

## **SDBG Docent-Volunteer Meeting March 2020**

9.30 am. Call to Order and Pledge.

### **Garden Updates - Jill Gardner, Volunteer Manager**

Plant of the Month – John Clements. John introduced *Acacia pycnantha*, or ‘golden wattle’. A small tree native to southeastern Australia with red foliage in the Spring and colorful cluster of small yellow blooms. It has phyllodes, or flattened leaf stock instead of true leaves.

**Staff Updates & Introductions** - Jill Gardner. Sergio is now a Director and Tyler was promoted to lead Visitor Services Associate. Alexis Comes will start soon as a Visitor Services Associate in the Welcome Center. Gretchen Wendel is the new Philanthropy Coordinator working with Development. Susan Parker now is Administrative Coordinator and Assistant to the CEO.

Events - Susanne. Thank you to all who helped with Paw Walk. The next event is the 2nd annual Got Green and Tomatomania Event. More help is needed for these events. Signups are on Signup Genius

There will be tips on learning to be environmentally friendly along with various talks on topics such as how to prepare garden for climate change. Food vendors will be on-site along with demonstrations on cooking meatless, seed planting, etc.

**First Aid Practices** – Brandi Eide. Safety training for volunteers by Staff will be provided at every meeting.

### **Lost Child = Code Adam**

1. First obtain the child's name, age, description and where last seen. **Do Not Broadcast Name**
2. Stay with parent if possible and get cell phone #.
3. Radio **“All Staff”** giving information. Clear all radio talk until child is found.
4. Staff takes over, handles radio contact and gives orders.
5. If child is missing more than 10 minutes call 911. Give **All Clear** once child is found.

On radio, **All Staff code Adam** . Description of the child and where you are.

### **Code Green = Emergency**

1. If emergency warrants, Call 911.
2. Alert staff immediately and announce Code Green.
3. Clear all radio traffic, state your name and location and briefly state the situation.
4. Do not touch the person if possible and wait for staff, who will take over.

### **All radios on channel 2**

- Emergency phones can be found in Hamilton Garden, Gift Shop and most buildings.
- Be mindful of what each code needs. Involve staff if more aid is needed. Fill out the information form for each incident.
- First Aid Kits and Forms are in most buildings including the Welcome Center, and include how to administer first aid, band aides, and ice packs. Carts will have the most basic first aid kits.

**Garden Happenings** – Brandi Eide. Construction is wrapping up for the Gardener Buildings and should be finished mid April. The ADA work around the Lawn area is almost done.

Upcoming Garden Education Sessions: Basics of Plant Identification on March 18 at 8:30 am in Ecke.

### **Volunteer Updates - Susan Starr, Chair**

Reminders: Find dates of all activities on the website at [sdbgdocents.org](http://sdbgdocents.org). Send submission of names for VOM nominations to Shahla or Liz. Please record your hours.

**Announcements:**

Master Gardener Spring Seminar - Saturday, March 21 in Kearney Mesa.

Village Garden Club Tour of Beverly Hills Gardens - Tuesday, March 17. Cost is \$65 and includes lunch.

Donations for Gala Silent Auction - Jeff. For the 50th anniversary of the Garden, the Action will be expanded to include more accessible items. Contact Jeff if you have plant/garden based items or experiential items to donate.

Early Bird and Overflow Parking Drawings

Approval of Minutes - Linda Cooper, Secretary. Approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report - Gail Earnest Treasurer. Ending balance in February was \$3,703.80. \$1500 has been approved towards new tables in Propagation. Thanks to Bill Rawlings for his help in building them.

Opportunity Drawing - Walter Spath

**Coordinator Reports - Jeff Clingan, Vice-Chair.****Recognitions**

Volunteer of the Month – Liz Tesolin introduced Luci Gritzmaker, a Garden Volunteer and Docent in 2018. Luci and her husband were married in the Walled Garden, when the Garden was known as Quail Gardens. Many family photos have been taken there since. Luci is active in the Herb Garden and volunteers at the Plant Sale Garden of Lights and Gala events. Loves working with the awesome people at the Garden!

New Docents - Jeff Clingan. Beth Watt was introduced from the Fall class. There is only one person left to finish.

New Volunteers – Fran introduced the newest volunteers.

Milestones - Sue Ruddick and Fran Spath. Thank you for putting hours in. Conservatory hours should be logged under Education.

**Get Involved**

Tour Guides - Mike Blanco. Next meeting Thursday, March 12 at 10 AM in Ecke, all are invited. Caren and Sarah will discuss current CA standards for education and inquiry-based learning. There are many tours in the next few months, with at least 15 in March and 18 still not staffed. There are only 6 or 7 people doing tours, need more to volunteer! There are about 30 tours scheduled for April.

Garden Beautification - Jeff, there were 3 work parties in February and 4 are planned for March in Bamboo, Sub Tropical, Mexican and Mediterranean. Currently no changes to roster or team leaders. Calendars listed on the Docent Website.

Fair - Robert Kopfstein. The Garden will be entering one 1000 sq ft. exhibit this year. Bill Rawlings has started the construction and Katie Pelisek is doing plan for the plant pallet. Ambassadors who volunteer will get 2 fair tickets to use during the Fair. It will run late May to July 4th. Need 1 or 2 people to make the identification numbers for the plants and nomenclature. Set up starts mid May for 2 weeks. The theme this year is Super Hero's in Horticulture, and will honor Bill Teague. Signups on SignUpGenius.

Free Tuesday - Barb Farley. Great day and very busy!

**Socialize**

Botanic Book Buddies - Barb Farley. April 8 will be discussion on The Forgotten Peninsula: A Naturalist in Baja California by Joseph Wood Krutch. Robert Kopfstein will show photos of the area.

Trip Trio - Carol Eblen. The next tour will be Friday, March 6 at 10 am. April 29 will be a trip to Pat Welch's and Mary Friestedt's garden in Del Mar. Signups will be at the April 1 meeting.

Docents at Large - Shahla Dreyer and Liz Tesolin. Liz, no report.

Announcements - Susan. Deb Batey is moving to Hawaii and has plants if interested. Bill Teague, who will be honored at the Fair exhibit, created many of the Gardens at the Garden. Thank you to Katie Pyle for providing the Lemon squares.

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Break for Refreshments - Lucille Brown

Speaker Program - Mike Atkinson: All About Plumerias. Introduced by Kathryn Blankinship.

**Meeting Adjourned at 11:06 am**

**Linda Cooper, Secretary**