

THE WEEDEDER

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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

February 3

March 3

April 7

May 5

June 2

July 7

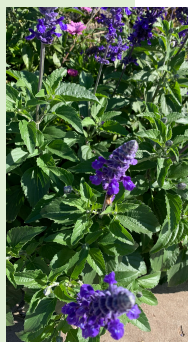
August 4

September 8

October 6

November 3

December 1



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DIG Board and Committee Opportunities

It's that time of the year already! Time to think about nominating the new Board of Directors for 2027 and to consider new Chairpersons for the many Committees that helps run this great Club. We have formed the Nominating Committee to develop a list of members who want to serve on the Board. Board positions include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The President appoints the Committee Chairpersons; including Membership, Publicity, Programs, Hospitality, Weeder Editor / Web Site Manager, Scholarship, Garments, Field Trips, Plant Sale, Plant Manager. We are also looking for members interested in serving as assistants to the various positions so that they can learn more about the job and be able to ultimately fill the position.



Nominations for these four Board positions are presented to the members at the October General meeting and open nominations are accepted at that time. The election by the members at large is at the November General Meeting and the new Board Members are installed at the December annual Holiday Potluck and begin to serve in their elected positions then.

The President appoints Chairpersons to the many committees and other committees can be added by the President as the need arises. Several of the Board and Committee members currently wear several hats, filling multiple positions and some are ready to relinquish one or more of their roles to other members interested in the positions.

There are many new and long-time members, with fresh ideas that can help our garden club. If any of the above positions pique your interest and you want more information on the details or specifics on any of the positions, please contact this years Nominating Committee; Robin Choate, Sonja Sellers, and Rachel Ortega. Contact Robin at rchoate80@yahoo.com or Bob Selders at r.selders@yahoo.com and we can send a written job description for most of the positions, or we can talk about the duties of the positions. We need everyones help, so please step up and volunteer for one of the many positions.

Dig has served east county for 38 years, let's keep going for another 38 years!

2026 Plant Sale: May 9

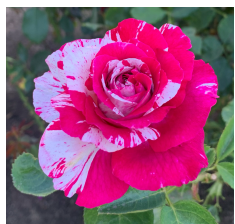
At DIG's Garden - 3900 Sellers Ave., Brentwood

* Adjusted due to Holidays

Bob Selders, President 

Board Minutes

The July 7th board meeting was called to order by DIG president, Bob Selders, at 7:01pm. Members present: Bob Selders, Robin Choate, Chris Choate, Roger Marman, Ginger Guider, Rachel Ortega, Sonja Sellers, Juli Redford, and Connie Miller. 🌸 President: In two years, our club will be 40 years



old. A celebration of some kind should be planned. 🌸 Vice President: Chris Choate - The website is a place to hold DIG information. Google will index websites based on content and activity. A once-a-week post will continue so as to bring more traffic. Chris needs photos of member gardens and plants.

🌸 A five-year plan will be developed and may include: financial planning, fund raisers like a garden tour, membership increase and member participation. Ideas for a larger meeting location were discussed. 🌸 Treasurer: Ginger and Rachel - The income statement and balance sheet were provided. 🌸 Secretary: Juli proposed the approval of minutes from the June board meeting as printed in the Weeder. Seconded by Ginger, the board approved. Juli will not continue as secretary in 2027. 🌸 Membership: We have 104 members. 🌸 Programs: July speaker Margo Olson on bees with a live demonstration hive from the Mt. Diablo Bee Keepers. August speaker on Herbs. September speaker on bonsai. 🌸 Scholarships in 2027: Two students, one each from Heritage High and Deer Valley High. 🌸 Permanent Site: Due to the multiple changes in the Brentwood city manager position, the process has been stalled for many months. Thank you to our diligent club president, Bob Selders, for his consistent effort to secure this necessary agreement. Bob will meet a member of the city manager staff in July for the new MOU which expires in August. 🌸 Nomination Committee: Robin, Rachel, and Sonja will serve on the committee. They will nominate club members to be the 2027 DIG board. Current vice president, Chris Choate, has been nominated as the 2027 president. The open positions open are: vice president and secretary. Members will vote in November. If you have an interest in a position, please contact a nomination committee member. 🌸 Adjourned



Website Committee

We are seeking members who know about website design or management or are just interested in how our website looks and functions. This will be a working committee that will help decide what pages are needed and how it is mapped. Chris Choate will head this group. Contact him at 925-809-0695.

JULY 27, 2026



BEES MARGO OLSON

This month we are SO excited to welcome our own DIG member, Margo Olson, who will be sharing her love of bees with us! Along with some honey tasting and a demonstration hive! Here's a little bit about Margo.



Margo became interested in bees just over four years ago when a cluster of bees found her. Since then, her backyard apiary has grown from one colony to two. Her fascination with bees is fueled by her love of gardening and the desire for prolific zucchini as well as a craving for the sweetness and health benefits of local honey. What's not to love



about creatures that will give you both! Come and see our tiny friends close up, learn about ways to invite them into your garden, and taste the golden honey that they share with us.

Sonja Sellers, Programs

MEETING TREATS 🍪 🍰 🍇

Thank you Juli, Joy, & Michele for volunteering to bring treats to our July 27th meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 104 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

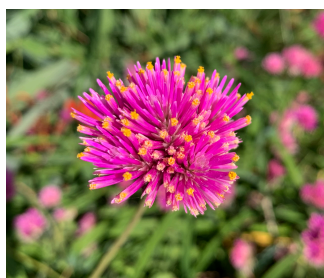
SUMMER MEMBER POTLUCK

The June Potluck was well attended. Around 30 members came out to share their favorite dishes and get to know other DIG members. There was plenty of good food and conversation.



The Curious Container Contest had five entries and five winners. Sally Castle, Pearlina and John Ortega volunteered to be our judges. All the entries were very creative. Top prize went to Joanne Leach with her Lantern Succulents. Other winners were Gina Flint (Daisy Dukes), Bob Castle (Castle Bird), Erica Pantle (Plants Rock My World), and Kathy Brunk (Camp Coffee).

John Brunk was feeling creative and hand made us coasters out of a tree branch and wood burned our logo on to them. They were shared with the members in attendance.



Summer Corn and Tomato Salad

INGREDIENTS

- 4 ears fresh corn on the cob, **husked and washed**
- 10.5 ounces package grape tomatoes, halved, (**about 1¾ cups**)
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into bite-size pieces
- 10 fresh basil leaves, chiffonade (rolled and sliced thinly)
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice, (**about 2 lemons**)
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, finely minced (about 1 tablespoon)
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper



INSTRUCTIONS

- **Prepare the Corn:** Cut the kernels off **4 ears fresh corn on the cob** and place them in a medium mixing bowl.
- **Add Salad Ingredients:** Add **10.5 ounces package grape tomatoes** and **8 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese**. Sprinkle **10 fresh basil leaves** on top.
- **Make the Dressing:** In a small jar or bowl, combine **1/4 cup fresh lemon juice**, **1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil**, **2 garlic cloves**, **1/2 teaspoon kosher salt**, and **1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper**. Shake or whisk until well blended.
- **Toss the Salad:** Pour the dressing over the salad and toss gently to combine.
- **Serve:** Serve immediately at room temperature or chill for 15–30 minutes before serving.

Recipe by Donna Elick at theslowroasteditalian.com via Pinterest

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) _____

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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email address(es) _____

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_____ New Member _____ Renewal

We are Star Dust, We are Golden & We've Got to
Get Ourselves Back to the Garden.



Joni Mitchell



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