THE WEEDER

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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 - Bring Toys for Toy Drive
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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November is here already and we will be wrapping up our propagation program for the year by mid month. Then we will start back up in mid January. I thank all the DIG'ers who have helped the past three months. I think everyone would agree that they had a fun time learning about propagation and gardening, meeting new friends, and enjoying some great snacks.

We will be voting on the new Board Members for next year at our General meeting on November 23rd. Those persons nominated are: President – Chris Choate, Vice President - Sonja Sellers, Treasurer – Rachel Ortega, Secretary – Gina Flint. The new Board will be seated at our Holiday Potluck on December 7th so save the date. We always have a great time and good food at this function! I hope to see you there.

Bob Selders, President

Propagation & Event Reminders

Nov 14** - Propagation- Bring Plant Material
** Last propagation day of 2026

Dec 9 - Field Trip



MEETING TREATS

Thank you Sally, Ken, and Rachel for volunteering to bring treats to our October 26th meeting.

HOLIDAY POTLUCK

The December 7th Potluck will be held at the Brentwood Community Center at 6pm. Full details will be emailed in a couple of weeks. We don't assign dishes... we're informal! If we end up with more desserts than main dishes it's all good! Just bring your favorite. Include a note with what the dish is, and if it includes anything people might be allergic to or meat - we have several vegetarians. If it's really good bring the recipe for people to take a picture of.

We have an optional gift exchange. Items brought are used as table decorations until a drawing at the end of the evening. Christmas Cactus in photo above was one of last year's gifts.

Board Minutes

The November 3, 2026 meeting was called to order by DIG president, Bob Selders, at 7:00 pm. Members present- Chris Choate, Robin Choate, Juli Redford, Debbie St. Hilaire, Ginger Guider, Fred Newlan, Sonja Sellers. ✵ President: 45 people came to the general meeting, including 11visitors. ✵ Vice President: DIG website is receiving many visits. The DIG Facebook page is as well. ✵ Treasurer: Balance sheet and income statements were distributed and reviewed. Information was presented by Ginger on CD rates to invest the site fund. Juli proposed that site fund be placed in an interest earning 5 month CD, motion was seconded and approved by board. ✵ Secretary: Juli proposed the approval of minutes from the October board meeting as printed in the Weeder. Seconded by Robin, the board approved. ✵ Garments: One item has been ordered. ✵ Membership: Three new members joined at the last general meeting. ✵ Programs: Sonja will continue to find speakers for the general meetings. Nov. - Hydroponics, Dec. - Potluck, Jan. - Roundtable, Feb. - Integrated Pest Management (IPM). We are still looking for a Programs Chairperson. ✵ Scholarships: In 2027 Heritage High and Deer Valley High. ✵ Publicity: Patty Underhile will assist with publicity. A committee will be formed to help with all that needs to be done. ✵ Field trips: West End Nursery, San Rafael Dec. 9th. ✵ Hospitality: Debbie- Signup sheet has been circulated for the Dec 7th Potluck. Several have signed up to attend. More tables will be setup this year. Because of the big turnout at meetings we will start asking 4 people to bring refreshments. ✵ Permanent Plant Sale Site: City manager staff is all new and interested in completing the agreement. They will be meeting with a Harvest Time board member soon. ✵ Propagation & Plant Sale: Sonja will be making labels. We need cans - will set up drop off location. Plants at Connie's home will be moved on Nov. 11th at 1:00pm. There are two more weeks left for propagation Saturday, the 7th and 14th. ✵ Nomination Committee: Sonja & Robin - The election of new Board Members is scheduled for Nov. 23 general meeting. ✵ Robin mentioned toy drive items to be brought to Nov meeting. ✵ Donations: Donation records were reviewed. After discussion Robin proposed we donate $1,000.00 this quarter, seconded by Chris, passed by the board. Bob S. proposed we donate $500 to Hope House and $500 to Brentwood Regional Community Chest, board passed. ✵ Adjourned at 8:25 pm.



Respectfully Submitted,

Juli Redford, Secretary

NOVEMBER 23, 2026

7:30 pm -809 Second St., Brentwood

HYDROPONICS

ROGER MARMAM



I am so excited to host our own DIG member, Roger Marman, this month to talk to us about how he raises such amazing lettuce hydroponically at his home!

Roger hails from Southern California and became interested in gardening while growing vegetables with his family in their small backyard garden. Growing things have always fascinated Roger. He has been growing one thing or another seemingly all of his life. Two mind blowers he immediately recollects: growing peanuts, and growing pineapples. 2018 found Roger relocating to beloved Brentwood and joining DIG shortly thereafter. He was surprised to be so challenged by the weather, bugs, and other things. To mitigate many problems that made gardening difficult for him, he became intrigued by the science of hydroponics.



Hydroponics has been an interest for many years. During the pandemic he expanded his knowledge on the topic and is excited to share this information with us! At November's meeting, you will learn the benefits and advantages of soil-less gardening and how you can control a plant's living environment to your advantage.

Sonja Sellers, Programs

MEMBERSHIP

We currently have 113 paid members. 33 Members have paid for next year. To pay your dues, please make your check out to DIG and mail to DIG, P.O. Box 66, Brentwood, CA 94513, ATTN: MEMBERSHIP. Please include a completed membership slip with your payment.

Chris Artz

Membership Chairperson
925-234-0395



TOY DRIVE

Please bring a new unwrapped toy or gift card to our November meeting or the Potluck. The toys stay local and are given to children of all ages, so don't forget teens.

Robin Choate

A FINAL FAREWELL

Connie Miller, a long time DIG member passed away in October. Connie had served on our board for many years; as President for multiple years, Vice President - Programs, and Plant Sale Manager. She was instrumental in starting our seed program and was integral in keeping our plant sale going.



Connie had many friends in DIG and in the community. She had recently become a great grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends and DIG.

Connie had 5 cats when she passed. Four of which she had inherited from Steve, our first Plant Manager. Two of the cats have been adopted, but there are 3 more who need new homes. They are older cats who just need a soft place to land for their remaining time. If you can take on one or more of them, please contact Connie's daughter, Sarah at 1-619-771-9396.

FIELD TRIPS

Our December 9th field trip will be to West End Nursery, in San Rafael. It's approximately 1 1/2 hours / 60 miles away. If you're interested in joining us please give me a call 209/483-2135. If you already signed up, I will be giving you a call December 1st with the rest of the details. We will find a restaurant near the nursery for lunch before heading home.



I'm always looking for interesting places to visit, so send me your suggestions.

Debbie St Hilaire

https://www.westendnursery.com/

Who's helping in your Garden?

Send photos of your garden helpers and we'll share them in the Weeder or on our facebook page.





RECIPE

Fudgy Zucchini Brownies



Servings 16 brownies **Calories** 135cal

Ingredients

- 1 medium zucchini shredded and squeezed of excess moisture with a paper towel (1 cup shredded zucchini)
- 1 large egg
- ½ cup (115 grams) tahini*
- ¼ cup (78 grams) pure maple syrup
- ½ cup (77 grams) coconut sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup (40 grams) high quality cocoa powder (or cacao powder)
- 2 tablespoons coconut flour
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons melted and cooled coconut oil
- ⅓ cup (60 grams) chocolate chips, dairy-free if desired
- Optional: ½ cup (56 grams) chopped walnuts
- **For the topping:**
- 2 tablespoons chocolate chips, dairy-free if desired
- ½ teaspoon coconut oil
- Fancy sea salt, for sprinkling on top

Instructions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Line an 8x8 inch pan with parchment paper and spray with nonstick cooking spray.
- **Prep the zucchini:** First, measure out 1 heaping cup of shredded zucchini, then place shredded zucchini in a paper towel or cheesecloth and squeeze out all of the moisture/water. This is very important! Add the shredded zucchini to a large mixing bowl.
- **Mix the wet ingredients:** Next, add in egg, tahini, maple syrup, coconut sugar and vanilla; stir until smooth. Gently stir in cocoa powder into the batter, mixing until well incorporated.
- **Add the dry ingredients:** Next add in coconut flour, baking soda, salt and finally the melted coconut oil. Stir until well combined. Fold in chocolate chips (and walnuts if you are using).
- **Bake:** Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out with just a few crumbs attached (it should not be completely wet, but a little gooeyness is just fine).
- Allow to cool completely. This will be tough, but it's the best way to make sure the bars stay together perfectly since they will be moist.
- **Make the chocolate drizzle:** Add 2 tablespoons chocolate chips and coconut oil to a small microwave safe bowl. Microwave in 30 second increments, stirring in between, until chocolate is melted.
- Drizzle over zucchini brownies. Sprinkle with a little fancy sea salt (trust me, it's good!). Cut into 16 squares.

Note: Instead of tahini, feel free to use almond butter, sunflower seed butter, or cashew butter. I would not recommend peanut butter because it throws off the flavor. Tahini is best, though, and I have only tested the recipe using tahini.

See the full post for tips, tricks, substitutions and storing instructions.
Monique Volz of AmbitiousKitchen.com.

De De Hayes brought these to a meeting & provided recipe.

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(s) (_____)_____ ☐ **HOME** ☐ **MOBILE**

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

"This earth is a garden, this life is a banquet, and it's time we realized that it was given to all life, animal and man, to enjoy."

~Tom Brown, Jr.

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