

THE WEEDEEER

MAY 2026

Volume 38 Issue 5

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

At DIG's Garden - 3900 Sellers Ave., Brentwood

* Adjusted due to Holidays

This month's meeting is a week earlier due to the Memorial Day holiday. May 18th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, our 2026 annual Plant Sale is history. We will have worked about 27 Saturdays, plus the 5 weekdays before Sale Day. We averaged about 20 DIG'ers at each Saturday who worked, laughed, made new friends, and had fun each week. Sale day was all hands-on deck and we had about 45 DIG'ers, family members and students working the Sale. The Board and I want to extend our sincere thank you to each and everyone who helped this year, whether you worked one or every workday! We had a little over 5,000 plants and sold a lot. We also had a lot of plants left over. I have no report yet on what we grossed, but I'm confident we had another successful Sale. If you are wondering what happens to all the left-over plants, we offer them to nonprofit organizations in East County including schools, a food bank, churches, etc., and our members for free. What is left over after that is either composted or members plant sit perennials for next years sale.

Now you can put more time in your own garden, travel, enjoy your summer. Many of you will quickly miss our Saturday workdays and look forward to September, when we start our propagation program all over again and prepare for our 2027 Annual Plant Sale.

Thank you again for your hard work over the last eight months.



Bob Selders,

President 🌱

MEETING TREATS 🍌🍰🍇🍪

Thank you De-De, Elinor, & Connie for volunteering to bring treats to our May 18th meeting.

Thank you to Roxanne, Debbie, and Bob for bringing treats to our April meeting.

Board Minutes

The May 5, 2026 board meeting was called to order by DIG president, Bob Selders, at 7:00 pm. 🌸 Members present- Bob Selders, Robin and Chris Choate, Debbie St. Hilaire, Ginger Guider, Rachel Ortega, Juli Redford, Sonja Sellers, Connie Miller, Bob and Sue Castle. 🌸 Treasurer: Ginger and Rachel- The income statement and balance sheet were provided. 🌸 Secretary: Juli proposed the approval of minutes from the April board meeting as printed in the Weeder. Seconded by Connie, the board approved. 🌸 Garments-three visors still available. 🌸 Membership: We have 90 paid members. 🌸 Scholarships: Checks have been delivered to Freedom High and Antioch High schools. 🌸 Speakers: Sonja reported: May speaker-Annie on pollinator gardens. July speaker-Bees. Sonja suggested a Bonzai Workshop as an alternative event. 🌸 Hospitality: Food as been ordered for the plant sale workers. 🌸 Plant Sale: Traffic workers be there by 7 am, the rest should arrive before 7:30am. All members bring a dozen or more cookies to share with the customers. Customers may pay with Venmo. Many information signs will be printed for the customers. New member signup forms will be available. Chairs and stools will be brought for customers and workers. About 20 carts will be ready to use, Bob C. and John have been working to repair the carts. No dogs are allowed at the plant sale. 🌸 Members may purchase plants at the plant sale on Saturday after 11 am as long as the crowd has eased. 🌸 For future success: Better watering techniques will be taught to watering staff. It is needed to be keep the plants alive and will including watering the soil pile. 🌸 Donations: June 🌸 Next general meeting May 18 - Early due to holiday. 🌸 Adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Juli Redford, Secretary 🌻

MAY 18, 2026 SPEAKER

ANNA WENDORF POLLINATOR GARDENS

Join us this month to welcome and learn from Master Gardener Anna Wendorf for an inspiring discussion of Pollinator Gardens! Pollinator gardens offer nectar, host plants, as well as a variety of nesting sites, that are beautiful through all seasons of the year. We'll get curious about native bees, honeybees and other insects – identifying a few of the most common garden visitors and talk about creating a habitat to support them. We'll cover tips for planning, planting and maintaining a garden that is alive and healthy.



Anna Wendorf has been a Master Gardener for 6 years. She teaches about pollinators and native plants and has created several demonstration gardens. She has been a practicing landscape designer for 40 years in the bay area.

Sonja Sellers, Programs 🌹



SEEDS

I just wanted to thank all the seed growers this year who contributed to our Plant Sale. As I look out over our beautiful grounds, I see a good portion of our plants are those grown by our members at home. I know it takes a lot of work and is a big sacrifice staying home tending to these seedlings. Well done, DIGgers!

Connie Miller. 🥒

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 90 paid members. To pay your dues, please make your check out to DIG and mail to DIG, P.O. Box 66, Brentwood, CA 94513, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP. Kindly include a completed membership slip with your payment.

Chris Artz 

Membership Chairman
925-234-0395

Photo credits:
Chris Artz &
Robin Choate



Thank You

Everyone who helped with the Plant Sale.

Growing seeds, making cuttings, overwintering plants, watering, printing labels, bringing and cleaning pots, moving mulch, filling cans with soil, moving plants (sometimes multiple times), watering, sharing our sale flyers, potting up plants, watering, setting up the greenhouse, taking down the greenhouse for the sale, putting up banners & signs, making I.D. signs, organizing the seed growing, and all the sacrifices big and small that were made to make the plant sale go as smoothly as ever. We did it!



 **RECIPE** 

Cherry Crumble Bars

This quick and easy treat features tart cherries balanced with a crunchy, buttery oat topping, making it a perfect dessert for any occasion.

INGREDIENTS

For the cherry filling

- 2 cups fresh or frozen cherries, pitted. Fresh when in season; frozen are fine straight from the bag.
- 1 cup granulated sugar Reduce to 3/4 cup if you prefer less sweet.
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch Helps thicken the cherry filling; arrowroot is a 1:1 substitute
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

For the oat crumble topping

- 1 cup all-purpose flour Or use a 1:1 gluten-free flour blend
- 1 cup rolled oats Use certified gluten-free oats if needed
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed Light or dark both work
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted. Substitute coconut oil for dairy-free
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon



INSTRUCTIONS



Preparation

- Preheat your oven to 350°F (175°C). Grease a 9x9-inch baking pan or line it with parchment, leaving an overhang for easy removal.
- In a medium bowl, stir together the cherries, granulated sugar, cornstarch, and vanilla extract until evenly coated. Spread the cherry mixture in an even layer across the bottom of the prepared pan.
- In a separate bowl, combine the flour, rolled oats, brown sugar, melted butter, salt, and cinnamon. Use a fork or your fingers to mix until the texture resembles coarse crumbs.
- Sprinkle the oat mixture evenly over the cherries, pressing lightly in a few spots to form a cohesive topping.

Baking

- Bake on the middle rack for 30–35 minutes, or until the topping turns golden brown and the cherry filling is bubbling along the edges. If the top browns too fast, tent with foil for the last 5–10 minutes.

Cooling and Serving

- Remove from the oven and cool completely in the pan on a wire rack. Once cooled, lift out using the parchment overhang (or invert) and cut into bars. Serve at room temperature or slightly warmed.

NOTES

If using frozen cherries, no need to thaw; toss them directly with sugar and cornstarch. Add 1 teaspoon lemon juice or 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest for a zestier filling. Wait until fully cooled for the cleanest slices.

Recipe via [pinterest.com](https://www.recipesmoke.com/author/m-dufour/) courtesy <https://www.recipesmoke.com/author/m-dufour/>

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 _____

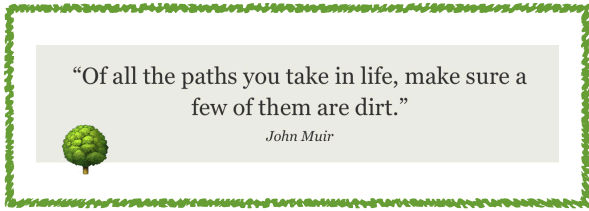
City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email address(es) _____

Phone _(_____) _____ HOME MOBILE

_____ **New Member** _____ **Renewal**



P.O. Box 66

Brentwood, CA 94513