

SDBG Docent-Volunteer Meeting

October 3, 2018

9:30 Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements -

Mary Friestedt. Thanks to the Beautification teams for doing such great work in the garden. An anonymous donor provided \$2,000 for new carts, and thanks to Joanie Morgan, Greta Ott's mother, for putting them together.

Doreen Prager. Showed photos and a video of the Gala and thanked the Gala team. Fund-A-Need exceeded expectations at \$152,000. \$29,000 was made on the silent auction and \$300,000 for the Duval Fund. In total, \$544,230 was raised, and it is earmarked for projects to enhance the Garden. There were 900 attendees.

Plant of the Month and Raffle Plants -

Dylan Connolly. Introduced new garden staff member Bryce Helm. Plant-of-the-Month is *Encephalartos ferox*. The garden is focusing on getting accreditation for Cycads in the African garden.

Jeremy Bugarchich. Raffle plants.

Early Bird and Overflow Parking Drawing

September Minutes - Approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report - Tandy Pfost. Cash on hand \$3,205.

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

Volunteer of the Month - Bill Rawlings, who is out of town will be honored in November.

Plant Raffle

Coordinator and Committee Reports

Fall Plant Sale –

Stacy Fattaleh. Some help is still needed balancing tables, moving plants from propagation to sale area on Oct 10. When donations come in, specified procedures need to be followed. Complete the volunteer sign-in sheets to document your 20 hours pre-sale time. Need more items for Botanic Attic. There are still openings for Plant Holding.

Linda Stewart. Refresher classes are required for cashiers.

Thelma Montag. Baked goods drop off areas are on tables and small office in Ecke.

Ken Hayward and Elf Mitton. Bring books in good condition to West Wing. They must fall into specified categories.

Alison Hiers. Thanked everyone for jars, fruit and fabric for preparing jams and jellies. 300 have been finished so far.

Liz Woodward. Some packets still need to be picked up by volunteer drivers.

Docent Training – There are 18 docents in the class.

Tour Guides – Mike Blanco. The last Saturday tour was 18 people. Next meeting is Thursday October 11 10:00, and the program will be Garden Treasures and Tips. Thanks to those who helped with the large tour from Laguna Woods.

Botanic Book Buddies – Barb Farley. The next meeting is October 10, and the book is "The Secret Life of Trees".

Free Tuesdays – Barb Farley. They are usually well-staffed. Help can always be used in Hamilton Garden in the morning.

Garden Beautification – Faith Meakin, Anna Dreiling, Barry Martin. Last month was very productive, thanks to the Beautification teams. Upcoming are the Bamboo and Fruit gardens, then plant propagation area will need cleanup after the plant sale is over. New volunteers are always welcome.

Milestones – Fran Spath, Sue Ruddick. Georgie Dennis met the 2,000-hour goal.

Nominating – Mo Price, Liz Woodward, Stacy Fattaleh. Voting for the new Board will be at the November general meeting. Thanks to Leslie Duval who has been hospitality coordinator for two years. Lucille Brown volunteered to take over. One more person is needed to help. Bette Childs has been Program Coordinator for six years. Kathryn Blankinship has volunteered to take over. Stacy Fattaleh and Susan Gjerst have completed their terms as Members-at-Large. Shahla Dreyer and Liz Tesolin will take over. Linda Stewart is resigning as Directory Coordinator.

Trip Trio – Carol Eblen, Evon McKinnon, Peggy Overland. The last tour was outstanding, and there is not currently another tour scheduled.

Staff Reports

Sam Beukema – Those completing documented 20 pre-plant sale hours may attend the Friday reception and early shopping. The new lights in Ecke Building were made possible by San Diego County.

Jill Gardner – Reminders – 1) Julian – visits to Sam the tortoise are by supervised appointment only and are reserved for VIP and special needs visits. Membership at the Garden does not qualify. 2) Guest passes have expiration dates that the Garden needs to enforce. 3) Some volunteers coming into the Garden to just visit and not work, will be asked to pay admission. 4) When driving in, the entrance is to the right. There can be no cutting in to the left of the booth. 5) Found tools have been left in the West Wing, please claim them.

Susanne Brueckner – Thanks to those who helped to refresh the SOW tool shed. There are three new chickens in the coop and four more Quail, for a total of seven, in Hamilton Garden. Saturday there will be the Orchid Clinic that includes speakers, displays and vendors. This year will be the longest GOL at 28 nights. There will be no days when there is no snow. Sign up on Sign-up-Genius or in the office. Trained admissions people are still needed for GOL.

Old and New Business

Mary Friestedt. Bobby Hirschkoff is holding an open studio event on October 13, 10:00 – 4:00. There are fliers available. Barb Sands will lead a tour to the Philadelphia Flower Show in March of 2019. Contact Mary or Barb directly at bsands2@gmail.com for additional information. The November general meeting will start at 10:00, after which will be the pot luck. Starting at 9:00, there will be 10 or more tables for the craft fair.

Robert Kopfstein. The first meeting for the San Diego County Fair will be October 16.

Barry Martin. The Australian section has been refreshed. Please visit it.

Program – Stacy Fattaleh. The goodies that the propagation team has been growing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m., Submitted by Tandy Pfof in the absence of Susan Starr, Secretary