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Wednesday, February 8, 2017

Cathy Tosetti's ~ 1011 Oak Grove Avenue

"Kokedama Workshop"

If you want to make a Kokedama, let Cathy T know; the cost will be \$25 for all materials.

Watching is free!

10:30 AM ~ Gather

11 to 12 ~ Program

12~ Sack Lunch Meeting. Bring \$ for scrip!

GUESTS WELCOME for Program Portion Only

Regrets Only to Carlin



In case of rain, we will be in the garage as we were last year. Come dressed to get messy! We are making mud balls...

Cathy will give everyone who attends a print-out with instructions for making a Kokedama, so those who just want to watch can make one later at home if they want.



General Meetings

- October 5
- November 2
- Joint Meeting - November 15th**
- December 7
- January 4
- February (date change) 8
- March 1
- April 5
- Auction Prep - April 24th & 25th**
- Auction - April 26th**
- at The Old Mill
- May 3
- June 7

Field Trips

- October 19
- January 18
- March 15
- May 17

Board Meetings

Generally, Mondays preceding the General Meetings, the next one will be at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, February 6th at Carlin's home. Let Carlin know if you want to attend.

CONSERVATION

NAL - NATIONAL AFFAIRS & LEGISLATION MEETING

In February, 300 delegates from GCA clubs will be in Washington, D.C., to learn about the environment and how to advocate for environmental issues supported by the eight GCA position papers. They will hear from and speak with our legislative representatives, who will be determining the policy on these issues in the 115th U.S. Congress. Marcia and Yvonne will be representing the Diggers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mary Blodgett will be updating some sections of our By-Laws. Please review the copy in our Roster and let her know if you have some suggestions.

Sara Pelton is overseeing our club's assignment for the 2018 GCA Annual Meeting – the bags for Delegates. She is having a brainstorming session after our February 8th meeting and would like all interested to attend.

Items to note to the Winter 2017 issue of the GCA Bulletin!

- page 7: Annette listed as Zone XII Director
- page 46-51: Read about the Founders Fund finalists
- page 65: Diggers article about the Old Mill
- page 67: See which Digger is in the "Late Bloomers" section!

INCOMING BOARD ANNOUNCED:

The Executive Board for 2017 to 2019 was approved at the January Meeting. Their terms will begin in June.

Congratulations and Thank You!

- PRESIDENT ~ Cathy Tosetti
- VICE PRESIDENT/PROGRAMS ~ Mary Blodgett
- TREASURER ~ Yvonne Zaro
- SECRETARY ~ Liz Gilfillan
- PAST PRESIDENT ~ Carlin McCarthy



GCA DATES

www.gcamerica.org

Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference; Brooklyn, NY
September 19-21, 2016
Attended by Mary Blodgett and Clare Tayback

NAL Conservation Conference; Washington, DC
February 27 – Mar 2, 2017
Will be attended by Marcia Albrecht and Yvonne Zaro

2017 GCA Annual Meeting
Baltimore
May 4-6, 2017
Will be attended by Carlin McCarthy and Sara Pelton

2018 GCA Annual Meeting
San Francisco, CA
April 26-29, 2018

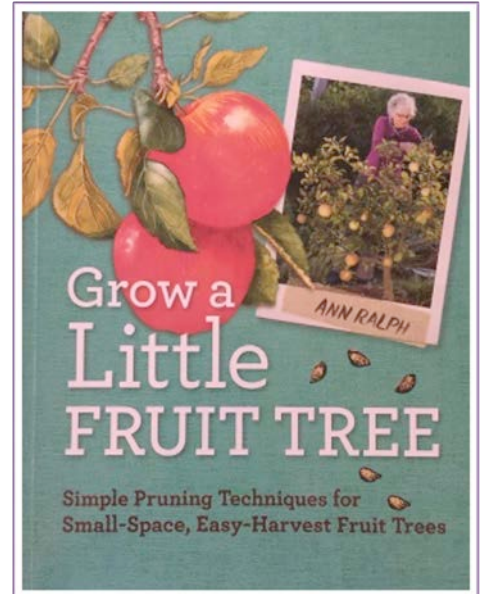
GCA Bulletin Submissions
Nov 15 for Winter Issue
Feb 15 for Spring Issue
May 15 for Summer Issue
Aug 15 for Fall Issue

GCA eNews Submissions
10th of every month except June

JANUARY PROGRAM

We had a wonderful presentation by Ann Ralph at our January Meeting on how to prune a little fruit tree. Her approach results in fruit trees which are smaller and therefore more manageable. Little trees need less garden space, are easier to care for and offer just the right amount of fruit for most households. Her website is Littlefruittree.com and she welcomes questions!

Many of us marched home and gave our trees a big pruning! If you didn't buy her book at the meeting, you can find it at Vroman's.




OLD MILL WORKDAYS

www.old-mill.org

Eugenie & Yvonne are generally at the Old Mill TUESDAYS from 9-11 AM. New members and their sponsors are asked to come help 1x/month, other members at least twice during the year.

A few Fridays will be added during the year for those who can't come on Tuesdays.

The next Old Mill Workdays are:

February 14th 

March 17th 



There were requests for the recipe for these bars which Sally Miller made for our January meeting:

GRAHAM CRACKER CHEWY BARS ~ From Julienne's Restaurant in San Marino (L.A. Times Feb 2010)

Crust

3 cups graham cracker crumbs

(Put graham crackers in large ziplock bag and roll w/rolling pin)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ sticks) butter at room temperature

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup white sugar

2 Tablespoons flour

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

In a large bowl with an electric mixer, beat the graham cracker crumbs, butter, sugar and flour until moist and well-blended. Press the mixture firmly and evenly over the bottom of a 13-inch x 9-inch baking pan. Bake until the crust is golden brown, 10-15 minutes.

Topping and Assembly

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups brown sugar

4 extra-large eggs

$\frac{2}{3}$ cup graham cracker crumbs

1 Tablespoon vanilla extract

$\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon salt

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder

1 cup pecans, chopped

1 prepared crust

Powdered sugar, if desired

1. While the crust is baking, in a large bowl, whisk together the brown sugar and eggs to blend. Whisk in the graham cracker crumbs, vanilla, salt and baking powder until well-blended. Stir in the pecans.
2. Spread the mixture over the baked crust and return to the 350-degree oven until the filling is dark golden on top, 20-25 minutes. Cool completely.
3. Sprinkle a light coating of sifted powdered sugar over the pan if desired, and cut into 24 bars. The bars can be made one day in advance. Wrap in plastic and keep at room temperature.

JANUARY 18TH FIELD TRIP



Theodore Payne Foundation:
10459 Tuxford Street, Sun Valley
TheodorePayne.org

Lili Singer brought us up-to-date on all the wonderful improvements at Theodore Payne Nursery and we all bought a few California Native plants.

Theodore Payne is having a plant sale
January 26th to 28th !



Our next stop was **Jackalope Pottery:**
10726 Burbank Blvd, North Hollywood
Jackalopepottery.com

This is a fun shop with brightly colored pots, fountains and miniature garden supplies and we came away with a few treasures you may see in the Auction!



Our Last Stop was for lunch, across the street from Jackalope Pottery, at **Izalco Restaurant** for Salvadoran Food - 10729 Burbank Blvd, North Hollywood.

We had delicious pupusas and Mary told us of her exchange student adventures in El Salvador as she ordered in Spanish!

Thank you to Sally Miller and Mary Blodgett for the photos and Sally and Kathy for organizing!

