

## San Diego Botanic Garden Docent and Volunteer Meeting November 1, 2017

### 10:10 Call to Order

**Baobab sculpture.** Peter Jones reported that we have raised all the money needed to create the Baobab sculpture.

**Plant of the Month** – Tony Gurnoe, newly appointed Director of Horticulture. November plant is Maidens Quiver Tree, *Aloe ramosissima*.

**Approval of October Minutes.** Stacy Fattaleh approved; Carol Eblen seconded.

**Treasurer's Report** – Tandy Pfost. Year-to-date balance is \$2692.

**Dates to Remember** – See back page



### Coordinator and Committee Reports

**Fall Plant Sale** – Stacy Fattaleh and Jane Hunt. Thanks to everyone involved. Sale raised a record \$69,000; \$9,000 more than last year. Thelma thanked everyone for their bake sale contributions; raised around \$500. Mary Friestedt presented Stacy with a “winner’s cup” and gift certificate in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row that Stacy has headed up the Sale. Carol baked a special cake for Thelma. Jill Gardner presented a slide show of pictures from the Plant Sale.

**Docent Training** – Liz Woodward. Robin Dushkin received her Docent badge.

**Tour Guides** – Mike Blanco and Greg Hunter. Tour Guides will meet on November 9 in Ecke at 10 a.m. Robert Kopfstein will discuss bromeliads. Thanks to those who helped with Kumeyaay tour. No need to sign up if you’d like to shadow a tour.

**Botanic Book Buddies** – Barb Farley. Will meet at noon on Wednesday, December 13 to choose books for 2018 and to discuss *Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren.

**Free Tuesdays** - Barb Farley. Please sign up for December and January free Tuesdays.

**Garden Beautification** – Sally Sandler and Peter Jones. All times are from 9-12.

Dennis Pilien is new team captain for “Native Plants/Native People.”

Saturday, Nov. 4: Bamboo Garden with Mary Cozza and Barry Martin

Saturday, Nov. 11: Subtropical Fruit Garden

Saturday, Nov. 18: Gardening with Staff; location to be determined

Saturday, Nov. 25: No gardening – Thanksgiving Holiday weekend

**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 be posted on the SDBG website at [www.sdbgdocats.org](http://www.sdbgdocats.org). If at any time you are unsure about where gardening is taking place, please inquire at the Admissions/Welcome Center booth,

**Milestones** – Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath. Congratulations to Judy Focht who has reached her lifetime 2000 hours.

**Docents at Large** – Stacy Fattaleh and Susan Gjerset. Nothing to report.

**Volunteers of the Month for November and December** – Lucille Brown and Susan Gjerset, introduced by Stacy Fattaleh.

**Trip Trio** – Evon MacKinnon. Trip to Santee garden. Meet at SDBG parking lot at 9:15 on November 14.

### **Staff Reports**

**Julian Duval.** Expect Conservatory building to arrive later this month.

**Jill Gardner.** There is a separate sign-up for the Welcome Center during Garden of Lights. Also, have openings for evening Gift Shop volunteers during the event.

**Carolyn Zollars.** Have met our goal for the Conservatory. Today is the first day to buy half-price holiday season garden membership certificates. Amelie Catheline is a new intern at the garden. Her focus is on sustainability.

**Sam Beukema.** 640 opportunities at GOL. Please help. You can sign up online at [www.sdbgdocents.org](http://www.sdbgdocents.org)

### **Old and New Business**

Leslie Duval needs help with setting up snacks for General Meeting breaks. Terry Armstrong and Daina Krigens volunteered to help.

“Samia Rose”, Pat Hammer’s new business, is holding an open house on Nov. 12.

10% discount to SDBG members. Pat is a former Director of Operations for SDBG.

Joanie Morgan volunteered to coordinate cart maintenance.

John Starr, a long-time volunteer, has turned 101. John was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting, but Dave Ehrlinger described John’s many years volunteering at SDBG.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10. Respectfully submitted by Susan Starr, Secretary.