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**GENERAL MEETINGS**

- October 8th
- November 5h
- December 3rd
- January 7th
- February 4th
- March 4th
- April 1st
- Auction Prep:  
April 27th & 28th
- Auction-April 29
- May 13th
- June 3rd

**BOARD MEETINGS**

Mondays before general meetings at high noon, at Mary Anne's

**GCA DATES**

- Horticulture Meeting*  
Louisville, KT  
Sep. 28-Oct.1 2014
- |
- Zone XII*  
*President's Mtg*  
Pasadena, CA  
Jan. 26-27, 2015
- |
- NAL/Conservation*  
Washington D.C.  
Feb. 23-26, 2015
- |
- Joint meeting with*  
*PGC & HPGC*  
March 24, 2015
- |
- GCA Annual Meeting*  
Rochester, NY  
May 17 -20, 2015

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## April 1



**THE OLD MILL**

**WORKDAY PREP FOR AUCTION**

**10:00 a.m.**

We'll be getting the shape so please what you can



garden into sparkling come prepared to do (planting, weeding,

pruning, watering etc).

Followed by meeting and our sack lunch.

**Checks for auction lunch x 3 = \$180**

**made out to Diggers Garden Club**

**sent to Tracy Hirrel ASAP!**

**1200 Lorain, San Marino, 91108**

**INCLUDE the names of your guest, please.**

**CHECKS for auction dinner, \$50/person**

**Lisa & Tommy Evans**

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# NOT TO BE MISSED! . . .

Our program for the March 24th Joint Meeting with Pasadena and Hancock Park Garden Clubs is titled *Designing Large Urban Landscapes* with acclaimed landscape architect Elizabeth Fain LaBombard, daughter of HPGC member Jenny Fain. Elizabeth was recently a speaker at the Carmel-by-the-Sea Garden Club's meeting where her rave reviews garnered her their "best program of the year" and she received an award as one of the three best speakers in all of Zone XII for 2013. Carmel GC said Elizabeth's program was "lively and entertaining as well as informative. She had us spellbound!"

Elizabeth's program might be best described as the sequel to Thomas Woltz's program last year. We could have called this program "Lessons from the Land, Part II". Both are landscape designers of notable acclaim and both have been involved in designing large urban projects with sensitivity to the land as well as to the surrounding man-made environment. Elizabeth is also GCA Rome Prize winner - a very prestigious prize given also to Fritz Haeg (Fall Bulletin interview by Gina Brandt) and Alice Waters of *Chez Panisse* fame. Elizabeth's project, Section 2 of the High Line in NYC, provides us with knowledge about the design elements in public gardens but also helps us to translate those elements into the design of our own smaller spaces. Working with city officials and a myriad of competing interests to bring a project to fruition is a bit more frustrating than having your new landscape plants delivered late or your crew not showing up on time or blowing out your knee when bending down too often, but the challenges of bringing a task to completion and the satisfaction of creating beautiful, environmentally sensitive gardens is just as important whether the space is large or small. From Elizabeth we will learn about design principles, ideas, and concepts that will inform our views of our own gardens as well as the larger gardens that we may visit.

Also on March 24th, HPGC will be selling James Farmer's book, *Dinner on the Grounds*, for \$35 including tax. A life style guru from Georgia whose Southern roots show in his landscape design, floral design and recipes, James Farmer is the speaker at their April 22nd Event.