

## **SDBG Docent-Volunteer Meeting Agenda November 7, 2017**

### **10:02 AM Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Announcements**

**Nick Ruddick** – In preparation for next year's Directory, emails were sent to everyone asking them to verify their Directory information. Nick passed around a paper draft for people to check as well. Docents need to have worked at least 80 hours in 2018 to be listed in the Directory; volunteers need to have worked at least 40 hours.

**Plant of the Month** – no presentation this month. Will be posted on the SDBG website.

**October Minutes** – approved as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report** – Tandy Pfost. Spent \$236 for propagation shed this month. Total projects this year = \$536. \$2970 cash on hand at the end of October.

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

**Volunteers of the Month** – Bill Rawlings for October and Liz Rozycki for November. Introduced by Stacy.

#### **Coordinator and Committee Reports**

**Fall Plant Sale** – Stacy Fattaleh. Thanks to everyone for all their efforts on the plant sale. We raised \$69,000 on plants alone.

**Docent Training** – Mary Friestedt for Liz Woodward. New class is going well.

**Tour Guides** – Mike Blanco: No meetings in November or December. Next meeting is January 10. Need 3 more people, one experienced and two helpers, for a Plant Adaptation tour on November 29 for 70 second graders. Also would like to hear from people interested in giving a short presentation at a Tour Guide monthly meeting. Judy Walters and Dennis Pilien volunteered to be helpers on the 11/29 tour.

**Botanic Book Buddies** – Barb Farley. Next meeting is December 12 in the Lawn House. Reading *The Food Explorer* by Daniel Stone

**Free Tuesdays** – Barb Farley. Yesterday went well.

**Garden Beautification** – Faith Meakin, Anna Dreilinger. Had a great turnout last Saturday. The Japanese Honor Society from San Dieguito Academy came to help; they like to work in bamboo. Coming up: Subtropical Fruit and Propagation. Watch email for dates and tasks. Team leaders should let Faith know if they would like to have a Saturday work party; January to March are prime months for work parties.

**Milestones** – Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath. Lots of hours this month.

**Docents at Large** – Stacy Fattaleh and Susan Gjerset. Nothing to report.

**Trip Trio** – Carol Eblen. Next tour sign up will be in January. New Docents and Volunteers are encouraged to let us tour their gardens. Let Carol know if we can come.

### **Staff Reports**

**Sam Beukema** – Thanks to everyone for their work on the plant sale, especially Stacy and Jane. New artwork in Ecke is from Botanic Illustrators. Thanks to Bill Rawlings for new lights in Ecke. Robert Kopfstein announced that the new Quail U program will begin in the spring with 8 classes; classes are 3 hours long, on Saturday mornings. Each will be taught by a different expert. Watch for a list of classes and dates. Registration begins online in December. Price for series is \$450 for members/\$540 for non-members; price for a single class is \$75 members/\$90 non-members.

**Jill Gardner** – The Accounting Department is looking for 2 volunteers. Also really need people for the Gift Shop, especially on weekends. Jill is putting together a slide show of the Plant Sale. If you have photos to include, please send them to her.

**Susanne Brueckner** – GOL starts December 1. Still have a lot of open positions; please sign up. Remember that if you are working mulled wine, you must attend ABC trainings. Times are listed on SUG.

**Lisa Reynolds** – please take a flyer and post for GOL. The GOL web page is now mobile friendly. There will be snow every night this year. Hilton Hotels in San Diego is giving the event special mention.

**Josh Pinpin** – half price holiday memberships are available until Dec. 19.

### **Other Business**

**Sam** is having open house on Dec. 26 in his corral from 11 to 1.

**Susan Kartzke's** Celebration of Life is Friday, Nov. 16, from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Walled Garden. There will be time for people to share a brief story or memory. Please let Sally Sandler know in advance if you'd like to do that so she can inform the family.

**Beverly Marshall** is now home after surgery to remove cancerous growths on her sternum, and is doing well. Our prayers are working!

Our love and prayers go out to **Harriet Halpern**, who lost her husband recently.

**Nominating Committee** – Mo Price. Tandy has been on the Board as Treasurer for SIX years; we recognize her for going above and beyond the call of duty. This year's officer slate is: Gail Earnest – Treasurer; Linda Cooper – Secretary; Susan Starr – Vice Chair; Allan Dodds – Chair. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was unanimously approved.

**Enjoy the potluck!!**

**Submitted by Susan Starr, Secretary.**