

San Diego Botanic Garden Docent and Volunteer Meeting

June 7, 2017

10:00 - Call to Order

Announcements: Please send get well cards to Marlene Dupriest and Sue Papreck.

Plant Raffle Table and Plant of the Month – Paul Redecker. When leaving cuttings for Propagation, please write on tape provided: date, genus/species, your name, and the source of the cutting (e.g. home, Australian garden).

Approval of May Minutes (Faith Meakin moved and Allan Dodds seconded).

Treasurer's Report – Balance at end of May was \$2,966.

Dates to Remember – See back of agenda

Coordinator and Committee Reports

Fair Display – Robert Kopfstein. The SDBG Garden Show exhibit received the maximum points in all categories plus the Coordinator's Award and the Cactus and Succulent Award. Four of the plants in the Exhibit won Extraordinary Plant awards. Thanks to Jack Wick, Kendra Saad, Sam Beukema and everyone else who helped make the exhibit a success.

Gala – Doreen Prager and Donna Cancel. There is still time to sign up to serve on a committee. An email inviting sign-ups for volunteering to work at the Gala itself will be sent in July. Donna Cancel described some of the items donated by Docents and Volunteers to the Silent Auction last year and encouraged donating again. Donations are needed by August 18, 2017.

Fall Plant Sale – Stacy Fattaleh and Jane Hunt. This is our 35th annual sale! Please start collecting slightly used garden things for the Botanic Attic. If you have old plates, or find plates at a garage sale for \$2 or less, please bring them in; Patti Fitchen is organizing a project to decorate and resell them at the Botanic Attic.

Docent Training – Liz Woodward. Spring Docent training ended in April. Carol Kerridge has completed her paperwork and is now a Docent. Next class starts in September; sign up, or have your friends sign up, in the Office.

Tour Guides – Mike Blanco and Greg Hunter. There are two remaining children's tours for the year. Over 1800 children (including 1200 in programs run by Susanne Bruckner) have been trained since March. No meeting in July. In August, tour of incredible edibles.

Directory – Linda Stewart – Please pick up your Directory in the West Wing!

Botanic Book Buddies – Barb Farley – Next meeting is next Wednesday June 14 in the Lawn House. Book is Barbara Kingsolver's *Small Wonder*.

Garden Beautification – Sally Sandler and Peter Jones

Need replacements for two beautification leaders who are stepping back: June Andersen, for Subtropical Fruit and Linda Stewart, Mediterranean Garden. Mark Dowling is taking over Madagascar Garden. See Peter, Barry, Sally or Paul if you can take a leadership role. Also, need workers to garden. See Peter on Wed. in the Desert or one of the Saturdays – see list below. Bill Teague was responsible for the original planting of the African Bank. When he died 6 years ago, we collected money and replanted it; now it needs planting again. On Sat. June 24, Peter will be here to lead a planting group with James Lamping.

Saturday, June 3: Bamboo Garden with Barry Martin and Mary Cozza

Saturday, June 10: Subtropical Fruit Garden with June Andersen

Saturday, June 17: Fairy Festival, no gardening today

Saturday, June 24: African Bank with Peter Jones

Wednesdays: Please remember that team captains are available to supervise volunteer gardeners most Wed. mornings in many locations, typically beginning at 9 AM. These dates

will also be posted on the SDBG docent/volunteer website at www.qbgdocents.org. If at any time you are unsure about where gardening is taking place, please inquire at the Admissions/Welcome Center booth.

Free Tuesdays – Rosemary Stafford – Please note that **Free Tuesday will be July 11**, not July 4. If you can help, please sign up.

Milestones – Fran Spath and Sue Ruddick. Thank you for your hours. Please pick up your envelope if you are recognized; remaining envelopes will be at the Welcome Center after the meeting.

Volunteer of the Month – Greg Hunter introduced by Stacy Fattaleh.

Trip Trio – Carol Eblen. Japanese Friendship Garden trip was very successful. No trips in July.

Eager to tour fellow docent/volunteer gardens – let Carol know if you are interested in having your garden on a tour.

Staff Reports

Ian – Julian is accepting his professional award today. He thanks us for our support. Beginning construction on the San Dieguito Heritage Parking Lot. The Conservatory building permit should be awarded shortly and construction materials will be arriving soon.

Sam – Carol Eblen thanked everyone for their help with the Chocolate Festival. June 25th is the Sculpture reception; sign up if you can help. Also, need a few more people for Family Fun night and help with the Insect Festival.

Susanne – thank you to everyone who helped with children's tours and to all those who came last week to help prepare for the Fairy Festival on June 17. Still need help on the 17th with crafts, information table, and ticket sales.

Lisa – take a flyer for the Fairy Festival to post in coffee shops etc. Julian and Leslie hosting Ensenada food and wine tour this year. Nov 3-6. Flyers available; sign up if interested. Includes cooking with a chef one night. Next year they are leading an SDBG trip to the Galapagos, Oct 28-Nov. 12, 2018. This fall some events connected with the Breeder's Cup, weekend of November 3-4, may be held at the Gardens.

Old and New Business

Mary - At the last meeting there was a suggestion to honor Bill Teague by purchasing a tile for the Conservatory. However, Bill's wife, Linda, said he did not like his name on anything. Now investigating installing something instead that was characteristic of Bill's gardens, like a boulder or water feature, in or near the Conservatory.

Meeting adjourned 10:58. Respectfully submitted by Susan Starr, Secretary