

## **SDBG Docent-Volunteer Meeting**

**August 1, 2018**

### **9:31 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Announcements:**

Susan Kartzke who works beautification in the Larabee Garden has liver cancer. Get well cards were suggested.

Marlene Dupriest is in her 90s and is staying home to care for her husband. She misses being at the Garden and cannot go to meetings. Notes and calls would be appreciated.

John DeWald, President of Board of Trustees, announced that after one year of searching for a replacement for Julian Duval, one has been selected. It is Dr. Ari Novy, who is currently Chief Scientist at Leichtag Foundation and was Director of the U.S. Botanic Garden in Washington, DC. Julian thanked the Board for their work with the selection.

The new Plant Sale T-shirts are now on sale after the meeting. Docent, Grace Swanson created the design.

**Plant of the Month and Raffle Plants** – Staff members and Tony Gurnoe. Plumeria.

Tony reaffirmed the recently emailed procedures regarding plants coming in and out of the nursery and the need for tighter control. He stated that most of the time spent by one staff member is dedicated to plant documentation.

**Early Bird and Overflow Parking Drawing**

**June Minutes:** Approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Tandy Pfost. Cash on hand \$2,941.

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

**Volunteer of the Month** – Mary Johnston introduced by Susan Gjerset.

**Plant Raffle**

### **Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**Gala** – Doreen Prager. She thanked the Gala Committee for their ongoing work. There will be 47 food vendors and 5 bands and thanked Jill Gardner for setting up Sign-up Genius for volunteers. Volunteers are still needed. It takes 200 volunteers for the Gala. Guests will be bused from Leichtag due to the expected increase in attendance. Silent Auction donations are still needed by the deadline of August 17.

**Fall Plant Sale** – Stacy Fattaleh, Kenneth Hayward and Priscilla Edwards. The plant sale is the second biggest fund raiser event for the Garden, and it is all put on by volunteers and docents. Callers for donations and plant pick-up drivers are still needed. Donations for Botanic Attic and books are also needed. Thelma Montag will run the bake sale. The Committee meets next Wednesday.

**Docent Training** – Liz Woodward. The next docent classes will start September 20, and there are 8 classes. Two new docents were introduced – Frank Querques and Nancy Wu. Someone is needed to reactivate the Land's End SDBG logo clothing program.

**Tour Guides** – Caren Clayton. The next meeting is August 9.

**Botanic Book Buddies** – Barb Farley. The next book is *Oaxaca Journal*.

**Free Tuesdays** – Barb Farley. Thank you to those who signed up.

**Garden Beautification** – Faith Meakin and Anna Dreiling. Anna is a new garden coordinator. Beautification is especially important in preparation for the Gala. The list of Saturday teams is on the website.

**Milestones** – Sue Ruddick. Sue announced both docent and volunteer milestones. Linda Wagner reached 2,000 Lifetime hours.

**Docents at Large** – Susan Gjerset. To suggest Volunteers of the Month, go to the website to get a form to compete and submit to Jill Gardner.

**Trip Trio** – Evon MacKinnon. Save the date is September 25 for the next tour which will be to Coburn Topiary in Elfin Forest. There will be a sign-up sheet at next month's general meeting.

### **Staff Reports**

**Jill Gardner** – Volunteer Appreciation Dinner is Friday, August 17. RSVP if not already done so. The Gala and Fall Plant Sale Sign-up Genius will be changed somewhat due to the complexity of these events. The changes will simplify the sign-up process.

**Michael Fisher** – The parking lot has been repaired and resurfaced. Admissions have been increased, and no parking will be charged, except for Free Tuesday. The Garden will be closed for the whole day of the Gala. Network wiring is currently being installed in the Conservatory.

### **New and Old Business**

Susan Kartzke's address is 1586 Parkview Drive, Vista CA 92081

Fall Plant Sale T-shirts are on sale for \$18 short sleeve and \$23 for women's long sleeve. Cash or check only, made out to SDBG.

Library Committee meets after the general meeting at the Library.

**Program:** Eve Simmons an environmental advocate.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.,

Submitted by Tandy Pfost in the absence of Susan Starr, Secretary