

# **SDBG Docent-Volunteer General Meeting**

**June 6, 2018**

## **10:01 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**May Minutes:** Minutes approved as distributed

**Treasurer's Report** – Tandy Pfost. \$2941 cash on hand end of May; includes payment of \$300 for a picnic table in Propagation.

## **Dates to Remember –**

Be sure to note:-

Fairy Festival in June

Insect Festival in July

**Fair Report** – Robert Kopfstein and Greg Hunter.

Thanks to everyone who helped with creating and planting the exhibit. The exhibit was awarded \$4800 by the Fair. It also received awards from the San Diego Horticultural Society for correct plant labeling and from the Southern California Beach Property Association for curb appeal.

After expenses, we netted a little over \$2000.

Last year, 1.6 million people visited the Fair, so our exhibit is a great way to get the word out about the Garden.

Jill Gardner has Fair tickets for volunteers who are working shifts at the Exhibit.

After the Fair, some of the plants will be installed at SDBG and others will be sold at the Fall Plant Sale.

**Volunteer of the Month** – Terry Wood, introduced by Susan Gjerset.

## **Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**Fall Plant Sale** – Stacy Fattaleh and Jane Hunt.

Fall Plant Sale will be held October 20 and 21<sup>st</sup>; planning committee meetings will be 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of each month in Ecke, beginning in July.

Thanks to Priscilla Edwards and Dan Petersen for clearing space in Propagation to grow plants for the Sale.

This year's T-shirts will feature the Plant Sale artwork designed by Grace Swanson.

Please set aside items for the Botanic Attic, begin propagating your succulent cuttings in one gallon pots, and watch for the invitation to sign up to help with the Sale.

See Linda Stewart if you would like to be a cashier or tally plant purchases.

**Gala** – Doreen Prager. Absent.  
Sign up to help at the Gala.

**Docent Training** – Liz Woodward. Absent.  
Next class begins in September.

**Tour Guides** – Greg Hunter and Mike Blanco; next meeting is Thursday, June 14, at 10AM in Ecke.

**Botanic Book Buddies** – Barb Farley. Will meet on Wed., June 13, at noon in the Lawn House. Discussing *The Nature Fix* by Florence Williams.

**Free Tuesdays** – Barb Farley.  
Next free Tuesday is July 3. Please sign up to help.

**Garden Beautification** – Faith Meakin and Barry Martin.  
Have new plans for Seeds of Wonder; please volunteer to be on the SOW beautification team.

**Milestones** – Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath.  
Allan Dodds has reached 2000 hours.  
New nametags will be in the West Wing on the file cabinet after the meeting.

**Docents at Large** – Stacy Fattaleh and Susan Gjerset.  
Remember to nominate people for Volunteer of the Month; nomination forms are available on the Docent/Volunteer website, [sdbgdocents.org](http://sdbgdocents.org) or from Jill Gardner.

**Trip Trio** – Carol Eblen, Evon MacKinnon, and Peggy Overland.  
Next trip is Monday, June 25; we will tour two gardens in Carmel Valley/Del Mar and have lunch at a nearby restaurant.

## **Staff Reports**

**Jill Gardner.** The two finalists for new CEO will have their final interviews June 20-22; hope to announce the successful candidate shortly after that.

1600 hours of volunteer time so far this year for just the hours reflected in Sign up Genius!

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be Friday, August 17.

**Susanne Brueckner.**

2300 students have participated in tours and programs at the Garden this year, and we have provided guided tours to over 800 adults. Many thanks to all of those who helped with these events.

The Chocolate Festival went well; sold over 15,000 tickets.

Fairy Festival is June 23. There are still a few spots open for Shuttle Drivers, Craft Holding Area (new), and the Craft Information Table (new), as well as help with parking.

Insect Festival is in July; Sign Ups will open shortly.

**Lisa Reynolds.** Please post flyers for Fairy Festival and Family Fun nights. Julian Duval's Arizona TV segment describing our Children's Garden can be viewed on SDBG's Facebook page.

**Old and New Business**

Ann Hoepfner's Celebration of Life will be held in the Walled Garden on Monday July 23, 2-4 pm.

No news yet on any service for Elsbeth Yin.

Welcome back to Marlene Dupriest.

Congratulations to Hugh Lawrence for his award at the Fair for his petrified wood collection.

We will not be meeting in July; our next meeting is August 1.

Submitted by Susan Starr, Secretary