

# DIGGERS DIRT

The Dirt being dished this month...

## General Meeting:

10:30 am Program

*(Unless otherwise noted)*

12:00 noon Meeting

Oct 6th - Old Mill

## Clean up and Horticulture Challenge Plant

10:30 - Work in the Garden  
– bring gloves, rakes, clippers, trowels and \$ to buy scrip!

12:00 Sack lunch & meeting

1:00pm Optional painting class in the garden.  
Supplies provided.

**Guests Welcome - great meeting for prospective members!**

## Look ahead...

- Nov 3 - Cindy Wenzlau's
- Dec 1 - Gwen Babcock's
- Jan 5 - Gretl Mulder's
- Feb 2 - Huntington Library
- Feb 22 - Huntington Library
- Mar 2 - Old Mill Workday



## Letter From the President

Dear Diggers,

What a year it has been – and it only continues to challenge us all. Every gardener knows that failure and adaption are central to the process of growth. Success depends on the ability to learn, process, evaluate, instigate and repeat. The recent challenges put fourth, required and continue to require us to look at things differently, prioritize and cultivate change – not too much different from cultivating a garden. Sustainable growth through sustainable living. I look forward to the year ahead, full of promise and positivity and continue to hope for a year full of in-person learning and connecting. But if another curve ball is thrown our way, we will be ready for it and we will adapt.

April 3 - Plant drop off Old Mill  
 April 4-5 - Auction Set Up  
 April 6 - Plant Sale & Auction  
 May 4 - Huntington Library  
 June 1 - Judy McDonald's

### Board Meetings

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

### Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming GCA Dates

[www.gcamerica.org](http://www.gcamerica.org)

### Shirley Meneice Virtual Horticulture Conference

Sept. 22-23, 2021

### Virtual Conservation Study Conference

Nov. 17-18, 2021

### NAL Conference

Washington, DC  
Feb 23-26, 2021

### GCA Virtual Floral Design Conference

Dec. 8, 2021

### NAL Conference TBD

Washington, DC  
Feb 28 - Mar 2, 2022

Connie has done an amazing job of putting together some wonderful programs – starting with our traditional work day at the Old Mill. Yvonne will be presenting us with an annual challenge plant and, just for fun, we will be having an optional post-meeting painting party where we will further enjoy the gardens and each other's company while painting a succulent masterpiece (don't forget, beauty is in the eye of the beholder ladies!)

The GCA has wonderful workshops, conferences and educational videos available for all of us to enjoy – so go to their website and take advantage of the many opportunities they have procured. Make sure to register for the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference - this year's virtual conference promises to be the most jam-packed two days ever! (See page 3 for details)

The garden continues to bring us together, our reciprocal relationship with the natural world. The garden allows us to be quiet, to reflect, to give and to receive – make sure you enjoy your gardens and those around you.

I look forward to seeing all your smiling faces in October!

Off to plant dreams and pull weeds,

*Lisa*



**GCA Virtual Photography Study Conference**

Mar 31, 2022

**GCA 2022 Annual Meeting Hybrid**

Parsippany, NJ  
Apr 27 - 30, 2022

**Learn More About the GCA Website**

Sign up with Liza Lilley to learn more about the GCA Website and how to navigate it. Give your name and email address by 9/24 in order to receive the Zoom link for 10am, 9/30

[<ejlilley15@gmail.com>](mailto:ejlilley15@gmail.com)



**Old Mill Workdays**

Sept 13th & 27th  
(Mondays)  
Oct 6 (Wednesday)  
Oct 11th & 25th  
(Mondays)

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**Shirley Meneice Virtual Horticulture Conference September 22 -23**

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The Garden Club of America invites you to join us for the Shirley Meneice Horticulture Conference. We will travel the United States and discover the joys of growing a garden and learn as we bring together passionate plant enthusiasts from throughout the country.

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST – morning session  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST - afternoon session

Thursday, September 23, 2021

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. EST – morning session  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. EST – afternoon session

We will explore four very distinct botanic gardens, tour very special private gardens, learn from horticulture demonstrations, listen to experts in horticulture, and share horticulture tips and secrets. Our goal is to nurture your knowledge and love of gardening.

From the diverse beauty of **Heronswood** and **Desert Botanical Garden** in the west to **Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens** and **Kampong National Botanical Garden** on the east coast, travel the Country discovering America's horticultural gems at this year's Shirley Meneice Horticultural Conference!

Tour the magnificent intersection of breeding championship race horses with a commitment to stewarding the precious natural resources at **Gainesway Farm** and learn the fascinating history of **Avery Island** with **Joey Brown**. Built on a salt dome, the McIlhenny family has made Tabasco sauce for over 5 generations and abundant and exotic wildlife can be seen in **Jungle Gardens**.

Hear **Leah Pennimen** speak on changing the world one bite at a time, GCA's own **Cynthia Druckenbrod** captivate viewers with hybridizing day lilies and **Carrie Waterman, Peggy Mayfield** and **Nancy Schotters** will lead hands-on workshops you won't want to miss.

Never before have so many of the country's awesome and diverse resources been brought together in one conference, exclusively developed for and available to all GCA members!

This will be a fun, educational, and entertaining conference that you will not want to miss!

Registration for the virtual conference is free and open to all GCS club members!

\*Last day to register is September 21, 2021

<https://www.gcamerica.org/members:security/loginform?fw1pk=1>

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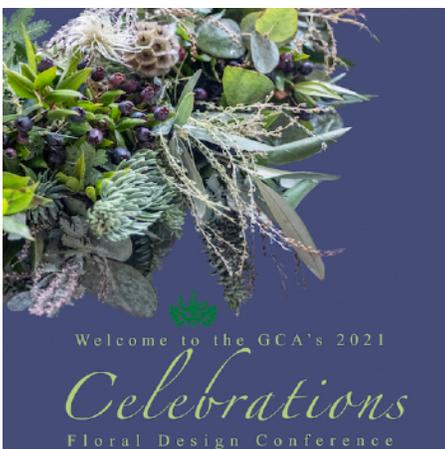
## GCA Virtual Floral Design Conference

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*December 8, 2021*

Registration will launch in early November via an email sent to everyone. The registration link will be posted in the email when registration is open.

We look forward to having you join us for this very special Floral Design Conference.



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## Old Mill Update

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At our September workday we completed the removal of the massive agave. We are doing some light maintenance and getting ready for our October meeting in the garden.



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## New Members!

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Let's give a warm welcome to our two new members, Kristin Poulsen and Megan Foker! We are thrilled to have them join our small but mighty garden club. Make sure to ask questions, get involved and by all means, get your hands dirty in the garden!



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## In Remembrance

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Join family and friends in celebrating the life of  
*Jane Robinson Herrmann*  
A private reception honoring her tremendous generosity of spirit will be held in the Arboretum's Celebration Garden.  
Sunday, October 10, 2021  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
  
The Arboretum  
301 N. Baldwin Avenue  
Arcadia, California 91007  
Garden Casual Attire  
Kindly RSVP by October 5, 2021  
Brittany.Fabeck@arboretum.org or 626.821.3237