



**February 2017**

# DIGGERS DIRT

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**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

**Sally Wenzlau's ~ 1357 West Haven Road**

**"Diggers Heritage"**

**An Award-Winning Slide Show!**

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**

**Diggers Field Trip ~ Wednesday, March 15th**



Mark your calendar for a field trip to a fabulous private garden in Encino. We'll have lunch there and then stop and shop at California Nursery Specialties. This is the succulent nursery usually only open to the public on Saturdays. Specific details to follow. Guests welcome!



## General Meetings

October 5  
November 2  
**Joint Meeting - November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
December 7  
January 4  
February 8  
March 1  
April 5  
**Auction Prep - April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Auction - April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
    **- 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 28<sup>th</sup> at Ruth's home. Let Carlin know if you want to attend.

## HORTICULTURE

### AAH, the ROSE By Sally Harris, Horticulture Chair

Well, now that we've pruned and all the leaves are off, it's time for step #2. My new leaves have started to break so I imagine yours have also. Those bare arms are begging for a little attention. 1) Clean area around base of plant - dead leaves, weeds and plants that will grow too close. I have learned the hard way (dead, rotted canes) that air circulation is REALLY important for health of rose. It keeps moisture



away and breezes blow pests away. As much as we crave color and lushness... "Curb your enthusiasm". 2) Think about your irrigation. I'm considering switching out spray

heads to bubblers. If anyone is an expert (Cindy Wenzlau) on this and has had good or bad results, I'd love to know. I'm just thinking about evaporation into the air. 3) And last but not least time to FEED. For those of you who have lost, forgotten or don't know about Rose Cocktail.... This is ONE OPTION.

#### For one plant:

1 cup gypsite (contains calcium to help plants absorb nutrients)

1 Tbsp Gro Power (organic soil conditioner, nitrogen, phosphate, potash)

1 Tbsp bone meal (phosphorus for roots, stems, flower)

1 Tbsp chelated iron (chlorophyll for leaves)

1 Tbsp soil sulfur (corrects alkaline soil in our area)

Turn up/mix with soil a bit and then water down.

I usually mix several batches in a wheel barrel and march around.



### GCA DATES

[www.gcamerica.org](http://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**  
10<sup>th</sup> of every month except  
June

## FEBRUARY PROGRAM



Cathy T, assisted by Sara, taught us how to make Kokedamas. Here are some of the results! So much fun!

**SALLY M's**

**CINDY'S REGAL PLACEMENT**



## OLD MILL WORKDAYS

[www.old-mill.org](http://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:**

**Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**(Pre-Auction)**



**ATHENA'S HANDMADE POT**

## 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.

# POP-UP plantSALE 1 DAY only

*Hancock Park  
Garden Club*

Saturday March 4, 2017  
9am-3pm  
Ebell of Los Angeles Parking Lot  
743 S. Lucerne Blvd. LA, CA 90005

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## VISITING GARDENS CHANGES:

The Visiting Gardens Committee is happy to announce a NEW procedure for signing up on Interest Lists for trips. There is now a submission form for each trip's Interest List on the Visiting Gardens Committee landing page:

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members/visiting-gardens>

If you are interested in a trip, please locate the trip's description on the Visiting Gardens Committee landing page on the GCA website. Within the trip's description, you will find a link to an Interest List sign-up form for that specific trip. Complete the form and submit. Immediately you will be notified of your successful submission. If you would like to sign up for multiple Interest Lists you will need to access and submit an Interest List form for each trip. Please note that this new procedure replaces using [gcainterestlists@gmail.com](mailto:gcainterestlists@gmail.com) for interest list sign-ups.

The VG Committee hopes that using this form will make signing up for Interest Lists easier and more accurate. When you go to the VG landing page, you will find the listings for these exciting trips for 2018:

Dallas - April 9-13, 2018

Santa Fe - July 13-18, 2018

Hudson River Valley -Sept 23-28, 2018

South Africa - Oct 8-18, 2018