

DIGGERS DIRT

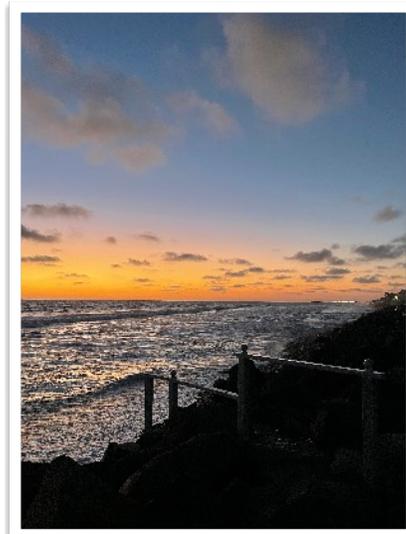
The Dirt being dished this month...

General Meetings:

General meeting begins at 10:30am (Unless otherwise noted). 12:00 noon Meeting. Bring sack lunch. Invite guests when appropriate.

Look ahead...

- Oct 5 - Old Mill Clean Up & Hort Challenge Plant @ The Old Mill**
- Nov 2 - Monarch Butterflies @ Villa Esperanza**
- Nov 7 - Field Trip @ Dodger Stadium**
- Dec 7 - Holiday Workshop @ Gwen's**
- Jan 4 - Botanical Illustration @ The Huntington Library-Ahmanson**
- Feb 1 - Friends of the LA River @ Liz's**
- Feb 21 - Joint Meeting - Dr. Paul Cox @ The Huntington**
- Mar 1 - Floral Workshop @ Sally M's**
- Apr 16 - Plant Drop off @ Megan Foker's**
- Apr 17 - Auction Set-Up**
- Apr 18 - Auction Set-Up**
- Apr 19 - AUCTION @ Megan Foker's**
- May 3 - Diggers Mtg TBD**
- Jun 7 - Diggers Annual Mtg @ Lisa's**



“Accept that you cannot have a different yesterday, but you CAN influence a different today.”
- Jane Trufant Harvey

From the President

Dear Diggers!

The dog days of summer are behind us, although it doesn't feel like it! I hope you all had time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. I don't know about you, but I am a sucker for a good WWII historical fiction book. This summer I read, "The Last Green Valley" by Mark Sullivan. With all the negativity surrounding us, I find great solace in seeing those who preserve in the worst of times, who stay positive and find the beauty in nature, strength in family, and the kindness

Board Meeting

10:30 a.m. Monday's
preceding the General
Meetings at Lisa's home.
Please let Lisa know if
you would like to attend.

Old Mill Workday

Bring your gloves, shovel
and clippers...Mon 9/19 &
Mon 10/17 9-10:30am

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming GCA Dates

www.gcamerica.org

Sept 19-22 2022

Shirley Meneice - Boston

Nov 9, 2022

Conservation Study
Conference- Virtual

Jan 20, 2023

Zone XII Presidents
Council - Arizona

Jan 26, 2023

Photog Conf -Virtual

Feb 6-9, 2023

GCA Judging Workshop-
Virtual

Feb 28, 2023

Floral Design Conference
- Virtual

Mar 12-15, 2023

NAL - in-person and
hybrid

May 21-24, 2023

GCA Annual Mtg - Hybrid

in others. The protagonist in the novel stated, "At some point, most people will face obstacles or situations that seem impossible to overcome unless they have the stubborn will to dream and learn, humble themselves and rely on a greater power as they work to make their vision real." It is hard to complain about the fortunate lives we lead and although we will face obstacles, we are all truly blessed.

Onward to our vision for 2022/2023! As we navigate our limited watering schedule, we gear up for our educational, active and oh so fun year ahead! Our committee chairs have been busy organizing upcoming field trips, challenge plants, conservation tips, updated rosters, endowment possibilities, and many other directives. Meanwhile, Connie has been solidifying our engaging programs for the year. Please make sure to use the "Look Ahead" section of the Dirt to mark your calendars so as to not miss these amazing opportunities!

We have secured Dr. Paul Cox, an ethnobotanist for our joint meeting in February which will be held at The Huntington. This is sure to be an insightful presentation! We will be asking for volunteers to help make this event run smoothly.

We will begin our October meeting by giving the Old Mill some special attention, and Yvonne will be presenting us with our "Challenge Plant." Make sure to bring your gardening gloves, tools, and of course your sack lunch.

Also, let's all make an extra effort to invite guests so that we can propose some fun new members this year!

Thank you all in advance for your continued leadership, support, knowledge and friendship.

Off to pick weeds and plant dreams,

Lisa

The Old Mill

The Old Mill had a very successful summer with Happy Hours and wonderful concerts. Many members came by to enjoy this beautiful opportunity and to have "Dinner on the Drive" prior to the concert.

In August, The Molly Miller Trio played jazz/pop music while Kenton Chen sang bringing light and energy to the Pomegranate Patio. The guests seemed to really enjoy the program. Kate was happy to report that The Mill received 4 new memberships from guests at the concert.

The new lighting made for the perfect backdrop for the evening events and the updated grounds are being enjoyed regularly by visitors.



August Concert at the Old Mill

More fun ahead...October 7th there will be an Annual Member Appreciation Party from 6-9pm and in December there will be a Members Only Holiday Party.

Garden Club Of America

Please make sure to check the GCA Website often for an extraordinary range of information, educational videos, Zone information, awards, environmental updates, etc. <https://www.gcamerica.org>



Welcome!

The purpose of The Garden Club of America is to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening, to share the advantages of association by means of educational meetings, conferences, correspondence, and publications, and to restore, improve, and protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

Founded in 1913, The Garden Club of America is a volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization comprised of 200 member clubs and approximately 18,000 club members throughout the country.

Conservation - Be Water Wise

We all need to do our part in conserving water as we experience a serious drought in California. Here are some ways to save:



Around the House

- Fill bathtub halfway or less
- Install aerator
- Recycle indoor water for use in your garden
- Turn off water when brushing teeth/shaving
- Fix leaks
- Install high-efficiency toilets
- Take 5-min showers
- Wash full loads of clothes and dishes late in the afternoon

Around the Yard

- Use water-wise plants
- Reimagine your yard
- Use drought-resistant trees, plants
- Adjust sprinkler heads & fix leaks
- Install drip irrigation and add smart controller
- Use a broom to clean outdoor areas
- Set mower blades to 3"
- Use mulch
- Limit pruning and fertilizing

Here are some water wise links with more information.

<https://saveourwater.com/en/How-to-Save-Water/Save-Our-Trees>

https://www.bewaterwise.com/howwesavewater/?utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=google&utm_campaign=mwd23-en

Ever wonder where the "Dog Days" of summer came from? The dog days refer to Sirius, the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, which means "big dog" in Latin and is said to represent one of Orion's hunting dogs. To the Greeks and Romans, the "dog days" occurred around the time Sirius appears to rise alongside the sun in late July in the Northern Hemisphere. They believed that the combined heat from the two stars is what made these days the hottest of the year, a period that could bring fever or even catastrophe. In 2021, the dog days span from July 3 to August 11.

"If you go back even as far as Homer, The Iliad, it's referring to Sirius as Orion's dog rising, and it describes the star as being associated with war and disaster," said Jay B. Holberg, author of *Sirius: Brightest Diamond in the Night Sky* and senior research scientist at the [University of Arizona Lunar & Planetary Laboratory](http://www.arizona.edu/lunar). "All throughout Greek and Roman literature, you found these things."

The phrase "dog days" was translated from Latin to English about 500 years ago.