

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...

- Jan 10 -Huntington Gardens Desert Garden Tour @ The Huntington Library**
- 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 Christmas spirit was in full swing at Gwen's house when Diggers met for our traditional December holiday basket and boutique meeting. The Diggers channeled the elves' work ethic, magically producing 75 beautifully decorated holiday arrangements. These



arrangements will bring holiday cheer to the local organizations receiving them. Our boutique was a huge success! When the bell rang, Diggers rushed to buy home baked goodies, festive plantings, and much more. Thank you to all who contributed...our ways and means coffers grew significantly!

Did you know the Huntington Desert Garden is

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...Tues 1/23 from 9:00-10:30 am

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming GCA Dates

www.gcamerica.org

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

one of the oldest and largest assemblages of cacti and succulents in the world? In January we look forward to touring the Huntington Desert Garden while it's in full bloom. Nicole Cavender, Directory of Botanical Gardens, will lead the tour.

GCA has two informative virtual conferences coming up. Registration is now open for the Photography Conference taking place on January 25th and the Virtual Floral Design Conference will be held on February 6th.

I've enjoyed listening to Bette read from our historical archives. While so much has changed in 100 years, we are still a group of talented, clever women, just wanting to create a more beautiful world, and have fun doing it! Reflecting on the year's past events, I feel fortunate to be a part of the Diggers. I know many of you feel the same. As one Digger said to me after our meeting "I love hearing about the founding Diggers. Every time we all get together, I'm so grateful to be a part of this group".

In ancient times, evergreens were brought into the home during winter solstice as a reminder of spring to come. So put on some Christmas carols, slip on your lounge wear, and grab a seat in front of your Christmas tree. Enjoy this magical time of year with family and friends, as we look forward to the New Year!

Cheers to 100 years!

Athena

The Old Mill



The Flower truck was at the Old Mill on Thursday, what a great event!

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

Garden Club Of America

You can watch the event videos from the GCA Garden History and Design virtual conference page by clicking the following link.

- <https://www.gcamerica.org/members/garden-history-and-design-conference-2023>



The link is now up to sign up for the Virtual Photography
Click on the link below to sign up

Conference.

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GCA PHOTOGRAPHY CONFERENCE

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members:calendar/ereventdetails/id/480>

Holiday Boutique



Our Holiday boutique was very successful!
We raised over \$2000, so thank you to
the suppliers and the buyers!!!!



December Meeting



Our hostess with the "mostess"!



Diggers Sources for Resources

For those unable to attend the December meeting, there is still a chance to buy the coveted Diggers Centennial Resources for \$5. I will bring the 9 sets I have leftover to the January meeting. It is hoped that this listing will serve as inspiration for more listings from more Diggers for the 2nd (& final) centennial installment to be created for next year's holiday boutique - I'm sure everyone will want to participate now that they can see what I was talking about! Yvonne Zaro

Founder's Corner



Marie Tudor Converse McCook Henriques (1898 – 1986)

Marie and her husband, George Anson McCook had three children: Marie McCook (Cookie) Cooper, who was the mother of Bette Cooper's husband, John Cooper.

Her son, Anson McCook was married to Ann Nevins, later Ann Mudd and Ann Schneider. Ann was a Digger.

Her daughter, Julia (Judy), was married to Hancock Banning III (Bill) Banning. She was a Digger and so was her mother-in-law, Mrs. Hancock Banning, Jr. (Florence), and her sister in law, Mrs. Robert Banning (Joan).

So Marie was a Digger; she was the mother of a Digger; she was a mother-in-law of a Digger and a grandmother-in-law of a Digger!

Conservation - Carlin McCarthy



In January, 2024, the Diggers will join the NextTrex Recycling Challenge, which the Trex Company has hosted since 2006, with the goal of educating the public on the importance of plastic film recycling through school and community recycling programs. Trex recycles plastic bags into decking boards.

We will collect plastic film each month, weigh it and record it. If we collect 1000 pounds of plastic in a 12-month period we will receive a Trex bench, but larger garden clubs than we have not reached that goal, so we will be happy we are recycling plastic that otherwise would not have been.

I will take the collected bags to a participating grocery store with the plastic collection boxes. The stores prefer small, frequent deliveries of bags of plastic and may not accept bulk deliveries of bags.

Acceptable items include:



Garbage Bags



Bread Bags



Bubble Wrap



Dry Cleaning Bags



Newspaper Sleeves



Ice Bags



Plastic Shipping Envelopes



Food Storage Bags



Cereal Bags



Case Overwrap



Salt Bags



Pallet Wrap & Stretch Film



Wood Pellet Bags



Produce Wrap

January collection instructions will be announced before the meeting.

More Conservation!



Pigs and Friends Pumpkin Collection - At least two Diggers (Cathy T. and Gwen) dropped off their pumpkins at the pumpkin collection center to be mushed up to feed the pigs and other animals!



For those interested in the sea turtles, here is Carlin's link:

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/magazine/magazine-articles/hope-for-loggerhead-sea-turtles-georgia/>

Endowment - Debbe Booth

Endowment Fund donation request letters were mailed out last month. Please consider donating! If you have any ideas for Endowment Fund projects, please contact Debbe.



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.

Diggery-do - Answers

Thank you Judy McDonald

