

San Diego Botanic Garden
Docent/Volunteer Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2013

Approval of previous minutes

Chairman's report/announcements

Linda Stewart will be guiding the Botanic Book Buddies on June 12. In August, the book will be Greg Rubin's, *"The California Native Landscape"*.

Kitty asked that volunteers and docents check the list on the bulletin board and report hours so numbers are up to date for Awards at the August meeting.

Kitty presented vintage shirts for purchase for \$10. Funds will be added to the refreshment fund.

There will be no June Docent Executive Board meeting - the July DEB will be the 24th due to the Santa Barbara trip.

There will be no Docent/Volunteer meeting in July

Coordinator & Committee Reports

Tour Guides – Anne Spindel invited D/V to her house for tour guide luncheon meeting June 13 @ 10AM. In August tour guides will review the new sculptures in the Garden.

Trip Trio – June 14 - Tour Elf Mitton's garden and those of three of her friends on Fire Mountain.

Trip to Lotusland Santa Barbara on July 18 is closed.

Kitty read a letter from Sally Sandler.

Garden Beautification (and a San Diego County Fair update) – Peter Jones gave volunteers a choice of two new locations to volunteer, *Entrance Driveway* and *Butterfly Garden in the Hamilton Children's Garden*. He thanked all the volunteers who worked on the display for the Fair. The bonsai was loaned by Phil Tackill.

Susan Starr reminded people to pick up directories.

Suzanne Carneiro/Docents, Volunteers/Fran Spath gave out Milestone Awards

Liz Woodward and Stacy Gaudet reported on a project for potting succulents to be used for the plant sale. Jane Hunt is coordinating the volunteers. They asked that volunteers contact her now with availability. They requested that volunteers start collecting for Botanic Attic. Next meeting June 12.

The **Volunteer of the Month** was Marianne Leighton introduced by Mayo Stiegler

Plant of the month – Liz Rozycki - *Melaleuca linariifolia* – **"Snow in Summer"**

SDBG Staff Reports

Julian Duval reported on his trip to American Botanic Garden Association Conference. Admission prices for the Garden will be raised soon.

Pat Hammer thanked people for help on Free Tuesdays. The Hamilton Children's Garden entrance will be open on Friday mornings from 9 AM - Noon. The Blue Star Program grants free entrance for military and their families. Need more volunteers to sign up for Admissions. Training is needed for that assignment. She showed a U-T article about Dave Erhlinger that was in the paper on Sunday (6/2/2013). There will be a members only free clinic for plant problems on June 9.

Nancy Kelly - A total of 64 memberships were sold at the Chocolate Festival. Volunteers in the Gift Shop sold 43 memberships. Yelp event raised \$4,300. Encinitas Rotary Wine Festival was

successful. The Arthur and Jeanette Pratt Memorial Fund granted \$2500 towards general operations. Gala - \$47,000 pledged so far this year.

Jennifer Turner reported on the Gala. She asked for sign ups and notification of donations.

Tracie Barham said that the Education and Events Pavilion drawings are available for viewing. New posters are done. Julian will do a write up in Quail Tracks. \$30,000 donation from Mariette Pinchart was received.

Sam Beukema read a letter from organizer of Gourd and Basket event thanking volunteers. Successful Chocolate Festival. Fairy Festival coming up as well as a book signing with Eric Dinerstein on June 23. Mary Roper needs help the day before the Fairy Festival. Leslie Duval needs someone to cook bugs for Insect Festival.

Kitty Sparrow highlighted our own artists who will be here for Garden Expressions of Art. Again the passport system will be used.

Wendy Graham reported on a vertical gardening project.

Ann Hoepfner reported that a new interest tab will be set up so that docents, volunteers and staff can submit recipes of their potluck dishes.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11AM