

San Diego Botanic Garden

Docent Volunteer Meeting

May 1, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Chair Kitty Sparrow, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Plant Raffle Table items were presented by Liz Rozycki and the early Bird Drawing took place.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer, Tandy Pfost, presented the latest report. There is a deficit in the refreshment fund of \$40. Our total balance is \$1400 (docent funds) after items Roberta Dotson purchased for the gift shop.

Volunteers of the Month, Roberta Dotson and Dave Merritt, were presented by Sharon Clay Rose and Steve Rose.

Chairmen's Report and Announcements

The Botanic Book Buddies will meet June 12 behind the Lawn House. The book is "The Orchid Thief" by Susan Orlean. Bring a sack lunch. For August the book will be Greg Rubin's "The California Native Landscape," which is available in the Gift Shop.

The new directory is here. Susan Starr and Sarah Clayton were lauded for their efforts.

The Docent Executive Board will meet May 15th at 10.

Coordinator and Committee Reports

Tour Guides – This is endangered species month and there will be special activities related to this on May 16-18th. Jay Davis and Dave Ehrlinger will present at the next meeting.

Trip Trio- May 24th the Kohl and Pransky gardens in Del Mar and La Jolla. Carpooling will take place from SDBG.

June 14th - tour of Elf Mitton's garden and those of two of her friends in Oceanside (Fire Mountain area).

July 18th – trip to Lotusland in Santa Barbara. There will be a limit of 20 cars per tour and there are only 2 tours a day. The tour is \$35, and may involve an overnight.

- Peter Jones presented information related to garden beautification and the upcoming San Diego County Fair. Please sign up on a “will call” basis for set-up. Hosts are needed from 12-3 p.m. on weekends.
- Milestone Awards – Docents Suzanne Carneiro and Fran Spath.
- Fall Plant Sale – there will be a meeting May 8th at 10 am in the West Wing. Coordinators are needed for the silent auction, and donations, such as baskets from docent classes.
- Plant of the Month – Sapphire Tower, a terrestrial bromeliad from South America.

The Plant Raffle took place.

Staff Reports

- Pat Hammer emphasized that reporting hours is very important. The directories are private information and should not be shared. Help is needed on “Free Tuesdays.”
- Tracie Barham announced that there will be a new set of sculptures. It is important to wear our badges, particularly on Free Tuesday.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Garren, Secretary