

DIGGERS DIRT

The Dirt being dished this month...

General Meetings:

General meeting begins at 10:30am. An announcement will be emailed one week prior with specific timing of business and program. No refreshments will be provided.

To Resume in October

Look ahead

Enjoy your summer and your gardens!

Summer Annuals Guide: Top 10 to Plant Now in Southern California Gardens!

<https://www.installitdirect.com/learn/summer-annuals/>



From the President

Dear Diggers,

Over two weeks ago we gathered for our annual meeting. All I want to do is look at the pictures and wander the garden where we all sat. Thank you for so many kind expressions of gratitude and especially for Yvonne’s humor, Page’s steadiness, Cathy’s intellect, and Athena’s creativity!

This past year we learned from Max Jehle about commercial organic farming, and from Abby Meyer about the urgency of collaboration to keep native plants from going extinct. We then experienced the benefits of

Board Meeting

To Resume in October

Old Mill Workday

See Happy House dates
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Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming GCA Dates

www.gcamerica.org

Special GCA Virtual Conferences

Sept 22-23

Shirley Meneice
Conference
Virtual - Free to all

Nov 17

Conservation Study
Conference - Virtual -
Free to all

Dec 1

GCA On Demand -
Streaming - speaker
TBD - Free to all



native plants while touring with Evan Meyer at Theodore Payne Foundation. We celebrated one another's culinary delights and creative gifts at the Holiday boutique and with 100% support of the patron appeal in place of Auction 2021 we have secured funding for civic organizations enduring a lean year of closure. All the while, the Old Mill has been our sanctuary for gathering. We end the 2020-2021 year knowing El Molino Viejo will once again be the setting of the famed, and much-missed, Diggers Auction in 2022.

Through GCA programming all of us were able to stretch beyond the limitations of massive shutdowns in our communities. Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference, floral design demos, organic farm tours, keynote speakers at annual meeting, to name just a few, GCA provided virtual offerings that opened the door for its members to be educated and connected. The strength and support from GCA provided me inspiration to greet each day with an open mind and determined spirit.

Our day together for the Diggers' annual meeting was the culmination of many months yearning to connect, in person. Your wisdom, passion and willingness to stimulate and share your love of gardening, foster and protect the natural flora and remain active in horticulture during such uneasy times inspired me. It has been a gift to serve as Diggers' president and I thank you.

Welcome, Lisa! I know the coming year will be exciting and fun.

All my best,

Liz

Diggers Annual Meeting at Liz's Home





The Old Mill



HAPPY HOURS AT THE OLD MILL

Fridays
June 25, July 23 & Aug 20
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Please join us this summer for our happy hour season at the Old Mill.

Come enjoy food and beverages on our beautiful patios! We will have our doors open to view our art gallery. Friends and neighbors are welcome.

June 25th, July 23rd and August 20th

Join us and bring a friend to *El Molino Viejo!*

RSVP: oldmill1816@gmail.com Suggested Donation: \$10.00

Horticulture - Diggers Challenge Plant Awards



MOST COLORFUL

Mary Anne Mielke



A VERY GOOD START

Susan Kranwinkle & Gretl Mulder (and Arnie!)



BEST CONTAINER PLANT

Athena Wood

