

## **San Diego Botanic Garden General Meeting November 5, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The items on the plant raffle table were identified by Liz Rozycki. The raffle for early bird and overflow ticket holders was held.

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 1, 2014 were approved as listed on the Docent website.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Tandy Pfost reported that the Docent Fund had a balance of \$1832.96 at the beginning of 2014 and at the end of October 2014 had a balance of \$1185.31. So far in 2014, Docent funds have been used to purchase two communications radios, four garden carts and garden tools. This month Docent funds were used to purchase a range for the Ecke Building kitchen. It was purchased for \$400.00 at Home Depot and will replace the current range, which is failing.

The refreshment jar was passed among members during the meeting. Member donations fund food for the monthly refreshment break between the business meeting and program.

### **Chairperson's Report**

The name of the top two Docent offices was officially changed from Chairman and Vice-Chairman to Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. This change takes place immediately.

Nominating committee member Sarah Clayton presented the slate of officers for the Docent Society for 2015-2016. The slate includes:

Chairperson	Jane Hunt
Vice-Chairperson	Mary Friestedt
Treasurer	Tandy Pfost
Secretary	Nan Criqui
Members at Large	Linda Wagner Allan Dodds

This list was voted on and approved by voice vote of the membership. Officers will begin their new terms with the December 2014 meeting.

Kitty Sparrow thanked everyone involved in the October Fall Plant Sale. She announced that the sale was very successful both as a fun event and as a fund raiser for the Garden.

### **Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**Book Buddies:** The book for the December 10 meeting of the club is *My Garden* by Jamaica Kincaid. The group meets at 10 am in the Lawn House for a brown-bag lunch and discussion. The group will also discuss new books for 2015.

**Welcome Center:** As always, volunteers are needed to work in the Welcome Center. Many spaces are left for November and December. Anyone who is not trained and would like to volunteer can contact Barbara Farley to schedule training.

**Tour Guides:** The next meeting of the Tour Guide group is Thursday, November 13 in the Larabee House at 10 am. The program will be *Scout Tours 101* presented by Mary Roper. Mary states that many Scout badges can be completed during a visit to the Garden and she hopes to work with local Scouts to set up programs to facilitate this learning. Volunteers are needed for these events, which are a great way for Docents to learn more about giving tours in a specialized and manageable format.

The program for the January meeting will include uTube videos about *What Plants Say: Looking at Plants in a Different Way*.

**Garden Beautification:** All work parties are scheduled from 9 am until 12 noon. For November the schedule is:

November 8:	Subtropical Fruit - June Anderson
November 15:	TBA
November 22	California Gardenscapes/Natives - Shari Harrold & Sharon Clay Rose
November 29:	Thanksgiving - no programs

**ALS Challenge:** Sue Papreck reported that \$714.00 in donations were collected in support of ALS during the challenge that was held at the Garden during the Fall Plant Sale.

**Gift Shop:** The SDBG Gift Shop will be represented at the San Diego Horticultural Society's Holiday Market on November 11 from 5-10 pm. Visitors can register for free entrance online or pay \$5 at the door.

**Fall Plant Sale:** Thank-yous were given both to and by the members of the Fall Plant Sale Committee: Stacy Fattaleh, Jane Hunt, Liz Woodward, Ken Hayward, Thelma Montag and Diana Goforth. The hard work of all volunteers was applauded. DITs were singled out for a special thank-you. Also those volunteers who bought merchandise were thanked for their participation.

Ken stated that the book sale was a great success and netted \$730 for the Garden. He thanked all the volunteers who worked specifically in this area.

All those who donated food to sell and those who took their time to prepare jams and jelly for sale also received special recognition.

**Terrific Trips** - Peggy Overland announced that the next trip will be January 22, 2015 to Sunshine Care Assisted Living in Poway. The campus of this facility includes 32 acres of organic gardens, greenhouses and community gardens.

**DIT:** The next meeting of the current DIT classes will be held Thursday, November 6 at the Larabee House at 10 am.

**Directory Updates:** Get updates to Susan Starr before or at the December meeting for the *2015 Docent and Volunteer Information Directory*.

**Milestones:** Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath announced the milestone awards recipients for the month of November. These members are always listed on the back of the monthly meeting agenda.

**Volunteer of the Month:** Sue Richardson was the Volunteer of the Month for November. She was introduced by Rosemary Stafford.

**Plant of the Month:** Paul Redeker presented the Plant of the Month, *Haemanthus albiflos*, the white paintbrush lily.

### **SDBG Staff Reports**

**Operations:** Pat Hammer thanked everyone for their work during the Fall Plant Sale. She announced that the gross profit from the event was \$54,756.24.

**Education:** Sam Beukema reported that the Orchid Festival and the Fall Family Festival both were very successful, and he thanked all who helped. Special thanks went to Suzanne Brueckner for the Fall Family Festival.

The **Garden of Lights** is being held from December 6-23 and 26-30. Help is needed in all areas. Anyone wanting to work in the mulled wine booth will need training, which is coming up soon. Sign-up sheets were available for all Garden of Lights activities.

Mary Roper stated that people are needed as craft leaders for the Garden of Lights. There will be a meeting November 11 at 10 am in the Larabee house for anyone interested in helping make crafts and/or be a leader for a night.

Members were encouraged to take flyers for the Garden of Lights event to deliver to local businesses.

There will be a SDBG float in the Encinitas Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 6. The theme of the float is "Dropping in for the Holidays".

**Development:** Tracie Barham announced that the official name of the previously named Dickenson Family Education Pavillion has been changed to the Dickenson Family Education Conservatory.

Nancy Kelly announced that US Bank has given SDBG \$2500 toward sponsorship of Free Tuesdays. She also announced grants from Rita's Italian Ice for \$1000 and a \$10,000 educational grant.

Both Tracie and Nancy thanked all for their Fall Plant Sale efforts.

**Membership:** Jill Kastrup stated that holiday membership certificates can be purchased at one-half price from the Development staff through the month of December. These memberships must be used as gifts, not for personal use.

Volunteers are needed in Development for various duties. Inquire at the Development Office.

**Program:** Speakers from Project Wildlife discussed the rescue and care of birds in the San Diego County region. A crow and a raven were introduced to the audience.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nan Criqui, Secretary