

## **SDBG Docent-Volunteer General Meeting September 5, 2018**

### **9:30 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Announcements** – Thanks to the staff for the wonderful Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. We have received \$2000 from an anonymous donor to purchase carts for the plant sale and other events. Greg Hunter is moving to Idaho at the end of the month.

**Plant of the Month and Raffle Plants** – Tony Gurnoe. Plant of the Month is the Bunya Pine (*Araucaria bidwillii*).

### **Early Bird and Overflow Parking Drawings**

**August Minutes** – Minutes approved with one correction: Marlene Dupriest is in her 80's, not her 90's as stated.

**Treasurer's Report** – Tandy Pfost. Cash balance \$3036 at end of August.

**Dates to Remember** – See back page of Agenda and Garden Website for complete listings.

**Volunteer of the Month** – John Lundblad introduced by Stacy Fattaleh.

**Plant Raffle**

### **Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**Gala** - Doreen Prager. Event is sold out; 850 guests are expected.

**Fall Plant Sale** – Stacy Fattaleh. Event is getting close. Here are ways you can help now: 1) volunteer to price and move plants from propagation to the Grove (see Stacy); 2) start saving boxes for plant holding; 3) prepare pies, cakes, cookies etc. for the Bake Sale; 4) drop off books for the Book Sale in the West Wing after September 15; 5) let Stacy know if you can make lunch or help make lunch one day during pre-sale week; 6) plan to bring in items for the Botanic Attic; 7) propagate plants for the Sale. Thanks to all the pre-sale workers that have already been hard at work, including the Wreath Committee who is making wreaths. Only volunteers who work a minimum of 20 hours preparing for the Sale are eligible to attend the Pre-Sale Reception on Friday.

**Docent Training** – Liz Woodward. First class is Sept 20; one or two spaces remaining. Congratulations to a new Docent: Tanya Klee.

**Tour Guides** – Mike Blanco: Next TG meeting is Thurs., Sept. 13 at 10 am in Ecke.

**Botanic Book Buddies** – Barb Farley. Meeting on October 10 at noon. Discussing *the Hidden Life of Trees* by Peter Wohlleben. December's book is *The Food Explorer* by Daniel Stone (12/10).

**Free Tuesdays** – Barb Farley. Usually need help in Hamilton Garden in the morning. She will send email to the Google Groups list.

**Garden Beautification** - Faith Meakin and Anna Dreilinger. Hope to schedule Saturdays for the coming year well in advance. Everyone is encouraged to come and garden; a good way to meet new volunteers. Thanks to Winfield Wagner (Linda's husband) for resetting all the stone walls in the herb garden.

**Garden History 101** – Stacy Fattaleh. Described the history of Ruth Larabee's 1918 Camp Fire Girl ceremonial gown, which is in the Larabee Museum.

**Milestones** – Sue Ruddick. Reminder from Fran to enter hours only once a month. Hours are posted on the Sunday before the General meeting. Congratulations to Steve Chatelain who has achieved 2000 hours. Awards not picked up today will be in the Welcome Center.

**Nominating Committee** – Mo Price. Mo, Stacy Fattaleh and Liz Woodward were appointed by Mary Friestedt to nominate a new Board, as current terms expire in December. They are proposing the following slate: Gail Earnest, Class of 2015, Treasurer, Linda Cooper, Class of 2017, Secretary, Susan Starr, Class of 2010, Vice Chair, Allan Dodds, Class of 2009, Chair. There will be a call for additional nominations from the floor in November, and then we will vote. The position of Hospitality Coordinator is open; let Mo know if you would like to see the job description. If there are any other Coordinators who need to be replaced, please let her know as well.

**Docents at Large** – Stacy Fattaleh and Susan Gjerset. Liz Tesolin and Shahla Dreyer will be the new Docents at Large.

**Trip Trio** –Evon MacKinnon. Tuesday, Sept. 25 will be a trip to Coburn Topiary in Elfin Forest. Meet at SDBG at 9:15. Bring your lunch.

### **Staff Reports**

Julian Duval – Delays have raised the cost of both the Conservatory and the County-funded project to refurbish Larabee and house staff elsewhere. Sam the Tortoise will remain at the Garden after Julian's retirement.

Sam Beukema – Thanks again to volunteers and to Jill for organizing the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Jill Gardner- Thanks to all the staff for their work in decorating and preparing the Dinner.

### **New and Old Business**

Thanks to everyone who helped with refreshments.

Speaker: Seevani Bista from the San Diego County Water Authority, speaking on water demand, supply planning, and climate change.

Our next general meeting is Wednesday, October 3.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.