

**GENERAL MEETINGS**

- October 2nd
- November 6th
- December 4th
- January 8th
- February 5th
- March 5th
- April 2nd
- Auction Prep:  
April 14th & 15th
- Auction-April 16th
- May 7th
- June 4th

**BOARD MEETINGS**

no May Board Meeting

**GCA DATES**

- *NAL/Conservation*  
Washington D.C.  
Feb. 24-27, 2014
- *Joint meeting with PGC & HPGC*  
February 25, 2014
- *Zone XII Meeting*  
Pasadena, CA  
April 27-29, 2014
- *GCA Annual Meeting*  
New Orleans  
May 7 - 9, 2014

# DIGGERS DIRT



**\*SPECIAL MEETING\***

May 7, 2014 - guests welcome!

*Tour Grand Avenue Park with Tony Paradowski  
of Rios Clementi Hale Studios*



**METRO OPTION**

9:30 meet at courtyard of Del Mar Train Station

- parking \$2 w/TAP card
- let Sally Miller know if you plan to take the Metro & also if you need to purchase a TAP card

**MUSIC CENTER PARKING OPTION**

- \$20 max/day
- Meet at the Starbucks at the Memorial Fountain - top of the park

**OPTIONAL LUNCH**

- Kendall's with speaker, Martha Welborne, Chief Planning Officer, LA County Metro & former Managing Director of the Grand Avenue Committee
- \$40/lunch - checks to Carlin by May 4th!

RSVP TO  
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## PROMOTE-THE-TOTE KNITTING WORKSHOP

Diggers, Hancock Park, & Pasadena Garden  
Club Members

Friday, May 16  
10:30 to 12:30

A Stitch in Time Needlework Shop  
2465 Huntington Drive, San Marino

\$30.00 includes yarn (color of your choice), needles,  
stitch marker, stitch holder, and pattern



Participants should know how to cast on, bind off, and be familiar with the stockinette stitch (knit a row, purl a row).

This skill-building workshop will introduce intermediate-beginner knitters to picking up stitches, knitting on a circular needle, yarn overs, the selvedge stitch, increases and decreases

Bag size is adjustable

Sample measures 13" x 13" x 3" not including strap

Kindly contact Margaret Williams **by May 1** if you would like to participate  
[mawilliams712@gmail.com](mailto:mawilliams712@gmail.com)

Minutes from the April meeting can be found on our website,  
members only section

Check your roster for address and password.

## PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICH COOKIES

*from "The Dahlia bakery cookbook" Seattle - thanks, Susan!*

1 ½ cups flour

1 tsp baking soda

½ tsp each: baking powder and cinnamon

¼ tsp salt

1 2/3 cups rolled oats—Quaker old fashioned

1 cup plus 2 T (2 sticks 2 T) butter—room temperature

1/3 cup crunchy natural peanut butter

¾ cup granulated sugar

2/3 cup brown sugar

2 large eggs, room temp

2 tsp vanilla

### **Filling:**

1 ½ cups Skippy creamy peanut butter

6 T butter(get the imported kind, ie Kerigold) room temperature

2 T each: powdered sugar and honey

½ tsp salt

**Cookies:** In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon and salt. Stir in the oats.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, combine the butter, peanut butter, and sugars and cream on medium high for 3-4 minutes, until fluffy and pale.

Turn mixer to med low and add the eggs, one at a time, beating until incorporated. Add vanilla. Reduce speed to low and add the dry ingredients and mix until just combined.

Scrape down the bowl and make sure there Line two cookies sheets with parchment.

(here is a part that I did but I think you can skip but I am not sure yet) - Using a 1 oz scoop or 1 heaping tablespoon drop all the cookies on to a parchment lined cookies sheet. They can be close together because you are now going to chill them for at least 2 hours. You should have 48 cookies (I only had 24 because I used a scoop that was too big.)

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Arrange 12 cookies, spaced on a parchment lined cookie sheet and place another cookie sheet underneath. Bake for about 12-14 minutes until evenly golden.

Repeat with the other cookies that are still in the refrigerator. Cool the cookies on a rack.

**To make the filling:** combine all the ingredients in a bowl and whisk together.

When cookies are really cool, spread 24 out on the counter, spread with about 2 tsp of filling and then top with another cookie and press down gently to spread the filling evenly.

And then, hopefully you have 24 delicious cookies. Again, I had 12 large, delicious cookies.

## NAL 2014 NOTABLE SPEAKER QUOTES

### **On GCA advocacy:**

- "Don't underestimate your importance as citizen lobbyists". Nat Mund
- "Lobbying isn't a dirty word; it is addressed in the U.S. Constitution", Congressman Rush Holt
- In addressing climate change: "Be energized, not daunted". Sally Yozell
- In your visits with Congressmen: "Don't be too gentle; don't let us (Congress) off the hook." Congressman Blumenauer
- "We have a chance to change the debate (on climate change) and you are the game changers." Mindy Lubber

### **On the environment as it relates to the economy:**

- "It is a false choice to pit the environment against the economy. In Maine, the environment IS the economy." Senator Susan Collins
  - "Good environmental policy is good economic policy. ... Reducing pollution is the smart thing to do, not just the right thing to do." Senator Jack Reed
- The U.S. coastal economy is valued at \$6.6 trillion ....Protecting and restoring our marine resources is critically important to our coastal economies." Sally Yozell

### **On the challenge of climate change:**

- "Climate change is the debate and economic driver of our time and hundreds of companies are on board." Mindy Lubber
- "This (EPA power plant regulations) will be the fight of the century". If it goes forward, it will change the tide of pollution". David Goldston
- "Increasing fuel economy in the U.S. is the biggest thing any country has done about climate change ever." Dan Becker
- In transitioning to a low carbon economy, "Our goal is ambitious, but no thing gets done if we don't think big ... .Let's make big plans together." John Podesta quoting President Obama

### **On the need for bipartisanship:**

- "It is absolute nonsense to think that conservation belongs to one party." David Yarnold
- "It was a disgrace to shut down the Government ... . A bipartisan group of 14 -- my female colleagues in the Senate and a few good men -- worked day and night to come up with the plan that was ultimately adopted to end the impasse ....This is the Common Sense Coalition." Senator Susan Collins

### **On other conservation issues:**

- "We're becoming a desert for honeybees." Bryan Walsh
- "Although the level of funding for conservation (in the Farm Bill) has been reduced somewhat, we were pleased where we ended up given the current fiscal environment." Robert Bonnie

### **And our favorite humorous quote of the meeting:**

When discussing why there aren't more women running for office,

"To discuss trade policy, a woman thinks she needs a Ph.D. in economics while a man thinks he just needs to drive a Honda." Senator Susan Collins