

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN DOCENT/VOLUNTEER MONTHLY MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2012

Minutes

9:30 A.M. - Call to order and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Plant Raffle Table. Tickets – 5 for \$3, sold until plant of the month presentation.

Paula McDonald won the Door Prize Drawing.

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

CHAIR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ Kitty read out the names of all those reaching the 90, 200 and 400 hour Milestones (as detailed on the back of the Agenda) and the awards were distributed.
- ✧ Botanic Book Buddies meets on December 12, at noon, in the Lawn House to discuss ‘When the Killing’s Done’ by T. C. Boyle. Bring a sack lunch.
- ✧ Copies of the Directory were circulated so those present could note changes where needed. Details of changes may also be emailed to Emy Meirorin at emeiorin@pacbell.net no later than December 6.
- ✧ The Docent Executive Board will be voting on Docents/Volunteers of the Month at the November meeting. Please submit your suggestions – use the suggestion box!
- ✧ Up coming programs. In December we will have a Pot Luck – bring your favorite dish to share – entrees are always appreciated. There will also be a Holiday Bazaar before and after the meeting featuring items created by our docents and volunteers. If you would like to sell your goods, please contact Michael Wolfington before November 30. Chris Garcia will be talking about Community Gardens in January and in February the program will be about rattlesnakes.

Election of Officers and Coordinators

Mayo Stiegler kindly presided over the election. There being no nominations from the floor, the motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Proposed Slate of Officers as previously presented and detailed on the Agenda.

Proposed Slate of Officers 2013-2014

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 Suzanne 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
Tours Anne Spindel & Frances Spath

COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ⤴ Roberta Dotson reported that the Gift Shop was still closed – not sure when it will reopen. New teak floors are being installed and painting is also going on. When the shop does reopen it will have some new merchandise with an emphasis on more locally made stuff – pottery and necklaces. The Gift Shop wants your business!
- ⤴ Trip Trio - Evon MacKinnon thanked Mo Price for finding the two garden locations we will be visiting on Tuesday, November 13.
- ⤴ Anne Spindel invited everyone to attend the Tour Guides meeting on Thursday, November 8 at 10 a.m. in the Larabee House. Mo Price will be sharing tour guide tips and tricks.
- ⤴ Fall Plant Sale – Stacy Gaudet gave a gigantic thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this year's sale incredibly successful. \$47,000 was raised. It was, as usual, an unbelievable event with so many people working together. Feedback given at the wrap up meeting will be taken into consideration when planning begins for next year's sale. The next Fall Plant Sale meeting will be in April. Thelma Montag stated that the bakery items had never been better and Ken Hayward thanked everyone for the tremendous support and great donations for the book sale. Special thanks to Elf Mitton for all the time she put in and to Bobbi Hinostro who handled the donation from the Book Man which was given, this year, in honor of John Becker. Unsold jams and jellies are available for purchase today.
- ⤴ Volunteer Orientation and Garden Beautification. Peter Jones reported that 17 new people had attended the Volunteer Orientation in October and many of them were present at the meeting today. Sally Sandler now sends out a Garden Beautification email each month to 200 volunteers. The California Gardenscapes will not be meeting on November 24. If you are a team captain and would like to use that date please contact Peter. There is a new team captain in the Herb Garden – Margaret Jones. Bill Searles is now the team captain for the New World Succulent Garden and the Old World Desert Garden and he need help. Please contact him, or Peter, if interested.

Volunteer of the Month – James Smullen introduced by Susanne Brueckner.

Plant of the Month – *Beaucarnea recurvata* (Ponytail Palm) – presented by Liz Rozycki. This plant is not in the Palm family and is native to South East Mexico. In habitat it will grow up to 30 feet tall but here only 8 – 10 feet. The plant is frost sensitive but makes great house plant. There is a small forest of Beaucarneas in the Hamilton Children's Garden and a huge one in the Undersea Garden. Mature Beaucarneas bloom and form a red seed pod. Variegated forms can be found in the Mexican Garden.

STAFF REPORTS

- ⤴ Sam Beukema reported that Pat Hammer is recuperating from a back injury and is coming back to work on a part time basis in the afternoons. He thanked everyone for their help with the Orchid Fair which was a big success. Take a look at the back of the Agenda to check out the upcoming classes. Sam asked people to sign up multiple times to volunteer at the Garden of Lights. Santas are needed.

- ▲ Jill Kastrup gave the Development report on behalf of Stasi Kubrock and thanked everyone for their recent help with memberships. The Gardens have received two grants – one from the Billings Foundation for over \$9000 for a new electric work cart and the other from SDG&E for \$10,000 that will be used to provide some educational elements into the Family Fun Nights next summer. Half price family gift memberships are available to Docents and Volunteers through December 21st. When you buy a membership this way the recipient receives a gift certificate and the membership starts when they cash it in. Contact Jill if you are able to help with wrapping gift tiles for the Benefactors donor dinner next week.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Program – ‘Thanksgiving/Harvest Centerpiece’ presented by Mary Roper.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Clayton