

**San Diego Botanic Garden and Volunteer Meeting
September 6, 2017**

9:34 Call to order

Plant Raffle Table and Plant of the Month – Tony Gurnoe. Plant of the Month is *Capsicum baccatum*.

Early Bird and Overflow Parking Drawing

Approval of August Minutes. Stacy Fattaleh moved and Jane Hunt seconded.

Treasurer's Report - Tandy Pfost. \$3042 cash balance at end of August, before the purchase of five carts for the Garden.

Dates to Remember – See back page

Plant Raffle

Coordinator and Committee Reports

Gala – Jill Gardner and Carolyn Zollars thanked all the volunteers who have solicited food providers, beautified the garden, located and donated auction items as well as all those who will be volunteering this week to make the Gala another success.

Fall Plant Sale – Stacy Fattaleh and Jane Hunt. Special thanks to those who have been working hard preparing for the Plant Sale: Alison Hiers (jams), Grace Swanson (Save the Date card design), the Succulent Wreath Group (wreaths), Liz Woodward and Gail Earnest (plant pickups), Patti Fitchen, Nancy Sexton, and Carol Eblen (garden art), and Linda Stewart (cashiers). Remember to bring your lunch if you are volunteering during the week prior to the sale. Also, save your used garden items for the Botanic Attic. Kenneth Hayward asked everyone to donate books for the book sale.

Bake Sale – Thelma Montag. Please bring items for the bake sale on Friday/Saturday/Sunday. Items that can be sold by the piece are preferred.

Docent Training – Liz Woodward – Still time to sign up with Jill Gardner for the next 8 class training session, which begins September 14 and ends right after Thanksgiving.

Tour Guides – Mike Blanco and Greg Hunter – Next meeting is Sept. 14. Program is Diana Goforth discussing our new sculptures. Mo Price has produced a spreadsheet with the names of the sculptures, artists, etc.; it has been posted on the Docent Website, www.sdbgdocents.org, under Tour Guide Documents.

Botanic Book Buddies – Barb Farley - Next meeting is Oct. 11 at noon. Reading *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham.

Garden Beautification – Peter Jones. Thanks to all the new volunteers who have come out. Also to Tony and his crew for their help on Saturdays.

– All dates are from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Saturday, September 9: No gardening - This is the day of the Gala.

Saturday, September 16: Subtropical Fruit Garden with Garden staff

Saturday, September 23: Gardening with staff member James; location to be announced; check at the Admissions Booth

Saturday, September 30: TBD Ask at Welcome Center.

Wednesdays: Please remember that team captains are present to supervise volunteer gardeners most Wed. mornings in many locations, typically beginning at 9 a.m. These dates will also be posted on the SDBG docent/volunteer website at www.sdbgdocents.org. If at any time you are unsure about where gardening is taking place, please inquire at the Admissions/Welcome Center booth.

Free Tuesdays – Barb Farley. Please sign up to help.

Milestones – Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath. Fran thanked Nick Ruddick for all his help with the computer. Be sure to check your hours on the Docent website and let Sue or Fran know of any problems.

Volunteers of the Month - Sally and Will Willis, introduced by Susan Gjerset

Volunteer of the Month - Nick Ruddick: Nomination forms are available in the West Wing and on our website; return forms to Jill Gardner in the West Wing. Recommendations are reviewed by the DEB according to a list of criteria.

Google Groups List - Email Nick Ruddick if you want to be added to the Google Groups email list for the Gardens to stay current on all volunteer opportunities. Linda Stewart and Nick recently reviewed the list and deleted people who are no longer active with the Gardens.

Trip Trio – Evon MacKinnon - Tour on Tuesday, Nov. 14, to a fabulous Santee garden. Sign-ups at October meeting.

Quail U (as in University)– Robert Kopfstein. New program is being planned for the Conservatory, beginning August 2018. Series of eight 1.5 hour classes for around 15 people, taught by experts on Saturday mornings; attendees can take individual classes or sign up for the series and receive a certificate. Examples: Garden of the Senses; Cacti; Bonsai; Growing orchids in the outdoors. If you know experts who could teach, please let Sam Beukema know.

Staff Reports

Julian – Thanks again for helping with the Gala. Expecting Conservatory building to be delivered late September or in October. Will be wrapping up Conservatory campaign at the Gala. 12 people signed up for Guadalupe Valley wine tasting tour in November.

Sam – Please sign up for Garden of Lights.

Suzanne - Please sign up for Oct 7 Octoberfest in Carlsbad. Also need help with crafts, shuttle driving, and ticket sales at Family Fall Festival on October 28.

Old and New Business

Thanks to staff for the fabulous Volunteer Appreciation Dinner!

Celebration of Life for Margaret Jones is Thursday, Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. on the Lawn

Program – **Pat Welsh** will speak on growing winter vegetables

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Starr, Secretary.