

San Diego Botanic Garden Docent-Volunteer Meeting
April 4, 2018

Meeting called to order at 9:31 a.m.

Announcements:

Mary announced that Sue Richardson, a Docent since 2004, passed away after a long illness, and that the Baobab sculpture is underway.

John deWald, President of the Board of Trustees, announced that the Board is considering five candidates for Julian Duval's replacement. Board has also begun a one to two year planning process to set SDBG's direction for the next 10-20 years. Will be asking for everyone's input, including Docents and Volunteers.

Plant of the Month and Raffle Plants – Dylan Connelly. Poison Rope. *Strophanthus speciosus*. Native to South Africa.

Early Bird and Overflow Parking Drawing

March Minutes: approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report – Tandy Pfost. Cash on hand \$2928; includes purchase of a picnic table and benches for Propagation.

Dates to Remember – See back page and Garden website for complete listings

Volunteer of the Month – Mike Henry introduced by Stacy Fattaleh.

Plant Raffle

Directories are here! Thank you, Linda Stewart and Nick Ruddick.

Coordinator and Committee Reports

Docent Training – Liz Woodward. Finishing spring DIT training this month. Priscilla Edwards received Docent certificate.

Tour Guides – Mike Blanco and Greg Hunter. Next meeting is Thursday, April 12, at 10am in Ecke. Sally Sandler will discuss the Larabee museum. Those interested in being museum guides should come to Larabee House at 11a.m. More tour guides are needed for upcoming children's tours. Please shadow a tour if you are interested in helping.

Botanic Book Buddies – Mary Friestedt for Barb Farley. Book group will meet on April 11 and read *Angle of Repose*.

Garden Beautification – Faith Meakin. Need a new team leader, or co-leaders, for Larabee Garden and additional volunteers for the Undersea Garden Team. If you are interested in being part of Garden Beautification, join the group on a Saturday morning to get started. Everyone welcome.

Milestones – Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath. This month's nametags are at the entryway. Older tags are on the file cabinet in the office.

Docents at Large – Stacy Fattaleh. Nothing to report.

Trip Trio – Carol Eblen. Trip to Wendy Graham and Sam Beukema's gardens. Meet at SDBG at 9:15 to carpool. Tour starts at 9:45 at Wendy's; wear your nametag. Next trip Monday, June 25. Sign up at May meeting.

Staff Reports

Julian - Developing plant collection for Conservatory; opening is still planned for some time in the summer. Tapestries still hanging in Ecke were those that have not been sold. April "Free Tuesday" happened during spring break; forced to close due to lack of parking at a couple of points. Thanks to everyone who helped. Still slots on Baja wine trip at end of April and to the Galapagos at the end of September.

Sam Beukema - Introduced new staff members in Education: Caren Clayton working with tour guides and Stephanie Murphy working in SOW. Remember to complete an Accident Report anytime you administer first aid. Report only the basic facts on the form. Report forms are in the West Wing and in all first aid kits. Kits are in the Kitchen, West Wing, Gift Shop, Admissions, Hamilton, and Propagation.

Carolyn Zollars - Free estate planning workshop at the Garden on May 5.

Caren Clayton - thanks from Susanne Brueckner for your help with Spring Planning with Bunny. Many grant-funded children's programs coming up; please sign up to help.

Lisa Reynolds - Please take flyers to post for upcoming events.

Jill Gardner - pick up your Directory today. See Jill if you cannot find yours.

Old and New Business

Stacy Fattaleh announced that the stained glass in Ecke windows is 30 years old
Mary Friestedt announced that Barb Sands, a Master Gardener, is coordinating a trip to the Christmas Markets in Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich, Dec 5-14. If interested in going, let Mary know.

Celebration of Peter Jones is Thursday, April 5, in the Lawn Garden. 2:30 p.m.

Sharon Clay Rose updated the group on Thelma Montag; she is lively and interested in having visitors.

Thanks to the Hospitality Team.

Program: Mike Blanco on Plant Diversity.

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m. Submitted by Susan Starr, Secretary.