

SDBG Docent-Volunteer Meeting

January 9, 2019

9.30 am. Call to Order and Pledge

Announcements. (Allan Dodds, Chair)

Introduction of new officers. Welcome the Duvals

Plant of the Month. Tony Gurnoe. *Heteromeles arbutifolia*, Toyon or Christmas Berry.

The raffle featured native species from California and South Africa.

Early Bird and Overflow Parking Drawings

Approval of November Minutes - Linda Cooper, Secretary. Date correction for the Nov 7th meeting to Nov. 7, 2018. No other corrections or additions. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report - Gail Earnest. January 2018 starting balance was \$2,691.87;

Spent \$873.00 on expenses leaving an ending balance of \$2,825.26.

Dates to Remember - Please see Garden Website for current listings.

Volunteer of the Month - Anna Dreilinger, a docent since 2016, was introduced by Liz Tesolin.

Please note: There are forms to nominate a VOM on the back table. Additionally, there are now forms available on the Garden Website to nominate a VOM.

Raffle

Development Events - Donna Cancel and Linda Bergen for Doreen Prager. Gala In The Garden will be Sept 7, 2019.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN TEAM FOR SILENT AUCTION. Contact Donna or Linda if you are interested.

Coordinator and Committee Reports. (Susan Starr, Vice Chair)

Docent Training Coordinator -Liz Woodward announced 13 new Docents: Lou Collins, Jeff Clingan, Marjorie Fox, Joan Goott, Luci Gritzmaker, Craig Koch, Nancy Koch, Joanie Morgan, Jessie Laurie, Liza Potocki, Kathy Pyle, and Rose Ann Woodridge.

Winter/Spring 2019 Docent Classes start 1/10/2019. Thirteen have registered, there are open spots. There will now be 9 classes, with Tony Gurnoe leading a class on the new Conservatory along with Hamilton Garden.

Tour Guides -Mike Blanco: Meeting is January 10th with a program by Pat Linton on "Collecting the Building Blocks of Garden Tours; it's all about the stories."

Garden Beautification - Faith Meakin thanks all volunteers and encourages joining one of the Saturday work parties.

Free Tuesday - Barb Farley. Next event is February 5.

Botanic Book Buddies - Barb Farley. The next meeting February 13 in the Lawn House at noon. Reading The Overstory, by Richard Powers.

Trip Trio -Carol Eblen. February 1st garden tour to Hidden Lake Ranch. Sign up on the sheet or contact Carol.

Docents at Large -Shahla Dreyer and Liz Tesolin. Let them know for issues and concerns.

Milestones - Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath: milestones (see list) The hours spreadsheet for 2018 will be closed on February 1st. Send in hours by the first of the month
Email Nick Ruddick on directory changes....Anna Dreilinger has reached 2000 Lifetime hours in record time since becoming a docent in 2016!!
Fran Spath: Please review spreadsheet to see if your hours are correct as many are close to achieving your milestones.

Staff Reports

Jill Gardner: Thanks from staff, for over 2000 hours for Garden of Lights. Jill's desk is now in the back of the office.

Lisa Reynolds: Annual 5K Paw Walk is Feb.16. There will be a new class called Nature Bathing on Sunday, Jan 20.

Other Business

Master Gardener Field Trip - Unforgettable southern Africa - September 18, 2019. Contact Barbara Sands bsands2@gmail.com

Nick Ruddick: Total Docent/Volunteer hours, over 47,000 last year and is a record!!! Hours still coming in.....

Special Event to honor Julian and Leslie Duval

(thanks to Sally Sandler, Deborah Thompson, Mary Friestedt)

The Duval's were recognized and honored for their many contributions to the Garden in the last 24 years, and for making the Botanic Garden what it is today.

Leslie spent many years organizing and working on the plant sale as well as the Gift Shop.

Julian was honored for his leadership and vision in many areas of the Garden. Most recently, the new conservatory. He was presented with a pictorial memorial book of the Garden, composed by Sally Sandler.

Break for Refreshments. Please sign cards and enjoy your chance to chat with the Duvals.

After the break, there will be a presentation by Dave Ehrlinger:

“The Julian Duval Years (as CEO) At SDBG - 1995-2018.

Meeting ended at 11.55 am.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Cooper, Secretary