January 6, 2026 board meeting was called to order by DIG president, Bob Selders, at 7:02 pm. ✿ Members present- Bob Selders, Robin Choate, Chris Choate, Debbie St. Hilaire, Ginger Guider, Rachel Ortega, Juli Redford, Sonja Sellers. ✿ Treasurer: Ginger and Rachel- The income statement and balance sheet were provided. They are closing 2025 books and need remaining receipts for reimbursement. Rachel will look in to getting a Venmo account. ✿ Secretary: Juli proposed the approval of minutes from the December board meeting, Seconded by Robin, board approved. ✿ Garments- New orders will begin at the January general meeting. See Juli for details. ✿ Membership: We have 103 members and 54 have paid their dues. ✿ Programs/Speakers: 2026 Jan.-auction, Feb.- Leslie Servin on Dahlias, March- James Brenner, a Master Gardener, on native plants. ✿ January Auction: All needed helpers were identified and have received their assignments. Set up at 6 p.m. Preview and snacks at 6:30 p.m. ✿ Scholarships: 2026 schools- Freedom High and Antioch High. Schools will begin reviewing students in March. ✿ Field Trips: March 11th to Curious Flora and Watershed Nursery in Richmond. ✿ Hospitality: We had a great turnout for the Holiday Potluck. Room is reserved for the Dec. 7, 2026 potluck. ✿ Weeder: Robin does such a great job every month putting the Weeder together. A new proofreader, Poppy Holmes, is onboard to replace the previous one, Chris Artz. ✿ Permanent Plant Sale Site/ DIG's Garden: Surplus property sale status with the City: Nothing new from December board meeting. The City and Harvest Time are still in discussions. ✿ Propagation & Plant Sale: The well house needs paint to complete the upgrade project. Site preparation has begun for propagation workdays: temporary greenhouse set up, raking and weed cutting on January 10. Soil will be delivered when the field is dry and before potting up begins on January 17. ✿ Donations: quarterly- Next review will be in February. ✿ Adjourned at 8:04 pm.



Respectfully submitted,

Juli Redford, Secretary 🌻



FIELD TRIP NEWS 🌻

March Field Trip to Richmond. To help us get inspired for Spring Planting we will visit Watershed Nursery and Curious Flora (formerly Annie's Annuals). Save the Date: **Wednesday, March 11th**. Looking forward to this Redo Field Trip.

Debbie St. Hilaire 🌻



GARDEN AUCTION

Monday, January 26, 2026

Set up 6:00 pm

6:30 pm Preview & Refreshments

7:00 pm Auction Begins

Donate those garden related items you no longer need. Be sure they are clean and usable. Tools, garden art, pottery, and home made jams are suggestions of things to donate. Please no books or magazines. Items will be displayed at the beginning of the evening for everyone to peruse while we enjoy refreshments.

Once the auction begins you will be given a tag for each item "won" to take to the cashier at the end of the evening. Be prepared to pay for your items before you leave and to take them with you.

We will accept cash or check or Venmo.

Money earned at the auction will go the DIG's General Fund for use towards our charitable contributions or expenses.

If you have questions about the auction or whether an item is appropriate to bring you may call Robin at (925) 759-0700.

Bring your checkbook or cash or Venmo app.



MEMBERSHIP

Currently, we have a total of 103 members. Thank you to the 55 members who have already paid their dues for 2026. If you still haven't paid, please do so soon so we can include you and your current contact information in our updated member booklet for 2026. Our dues are still \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a family. Please make out your check to DIG, fill out and include a membership slip and mail to **DIG, P.O. Box 66, Brentwood, CA 94513, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP**. If you plan to hand your dues to me the next time you see me, please make sure your money and slip are in an envelope. I will be emailing reminders to members about paying your dues soon. Thanks

Chris Artz 

Membership Chairman
925-234-0395



Holiday Potluck



Thank You

To Nicole at R&M POOL PATIO & GARDENS in Clayton for donating several beautiful plants every month for us to use as door prizes at our Membership Meetings. I can't help but wonder if these beautiful plants are part of the reason why our membership seems to be rising steadily over the last year. Upon talking to Nicole at R&M on a recent club field trip, it was obvious that she has many years of gardening experience in our area and could answer any questions we threw at her.



SEEDS

Here we are, getting ready for our 2026 Plant Sale. Yay!! To those of you who have expressed interest in growing seeds for the sale, thank you. Anyone else who is interested let me know.

I've ordered seeds, so look for a message soon as I will have a meeting at my house when they arrive. I will probably place another order for a few more, so if there is something you want to grow just let me know. Our cuttings from propagation look good as we start up our potting. I'm looking forward to a fun and prosperous sale. See you on Saturdays...10-12 at DIG's Garden.

Connie Miller  925-329-7195



RECIPE

Raspberry Pretzel Salad

Prepare jello raspberry mix:

One 6 ounce package raspberry jello (could double it for a larger salad bowl)

One 20 ounce package frozen raspberries

2 cups boiling water, (4 cups if doubling the jello and raspberries)

In glass bowl, mix water and jello then add berries and set in the refrigerator.

Topping for jello:

One 8 oz package cream cheese at room temperature, beat to creamy.

One cup sugar added to cream cheese.

One 9 oz cool whip container, or use 1 ½ cups heavy cream with ½ cup powdered sugar instead of the cool whip, whipped to a stiff peak stage.

Fold whipped cream into cream cheese until blended. Spread over set jello mixture.

Pretzel Topping:

1 ½ cups pretzel stick crumbs

2 Tbsp sugar

¾ melted butter

Mix together and lay out on cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees 8 to 10 minutes. Turn over once with spatula, cool and sprinkle over top of cream cheese frosting.



From Barbara Schnieder:

I always make this in a beautiful crystal bowl to enhance the festive look.

I shared this dish at the 2025 Garden Club Christmas Party.



Another Tasty Treat

This appetizer spread was brought by Lisa???. She listed the ingredients. I think we can figure out the quantities to our own taste.

There were so many tasty things that I didn't have room to go back and have more!

I'm just sorry I'm not sure I'm remembering correctly who brought this! Let me know so I can give you credit.



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**

*"Every gardener knows under the cloak of winter lies a miracle - a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream."
- John Muir*



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