

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN DOCENT/VOLUNTEER MONTHLY MEETING
October 3, 2012
Minutes

9:32 a.m. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

Plant Raffle Table presented by Liz Rozycki. Thanks to Jane Wilkerson for the necklace she donated.

Door Prize Drawing - \$10 gift certificate to the Gift Shop won by Kitty Sparrow.

The Minutes of the September 5, 2012 Meeting were approved.

Chair Report and Announcements

- ✧ The October Docent and Volunteer Milestones as detailed on the back of the Agenda were read out. Liz Woodward encouraged everyone to keep their hours up to date and to file online.
- ✧ Botanic Book Buddies meet on October 10, at noon to discuss 'All my Edens' by Pat Welsh. Note – participation does not count towards docent hours. The next selection is a work of fiction by T.C.Boyle "When the Killing's Done".
- ✧ A Farewell for Diana Goforth will take place on October 12, 5 – 7 pm in the Ecke Building. Everyone is invited. Please RSVP to Michael Wolfington.
- ✧ A copy of the directory was circulated so that those present could mark up changes to their personal information. Changes may also be emailed directly to Emy at emeiorin@pacbell.net.
- ✧ The next Volunteer Orientation will take place on Thursday, October 25, from 9:30 until noon in the Ecke Building. Please take flyers and pass them out at your local Garden Club or post them on community center noticeboards.
- ✧ Kindly note that the Gift Shop and Nursery will be closed for remodeling and upgrades from October 15 through the 31st. However, the restrooms will remain open.
- ✧ The SDBG Southeast Asia trip departs November 5. Note that the Docent Executive Board meeting has been moved to November 28. Mark your calendars.
- ✧ Mary Roper will be presenting the upcoming program in November – a hands-on Thanksgiving/Harvest Centerpiece. Bring glue guns, scissors, clippers, etc.
- ✧ Docent/Volunteer of the Month. Drop your nomination in the Suggestion Box or notify a Board Member if there is someone you would like to see honored. A list of previous honorees will be posted online. Anyone who was nominated more than 10 years ago may be considered again.

Coordinator & Committee Reports

- ✧ Congratulations to Esther Newman who received her Docent badge from Linda Stewart.
- ✧ The Nominating Committee presented the Slate of Officers as detailed below. The election will take place at next month's General Meeting when nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Docent Chairperson Kitty Sparrow
 Docent Vice Chair Jane Hunt
 Docent Treasurer Tandy Pfost
 Docent Secretary Maggie Garren
 Board Members at Large . . . Kitty Sparrow
 & Maggie Garren
 Docent Coordinator Sarah Clayton
 Docent League Rep Carol Ann Lewin

Gift Shop Manager Roberta Dotson
Hours Recorder Susan Carneiro
Hospitality Coordinator . . . Robin Hermann
Meeting Check-in Jane Wilkerson
Members at Large Susan Kartzke
 & Barry Martin
Programs Coordinator Bette Childs
Propagation Coordinator . . . Deb Batey

- ^ Sally Sandler thanked everyone for their continued hard work in Garden Beautification. Wednesdays are busy and the Saturday gigs are real fun because of all the food. Bill Searles is now the team captain for the New World Desert Garden.
- ^ Evon MacKinnon invited those present to sign up for the next Trip Trio outing to two great gardens in Poway on November 13. Plan on meeting at SDBG at 9:15 a.m., car-pooling, and going to lunch afterward.
- ^ Anne Spindel requested that anyone who is currently on the Tour Guides email list and no longer wishes to be, contact her. Similarly, if you are not on the list and would like to be, email Anne. More people are needed to give General Tours and the meeting on November 11 will be dedicated to updating all the information that is used by the Tour Guides when giving these tours. Mo Price will be giving a demo tour.
- ^ Fall Plant Sale. Stacy thanked all those who have been involved in the pre-sale work and announced that the event on Friday evening is open to all those who have worked a minimum of 20 hours on FPS related activities in the weeks preceding the Sale. Keep track of all your hours worked on the FPS prior to the event, as you will need to give them to Mo who will be recording them for keeping track of who is eligible for the pre-sale shopping on the Friday afternoon from 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Botanic Attic items may be dropped off after October 8. Buy a FPS t-shirt – on sale for \$10 each. Ken Hayward asked that donations of books, CDs, DVDs and VHS tapes be dropped off after the Orchid Fair. Anyone wanting to help with the Book Sale should contact Ken. Thelma Montag asked for more people to sign up to bring baked goods which should be dropped off on Friday afternoon, Saturday or Sunday morning.
- ^ Mary Roper needs craft people in December to help make things that will be used to decorate the tree in Balboa Park during December Nights and subsequently sold at Garden of Lights. Lots of people who enjoy working with small children are needed to help with craft activities at the Garden of Lights event which takes place over 21 nights in December. A meeting for those interested in being a team leader supervising the craft activities at the Garden of Lights will be held on Thursday, October 31 at 10 a.m., in the Ecke Building. Please save toilet roll tubes, free stickers (Christmas related, from charities), scraps of ribbon and dried “weird things”, such as seeds and pods for Mary Roper – she will use them in craft projects.

Volunteer of the Month – Susan Kartzke was presented by Sally Sandler.

Plant of the Month – *Ficus dammaropsis* – the dinner plate fig, presented by Lesley Randall. An example of this plant may be found in the north end of the Bamboo Garden. It is native to New Guinea and bears a huge fruit. The leaves are used to line ovens and wrap pork meat. This plant would be a wonderful addition to a coastal garden however it is really hard to propagate and is not found in nurseries. It is pollinated by a wasp, not found here in San Diego, which is why the plant is quite scarce.

Plant Raffle Drawing

SDBG Staff Reports

- ✧ Pat Hammer reported that Joyce Sapp had come through her recent hip surgery with flying colors. Please be sure to thank Roberta Dotson and Heather Spadone who have done a fabulous job picking out colors for the remodel work on the Gift Shop. Again, Pat reminded everyone that when driving up to toward the Welcome Center it is not safe to cut across the exit lane.
- ✧ Tracie Barham thanked all who helped with the Gala which was held in the Hamilton Children's Garden this year. This change has earned mixed reviews. If you have comments or suggestions please contact Tracie, she will welcome the feedback. The County of San Diego has given SDBG a grant of \$26,000 which will be used to light the south side of the Gardens for Garden of Lights Festival. \$102,000 was raised in sponsorship money – this is the largest sum ever. Attendance was up this year – 437 people compared to 395 last. Revenue was approximately \$187,000. The Silent Auction was not as successful as it has been in previous years.
- ✧ Sam Beukema directed everyone's attention to the back of the Agenda where the upcoming classes and events are listed. He requested that people kindly sign up to work at the Garden of Lights and noted that training will be required for those who wish to serve mulled wine.
- ✧ A "farewell" presentation was made to Diana Goforth.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ✧ October 6 – San Diego Master Gardener Fall Seminar.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48

Refreshments and Sign-ups followed by the Program – 'Favorite Garden Plants' presented by docents and volunteers.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Clayton