

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN DOCENT/VOLUNTEER MONTHLY MEETING

DECEMBER 5, 2012

MINUTES

- 10:00 a.m. – Call to order by Chairperson Liz Woodward; Pledge of Allegiance
- The Minutes for November 7, 2012 were approved.

CHAIR REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- November Docent and Volunteer Milestones (reverse)
- Directory updates are available until the new directory comes out in April with the list of new officers and coordinators.
- It is important to enter your hours as soon as possible at the end of the year. These hours are considered in our grant recognition.
- Botanic Book Buddies – the next selection will be Founding Gardeners by Andrea Wuff, concerning how our Founding Fathers gardened and their views toward agriculture. E-mail Liz Woodward for information concerning Pat Welsh's new book preview.
- Lands' End shirts with SDBG logo – you can find the link on the 1st page of the docent website. If there is a special, Liz will send out an E-blast.
- Gratitude was expressed to Emy Meiorin for all her hard work on the Directory.

COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The grand opening for the gift shop occurred Saturday, December 1.
- Docent Training – Linda Stewart welcomed Nan Criqui as our newest docent. The next training class will start on the first Thursday in February (2/7), and continue every other Thursday for a total of 8 classes.
- Welcome Center – Barb Farley needs help on Dec. 29 from 10-2.
- Garden Beautification – Peter announced that the Bamboo Garden is looking especially good, with much thanks to Barry Martin and Mary Cozza for their many hours of work. Upcoming weekend work: Dec. 8 – Fruit Garden; Dec. 15 – Undecided; Dec. 22 – Herb Garden; Dec. 29th – Open. Peter would like to get the garden workers together some time in January for a thank you which will involve work AND food.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH – Margaret Jones presented the Volunteer of the Month Award to Paula McDonald.

PLANT OF THE MONTH - Dave Ehrlinger presented the Firewheel Tree from Australia.

STAFF REPORTS

- Julian Duval announced that there was a one-page article about SDBG in “American Gardener”. He also reported that the Benefactor Dinner was coming up on Thursday.
- Pat Hammer – Pat thanked Roberta and Dave Dotson, Heather Davis, Kitty, Mary Jane Hanson, Joyce Sapp and Carol Dickinson for their work, encouragement and donation toward the Gift Shop. Michael Wolfington will be leaving Friday. Michelle Kinney will be replacing him and Gladys Gutierrez will step in for her.
- Sam Beukema – We still need more help for the Garden of Lights.
- Tracie Barham – We received a grant from the Encinitas Garden Festival Committee for \$2000 to be used for interpretive signage in the Hamilton Children’s Garden. We also received \$5000 from SDGE and \$10,000 from Union Bank.
- Nancy Kelly will be the new Deputy Director of Development, while Tracie will be focusing on the new education and events facility known as Greenhouse.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Jill Kastrup will be selling half –price memberships through December 21.
- If you are interested in trips to Oahuaca, contact Robert Kopfstein.
- The Tour Guides will have a holiday get-together at Kitty’s house.
- Kitty thanked Liz on behalf of the membership for her stewardship during the last two years, and presented a gift certificate for REI.
- The meeting adjourned followed by the Holiday Potluck Dinner
- Secretary pro tem,
- Maggie Garren