

## **San Diego Botanic Garden Docent and Volunteer Meeting**

**August 2, 2017**

### **10:00 - Call to Order**

**Announcements** - Pat Hammer's mother passed away. Please send a card.

George Reed (Beverly's husband) passed away. He was a 22 yr docent. He and Beverly were named Docents of the Month in October 2000. George has helped in many big ways at the SDBG.

Peggy Bruce's husband passed away. Please send a card.

**Plant Raffle** - Tony Gurnoe introduced Allie Hermanson, a summertime intern, who will be leaving soon. Gabriel Lizzaraga has just become a full-time staff gardener.

**Approval of June minutes**- approved unanimously

**Treasurer's Report** - Current balance is \$2966. Latest expenditures will be for a new coffee pot and 4-5 wagons.

**Dates to Remember** - Please see back of agenda

### **Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**Gala** - Doreen Prager and Donna Cancel. Still need more volunteers...need 150 in total. There will be 30 cuisine providers and 4 bands. Share on Face Book to spread the word. Donna is still welcoming silent auction items. Please have them in by August 18th.

**Fall Plant Sale** - Stacy Fattaleh and Jane Hunt. Need help with set up Oct 16-20<sup>th</sup>. Sale runs from Oct 21-23rd. More plant cuttings needed, and need more volunteers to help in propagation. More volunteers also needed to make calls and drivers needed for the event. Please see signup sheets. Ken Hayward requests books for the Book Sale, please submit by Sep 1st. They are now ordering T-shirts for the event.

**Docent Training** - Next class starts September 14th, sign up or have your friends sign up.

**Tour Guides** - Mike Blanco and Greg Hunter. Next meeting is Aug 10th at 10:00 AM in Ecke then at Hamilton Children's Garden. The talk will be on propagating corn. There are interesting new files on the website donated by Mary Roper who has recently retired.

**Book Buddies** - Barb Farley. Meeting Wednesday, Oct 11th, in the Lawn House at 12 noon. Reviewing the book "Stopping the Road: The Campaign Against Another Trans Sierra Highway", by Jack Fisher.

**Garden Beautification** - Sally Sandler and Peter Jones. Peter has been working on the Bamboo and Fruit Gardens. Shari Harrold has been working with the topiaries in the Mexican Garden. One has been remade and will arrive soon.

Peter also announced that his wife Margaret is quite ill and is now on Hospice. Cards will be much appreciated.

**Garden History 101** - Stacy Fattaleh. Stacy reviewed one of the stories in Sally Sandler's book "Sowing Seeds of Wonder". The story is about the myth of the disappearance of Charles Larabee...was he lost at sea or did he just leave his wife?

**Plant of the Month** - Paul Redeker. Paul introduced the plant of the month...the Plumeria. Paul also announced that he is resigning from SDBG (going back to his previous position at the Water Conversation Garden). Paul's last day will be Aug 15th.

**Free Tuesdays** - Rosemary Stafford. She announced that Barb Farley will now take over this position.

**Milestones** - Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath. Sue announced that 3 people have reached 2000 Lifetime hours  
Congratulations to Deb Batey, Barbara Osthaus and Nick Ruddick. Docent and Volunteer Milestones were announced.

**Volunteer of the Month** - Stacy Fattaleh introduced Alice Keener as volunteer of the month for her work in Hamilton, Tours, and Propagation.

**Trip Trio** - Carol Eblen - Evon MacKinnon announced a tour on Friday Aug 18th to Rose Bagri's and Patti Fitchen's gardens. Rose lives in a gated community so those attending are asked to meet at SDBG at 9:30 AM and car pool...all will leave at 9:45. All are invited to meet at Pete's coffee afterwards for social time.

**Staff Reports** - Julian Duval announced info regarding the upcoming trip this Fall to the Guadalupe Valley wineries. He also announced the upcoming trip in Fall of 2018 to the Galapagos Islands!

Julian thanked the volunteers for the great job they are doing to advertize the Gala.

He announced that we now have the Coastal Commission Development Building permit for our new Conservatory. Tours called "Greenhouse 8" are being scheduled to show interesting features of the new Conservatory such as the unique plant chandeliers.

Julian told us that he is starting to plan for his retirement in about 1.5 years and that he is working with a committee to assure that his replacement will be highly qualified.

Carolyn Zollars announced that there are still tiles available for purchase; so far they have sold 90. Their goal is to raise \$50K. The tiles will be on display at the Gala.

Ian Cole stated that they still need help in the Gift Shop. Also he mentioned that there will be re training for those driving the electric carts at events. Please report any problems.

Sam Beukema announced that the Insect Festival and Lady Bug Days was a huge success, the Jazz Festival will be held Aug 13th and that the Garden of Lights sign-up will start in 2 weeks. Craft leaders will be needed.

Jill Gardner reminded us of the new "Sign-up Genius" computer program to sign up for all activities and it also has a calendar reminder.

She also reminded us of the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Aug 18th from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM. Please RSVP to Stephanie Wilson

She asks that all please write up a description of every task that you do for the garden. Patsy Estis will organize all of the incoming information.

There is a new Volunteer Orientation on Aug 11th from 9:30 AM to 12.

### **Old and New Business**

Mo Price needs a computer station...Grace offered hers

Please send prayers and support to Margaret and Peter Jones

Next speaker, Pam Hyatt, speaking on Cork Oak Trees at 11:00 AM today

### **Meeting adjourned 10:47 AM**

Respectfully submitted by Carol Kerridge in the absence of Susan Starr, Secretary