

San Diego Botanic Garden Volunteer Meeting May 6, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Chairperson Jane Hunt and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Liz Rozycki identified the items of the plant table. Early bird and overflow door prize drawings were held.

The minutes of April 1, 2015 were approved as listed on the Docent website.

Treasurer's Report

Tandy Pfost reported that the Docent Fund had a balance of \$1,214.44 at the beginning of 2015. The ending balance for April 2015 is \$1,536.18. Raffle tickets netted a year-to-date balance of \$372.00 in April and the year-to-date expenses for refreshments are -\$50.26. Ideas for projects to fund with Docent monies were requested. Submit ideas to Jane, Tandy or Docents-at-large Allan Dodds and Linda Wagner.

Chairperson and Committee Reports

Jane Hunt announced these dates to remember in the coming months:

Chocolate Festival	May 9
Volunteer Orientation	May 16
Palm & Cycad Show	May 23
Family Fun Nights	May 28 and subsequent Thursdays through August
Free Tuesday	First Tuesday of every month
	Volunteer signups always needed

Botanic Book Buddies: Book Buddies meet on the second Wednesday of even-numbered months at 12 pm in the Lawn House. The book for June is *The Drunken Botanist* by Amy Stewart. August's selection is *The Botany of Desire* by Michael Pollan. Bring a bag lunch.

Tour Guides: Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month in the Larabee House at 10 am. The May 14 meeting will feature Diana Goforth. Her talk is entitled, *Low Water Trees of San Diego* and will feature trees that are currently growing at SDBG.

Terrific Trips: The May trip is Thursday, May 28. Meet at SDBG between 7 and 7:15. The bus leaves at 7:30 sharp. The group will be visiting the historic Robinson Gardens in Beverly Hills. It was requested that interested persons pay the \$40 fee to Peggy Overland at today's meeting. This trip is full and has a waiting list, so please notify Peggy if you can't attend.

Garden Beautification: Peter Jones announced the following days for Garden Beautification during the remainder of May:

Saturday May 9	No gardening (Chocolate Festival)
Saturday May 16	Garden with Barry Martin - location to be announced
Saturday May 23	No gardening (Memorial Day)
Saturday May 30	Garden with Peter Jones - location to be announced

Directories: The *2015 Docent and Volunteer Information Directory* is still available. Anyone who is listed and hasn't already gotten their copy can get it at today's meeting or thereafter at the Welcome Center. Susan Starr requested all members to please pick up their copy soon.

DIT: Linda Stewart introduced new Docent Steve Chatelain.

Milestones: Docents and Volunteers who have worked for more than 90, 200 and 400 hours for SDBG are rewarded with guest passes and/or SDBG gift certificates. These individuals are listed on the back of the monthly general meeting agenda. Sue Ruddick introduced this month's Docent and Volunteer awardees.

Volunteer of the Month: Deb Batey introduced the May Volunteer of the Month, Nan Criqui.

Plant of the Month: Paul Redeker discussed this month's plant, *Constancea nevini*, Nevin's wooly sunflower. The monthly plant raffle was then held.

Staff Reports

Education & Events: The annual Chocolate Festival will be held Saturday, May 9 from 10 am to 4 pm. The first Thursday Family Fun Nights will be May 28 from 4:30 to 8 pm. This activity will continue on Thursday nights through August 27.

Development: Jill Kastrup reminded members that from April 1 through June 30, SDBG will be one of the three featured charities in the *Jimbo's ...Naturally! It's in the Bag! Wooden Nickel Program*. SDBG will receive five cents for every wooden nickel shoppers place in the SDBG container when they earn this token for bringing their own bags to the grocery.

The Encinitas Rotary Wine and Food Festival will be held in SDBG's Hamilton Children's Garden on Saturday, June 6 from 5-8 pm. Go to <http://www.encinitaswinefestival.com/> to purchase tickets. Be sure to select SDBG as the beneficiary.

Raffle tickets are on sale in the Development Office for \$20 per ticket or \$50 for 3. Winners do not have to be present at the Festival to receive their prize.

The Development Department is looking for a volunteer who would be interested in filing duties. Contact Jill at x215, if interested.

Operations: Allison Nye, SDBG's new Operations Manager was introduced at the meeting by Sam Beukema.

Noted: The 2015 Fall Plant Sale will be held October 17-19. Planning committees will be forming soon. Meetings will be held May 13, June 10, and July 8 at 10 am in the West Wing. Interested members were encouraged to attend and help with this event. New ideas are welcomed. The set-up week for the Fall Plant Sale will be October 12-16.

Members are encouraged to save articles for the Botanic Attic and the book sale and to begin growing cuttings to sell at this event.

Program: Robert Kopfstein was the Program speaker. His talk, illustrated with a slide show and movie, was *Baja Like You've Never Seen It*, chronicling a recent SDBG trip to Baja California

Respectfully submitted,
Nan Criqui, Secretary