

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...

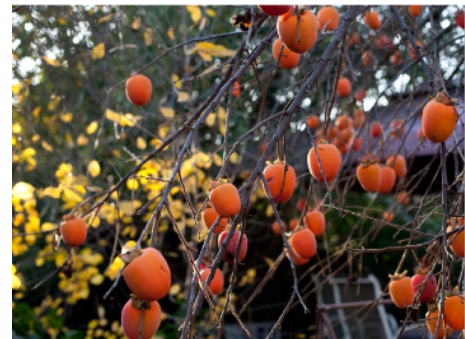
- Dec 6 - Holiday Workshop @ Gwen's**
- Jan 10 -Huntington Gardens Desert Garden Tour @ The Huntington Library - Ahmanson**
- Feb 7 - Conservation Workshop @ Sally Miller's Linda Vista Studio**
- Mar 6 - California Botanic Garden Tour In Claremont**
- Apr 3 - Old Mill Clean Up**
- Apr 21- Plant Drop off @ Old Mill**
- Apr 22 -Auction Set-Up**
- Apr 23 -Auction Set-Up**
- Apr 24 -AUCTION @ Old Mill**
- May 1 - No Diggers Meeting (PGC Doorways & Dining)**
- May 8 - Founder's Day Event**
- Jun 5 - Diggers Annual Mtg @ Connie Harding's**



From the President

Dear Diggers,

The season to gather and be thankful is upon us. I am thankful for many things including my family, friends, and the peaceful community in which I live. I'm thankful for my persimmon tree for adding a burst of bright orange to my garden each fall. I am especially thankful to be a part of the Diggers. Each month as we gather to attend workshops, hear from interesting speakers in the field of gardening, or work on one of our outreach projects, the experience and joyful camaraderie leave me fulfilled and more connected to the natural world.



We gathered in Mary's beautiful garden for our November meeting to hear from Rick Gould, Executive Director of One Arroyo Foundation. Created in 2018, One Arroyo is dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, restoration, and

Board Meeting

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

Old Mill Workday

Bring your gloves, shovel and clippers...Wed 11/15 from 9:30-11am

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming GCA Dates

www.gcamerica.org

Nov 16, 2023

Garden Hist. & Design - Virtual

Jan 25, 2024

Photog Conf -Virtual

Feb 6, 2024

Floral Design Conference - Virtual

Mar 17-20, 2024

NAL - Washington

Apr 16-17, 2024

Zone XII Meeting - Hancock Park

Apr 27-28, 2024

GCA Annual Mtg - Connecticut

enhancement of the Arroyo Seco. Diggers walked away with a renewed interest in what is truly one of Pasadena's treasures. Connie summarizes the foundation's efforts in this Dirt.

In December, Diggers will gather at Gwen's to create holiday baskets to distribute to local facilities, community homes, and hospitals. The baskets add holiday cheer directly where it's needed. This meeting is a favorite for many Diggers as it's a time to use our creativity, catch up with friends before the holidays, and shop till we drop at the annual Diggers' Christmas boutique, organized by Annie, our Ways and Means chair.

If only one Diggers' gathering per month isn't enough, our field trip chairs, Ruth and Kathy, have more in store. They started with a bang when they planned a SoFi stadium tour this month. Diggers and their guests learned all about the stadium facilities, including the three unique surrounding gardens. I personally enjoyed running out on the field while "pump-up" music was blasted!

The Old Mill is offering more opportunities to gather which are listed in this Dirt. If you prefer a virtual gathering, GCA has several informative roundtables and educational conferences available online, like the Garden History and Design conference offered this month!

I leave you with my sincere gratitude for all you do to contribute to our small but mighty club and a wish for a Happy Thanksgiving.

Cheers to 100 years!

Athena

The Old Mill



The Old Mill is hosting two exciting events in December, so mark your calendars!!!!

Sunday, December 10th @ 5:00 pm
Holiday Concert Under the Stars
Featuring the La Cañada HS Chamber Singers

Thursday, December 14th from 9-11:00 am
FlowerTruckLA
Farm-to-vase, fresh-cut flowers for the holidays

The California Art Club show "A Feast for the Eyes" is at the Old Mill now until January 21, 2024

Garden Club Of America

New program engages young people in urban centers

GCA in the City – a new and exciting opportunity for participation in The Garden Club of America—officially debuted in NYC on October 24th with a sold-out event celebrating the magic of mushrooms! Speaker John Michelotti, mycologist and founder of Catskill Fungi, shared the fascinating connection between fungi and the important role they play in the health of the ecosystem while also sharing some delicious possibilities for dinner. Michelotti’s knowledge and humor inspired the audience to learn more about the natural world of fungi.



Young Professionals at GCA in the City

The GCA in the City program consists of a series of educational evening events with both a social and civic offering. At our October event, fifty-four civic minded young people signed up to indicate their interest in working in the Elizabeth Street Community Garden in Nolita!

This new model of engagement is designed to accommodate busy young people in urban centers by offering fun, educational, and affordable events



held in the evening. Ticket prices average \$45, bar included.

Holiday Boutique

Hello Diggers --

I hope you are all doing well.

It's time to start thinking about the Diggers Christmas Boutique!

First, the December 6 meeting is going to be rearranged a little bit so that our guests can come to the boutique and buy things. It is such a fun meeting with the holiday floral arrangements - and it's a great one for guests. Let's all reach out to potential guests this year.



Second, there were so many wonderful things that were generously donated and enthusiastically purchased last year -- thank you all again! Please think of what you might like to bring -- as well as what you might want to buy. We had a lot of fabulous baked goods last year. The holiday plants and "hostess gift" items were also wonderful and completely sold out.

If there was something that you would have liked to buy, or that you remember for previous years, please let me know.

Thank you all again for making the Christmas Boutique such a fun and successful Diggers event.

Take care --

Annie

Zelle is coming to the Diggers!

Hello Diggers!

Got checks? It's ok if you don't! We can now accept payment through Zelle for dues and the Christmas Boutique. It's easy! Download the app to your phone and connect the Zelle app to your bank account. Then, when you want to send a payment, send it to diggersgardenclub@gmail.com. You can still pay by check or cash – we are only adding this as an option.

Conservation - Carlin McCarthy



Thank you for sending me to the GCA Conservation Study Conference on Georgia's Jekyll Island. The 100 attendees were given firsthand views into the amazing conservation efforts on the Georgia Coast which is only 100 miles in length but contains 35% of the East Coast's remaining salt marshes, which are among the most productive habitats on Earth as well as a protection against storm surge and sea level rise. Economic Development is a constant threat.

Jekyll Island is one of the 14 Georgia Coast barrier islands; only 4 are accessible by car and 11 have some sort of conservation protections. Home to some of the most diverse ecosystems on the planet, the coastal habitats of these islands support 71 high priority animal species and 91 high priority plant species. These islands are recognized internationally as a site of hemispheric importance for shorebirds and provide nesting habitat for thousands of threatened and endangered sea turtles every year. The waters off the Georgia and North Florida coasts are the only calving ground in the world for critically endangered North Atlantic Right Whales.

We toured Cannon's Point Reserve, 608 acres of undeveloped wilderness acquired in 2012 by the St. Simons Land Trust. Here I am with other Zone XII delegates from Santa Barbara, Piedmont, Pasadena, Woodside-Atherton, and Orinda.





On our tour of the Altamaha River, the largest intact and most robust estuary system on the Atlantic coast, we saw an abundance of wildlife, including bald eagles, herons, and alligators!



Good Morning Jekyll Island!

Tidbits from the November Meeting

In Mary Blodgett’s gorgeous garden, we were treated to a very informative talk about the One Arroyo Foundation by Guest Speaker – Rick Gould, Exec. Dir. of the Foundation. He gave us the background of how the organization came to be. Our own Doug Kranwinkle was instrumental from its inception.

One Arroyo is a non-profit dedicated to the preservation, maintenance, restoration and enhancement of our beautiful Arroyo Seco.



A landscape architecture firm was hired to build demonstration projects. RJM Design Group out of San Juan Capistrano was chosen. Demo projects started with a main focus on linking the miles of trails from S. Pasadena to JPL and beyond. They also want to extend and connect to other trailways. The two main areas consist of, Devil’s Gate (2 ½ mile loop -parts of this trail are dangerous) and the other is the trail under Colorado street bridge. (1 ½ mile loop). They designed a plan to restore and protect the trail and make it as passable as possible. They were also asked to address the Mayberry Parker Bridge (runs under Colorado street

Bridge). They began the design review process in 2022 which includes an environmental review.

Pathways will all be natural, and some decomposed granite may be used to reinforce certain areas. Native plants will be used and the planting will be done by the city of Pasadena. They are now ready to go to bid for trail restoration. So far there have been numerous private donations and multiple pending grants. To date, the largest grant came from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Down the road, they have plans for an endowment that will provide an annual stipend. Also, significant donations have come in from private family foundations and community foundations. The Diggers have also donated to One Arroyo – in both 2023 and 2017.



For more information or to donate you can log into their website: onearroyo.org



Link for laundry sheets to replace detergent:
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0875PHPRO?>



Diggers Sources for Resources

Calling all Diggers - please email me at yvonne.zaro@gmail.com with contact info for any helpful hondasque source you may have that other Diggers might benefit from...i plan to compile them and offer up a listing to sell for \$5 at our boutique in December. The variety of submissions is part of the charm - i have a gas barbecue repairman that is terrific for instance. Could be handymen of any variety, could be travel agent, jewelry repair specialist, etc. Please look through your own contact list and forward to me any gem you think highly of that other members might appreciate. If this is successful, I'm happy to update it going forward as i know I'll personally benefit from your leads.

Yvonne Zaro

Founder's Corner

Elsie Jewett, founding member and first President of the Digger's -

Elisabeth (Elsie) Sprague Stuart was born in Philadelphia on August 19, 1878, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Stuart, Jr.

On January 3, 1918, she married William Kennon Jewett at the Second Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. It is presumed that this was a quiet family occasion, since Mr. Jewett was a widower who had been married to her father's sister, Patty Kyle Stuart. Patty had only died the year before on May 2, 1917. Patty and Kennon had lived in both Pasadena and Colorado Springs, Colorado for several years. It is possible that Patty suffered from tuberculosis, since both cities were regarded as healthful for those who suffered from this then incurable disease. The Jewett home and golf course was given to the city of Colorado Springs in 1918, with the proviso that it be named for her. Patty Jewett Golf Course is one of the finest public courses in the state.



The house on Arden Road had been started in 1913, so the gardens surrounding it were well established when Elsie and Kennon moved in. Kennon was involved with both railroads and mining. They also had a house in Montecito. It is there that Kennon died on August 27, 1935.

Elsie was living in Pasadena at the time of the 1940 census. She died on January 9, 1949 in Sharon, Connecticut and is buried at St. Thomas Episcopal Church Cemetery in Whitemarsh, Pennsylvania.

Submitted by Gwen Babcock

Disclaimer: I have always been interested in this Jewett family. My father was a Jewett through his paternal grandmother. The Jewett monument is directly across the road from the Garland-Babcock plot at the San Gabriel Cemetery. William is my fifth cousin, three times removed.



Membership

Bring guests to our December program, they might enjoy making our baskets. And remember, now is the time to submit new proposals for membership!!!!

A complete membership proposal includes a letter of recommendation from the proposer and two sponsors. Contact Liz with any questions. The deadline for submission is December 15th.

Scholarship - Liz Gilfillan

EVENT DETAILS

08 Virtual Roundtables - "Library Book Club Collab with Scholarship"
FEBRUARY

ASSOCIATED COMMITTEE OR ZONE:	Library, Scholarship
WHEN:	Thu, Feb 8, 2024 at 04:00 PM - 05:00 PM
WHERE:	Virtual
SPEAKER:	Rosetta Elkin, 2017 Recipient of The GCA Rome Prize Fellowship in Landscape Architecture


DESCRIPTION:

SIGN UP NOW!

All who sign up for the event will receive an email the day before the event with the Zoom link to join. All times are Eastern Time.

Our special guest speaker, Rosetta Elkin, is the 2017 recipient of The Garden Club of America Rome Prize Fellowship in Landscape Architecture and the author of *Plant Life: The Entangled Politics of Afforestation*. Rosetta is a founding Principal of Practice Landscape, a collaborative studio that prioritizes landscape-making, gardens, public exhibitions, and horticultural design to promote a more thoughtful and accurate design agenda. She is an Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture at Pratt Institute.

A book review will be posted soon.



Sign up for the virtual book talk with the 2017 Recipient of the GCA Rome Prize Fellowship.

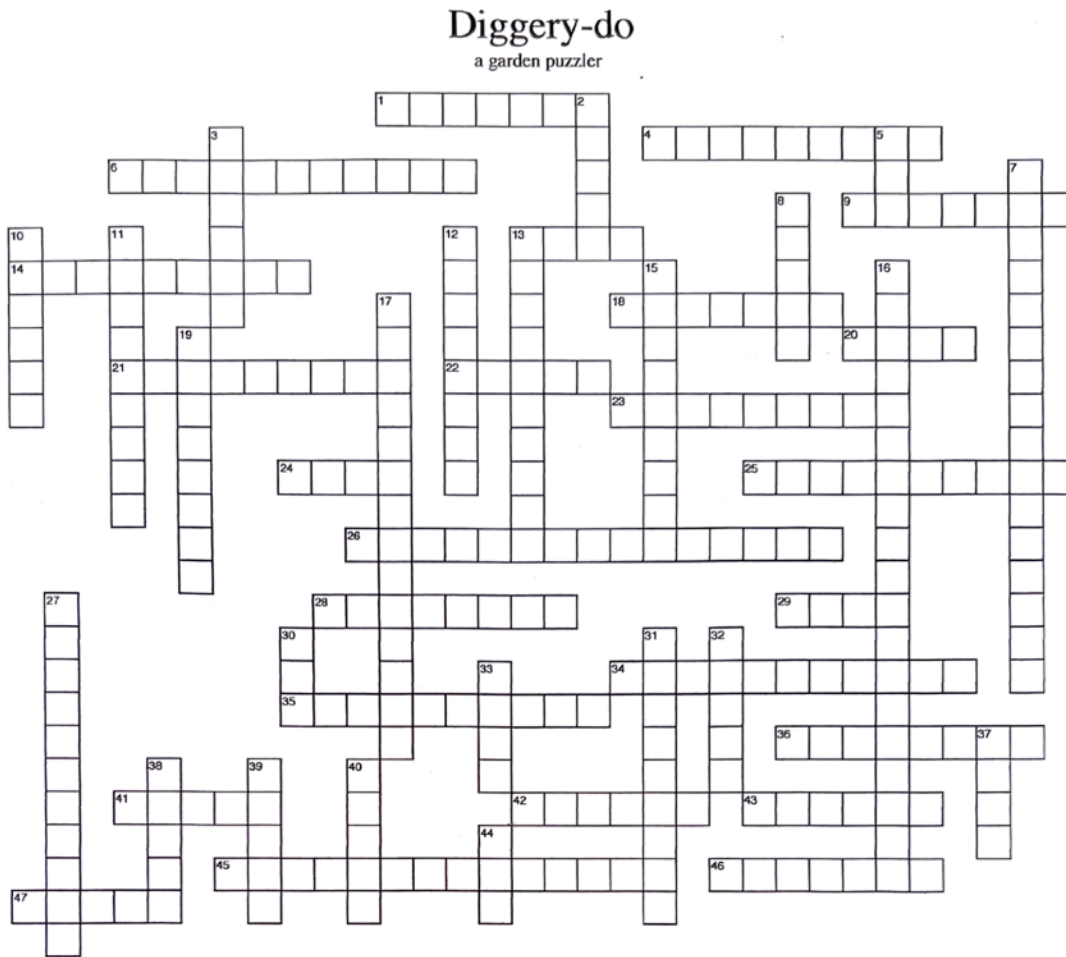
Endowment - Debbe Booth

Endowment Fund donation request letters will be mailed this month. Please consider donating! If you have any ideas for Endowment Fund projects, please contact Debbe.



Diggery-do - Courtesy of Judy McDonald

Answers will be posted in the next Dirt



ACROSS

- 1 their hands get dirty
- 4 seedling visitor
- 6 earthy blanket
- 9 canine tree
- 13 kind of wine glass
- 14 soil, but not constitutional
- 18 baby's room
- 20 kind of culture
- 21 astronomical lily
- 22your bets
- 23 heck of a bore
- 24 page in a book
- 25 radical surgery
- 26 Father Jack
- 28 Hello Cynthia

DOWN

- 29 eye color
- 34 where we are
- 35 Give me your answer, do...
- 36 command to pit bull
- 41 much with an L
- 42 French garden
- 43 worldly flower
- 45 royal Alencon
- 46 they're restless
- 47 Daddy

DOWN

- 2 black playing card
- 3 lollipop
- 5 kind of friendly
- 7 parsley, sage.....
- 8 bump on toe
- 10and Hardy
- 11 unwelcome plants
- 12 blossom demise
- 13 snappy fire breather
- 15 churned cream in a vessel
- 16 Gertrude Stein's mantra
- 17 celestial avian
- 19 follow Amelia Bedelia
- 27 remember me
- 30 not a beer

DOWN

- 31 vase
- 32 to the metal, sort of
- 33 wise one
- 37 nasty flirt
- 38 unclean miller
- 39 kind of Bush
- 40 shapely plum
- 44 place for a pillow

Field Trip - SoFi Stadium

Thank you Ruth and Kathy for such a fun and informative field trip. Once we found the right parking lot and entrance, we were treated to a VIP tour and experience!

