



## Girl Scout History Society

### News from Cultural Assets

**The next virtual meeting of the Girl Scout History Society will take place on April 15th, 2025, at 4pm EST.**

The agenda and meeting link will be sent a few days before the meeting.

The April 15th meeting will focus on recruiting volunteers under 30 years old to council history committees. If you are a history volunteer under 30 years old, or know someone who is, and are interested in participating in a panel discussion, please contact [Janine](#).

Meeting recordings and other resources are available [HERE](#).

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### Collection Highlight

For decades, the dining room at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace has been interpreted to represent it as it would have appeared in 1886. As we shift the site to tell the story of Juliette as a 51-year-old woman founding Girl Scouts in

1912, rather than a 26-year-old bride in 1886, rooms of the home will continue to evolve.

#### Current project:

The dining room at the Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace has recently undergone a transformation to reflect its appearance in 1912. Through paint analysis and historical research, clues were uncovered that revealed the room's original Progressive Era color, shifting from a mid-yellow tone to a rich, art deco green. The room was further brought to life by reintroducing objects and details that had been in storage for years, lending it the dense, cozy feel typical of the period.

#### Continuing changes:

The space will continue to evolve as we incorporate elements from family letters and the 1917 house inventory. The inventory offers valuable insights into the family's life at the time, revealing specific details such as the maker and color of the dinner service owned by Nelly Gordon, as well as the "Child Chair" that was placed in the room. Additionally, a letter from Nelly to Daisy, dated November 6, 1909, offers a vivid description of the house during President Taft's visit, noting that "the table was beautiful—decorated with deep red roses."

The transformation has already been significant, but we plan to continue to bring the letters and inventory to life.

The Dining Room before January 2025:



The Dining Room after January 2025 refresh:





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## News from Members

**Girl Scouts of Greater LA's Heritage Committee** will be collecting contemporary Girl Scout Uniforms to give to girls and Leaders who have lost theirs in the recent wildfires in California. There are also running a "Games and Books that can fit in Mom's Purse" campaign. Things like a deck of cards, tangrams, paperback books, etc. Anything can be delivered or mailed to GSGLA, c/o Patti Brundige, 4827 Pennsylvania Avenue, La Crescenta, CA 91214-1944. You can also email us at [GSGLA.Heritage@gmail.com](mailto:GSGLA.Heritage@gmail.com) Click [HERE](#) for resources from GSGLA about the fires.

**Girl Scouts of Eastern PA's Hagar Malone** is sharing her Google Drive with resources for various ceremonies that was mentioned during the January Zoom call in it [HERE](#). You can email Hagar with any questions at [hagar462@yahoo.com](mailto:hagar462@yahoo.com).

**Girl Scouts of Eastern MA's** volunteer Francine Edwards will be doing a Zoom presentation on February 25, 2025 at 7pm for the Pinewoods Camp organization. Helen Storrow gave the camp to the Conant Family in 1935 for their Country Dance society, but the Girl Scouts used it before that. Click [HERE](#) to sign up.

**Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson** is looking for information about the Brownie badges (pictured below) that the Dutchess County Council and Ulster County Council used before the Try-Its. They are wondering if other Legacy Councils used them. Please contact [Kathy Maxcy](#).



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