

SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN DOCENT/VOLUNTEER MONTHLY MEETING
November 2, 2011
Minutes

9:35 – Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance.
Plant Raffle Table presented by Caitlin Kreutz.
Door Prize Drawing – won by Joy Lappe.
Minutes of the October Meeting were approved by consent.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✧ Please stay for the workshop today - Holiday Angels Workshop with Mary Roper. It will be fun and help raise money for SDBG.
- ✧ Congratulations to all the November Milestone Docents and Volunteers.
- ✧ Thanks to all for your help at the Fall Plant Sale – it was great!
- ✧ Holiday shopping will start “here, at home” - Docents and Volunteers are invited to sell their homemade products at the December Potluck Meeting.

COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ✧ Carol Eblen announced the last tour of the year to Jane Hunt's garden November 3 followed by lunch at Brett's Barbeque. Car pool leaves SDBG @ 9:30 a.m. Stacy Gaudet was the first recipient of the brand new perpetual trophy awarded for her outstanding efforts at carpooling on Trip Trio Events. Congratulations, Stacy!
- ✧ Tour Guides meeting will be on November 10, @ 10 a.m., in the Larabee House. Mary Roper and Kay Worley will be talking about Seed Dispersal.
- ✧ Fall Plant Sale – about \$52,000 was raised this year. The Nikodyms are retiring from sitting selling the jams and jellies. We will miss them. Ken Hayward had 9 people help with the Book Sale which raised about \$400. Thanks to all who donated books, magazines and VHS movies. The Bookman of San Diego donated 18 boxes of books in honor of John Becker. Thelma Montag thanked everyone for their delicious bakery donations.
- ✧ Stacy presented the upcoming programs. December – Potluck @ 10:00 a.m. January – Jason Kubrock - “How to prune” - an important instructional talk for all those on the Garden Beautification Teams. February – Anne Spindel – Her trip to Israel and a visit to our sister garden in Jerusalem. March – Chris Garcia – Healing Gardens. April – Sharon May of Agri Services on the benefits of mulching.
- ✧ Sally Sandler and Peter Jones have pledged to have all the details about the upcoming month's Garden Beautification projects listed on the Docents' website, at the Admissions Booth, in the Gift Shop and on the Agenda at the General Meeting. The next Power Wednesday will be on November 9, in the Hamilton Children's Garden. There were 17 new volunteers at the orientation last week and Team Captains have been given their details so they can welcome them and help them get familiar with the Gardens. A survey is going out to 150 Garden Beautification people which is generating great ideas. Sally and Peter will share the information gathered on how we can do better. Lynne McCall is now Team Captain in Seeds of Wonder. Except in SOW all the Topiaries are being transformed – covered in succulents rather than ivy. Peggy Bruce is co-Captain with Margaret Jones on these. Mary Lou Morgan is Co-Captain in

the Undersea Garden. Barry Martin now co-Captain in Bamboo.

- ✧ Barb Farley asked for sign-ups for Admissions through January. Help especially needed on December 24.
- ✧ Fran Spath and Roberta Dotson are starving for additional help with the refreshments for the monthly meeting. People needed to shop, set-up and clean-up. It's fun!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Wendy Graham was presented by Fran Spath.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

Liz Rozycki brought in cuttings of *Bambusa vulgaris 'Vittata'*, commonly known as the Painted Bamboo. This is large, easy to maintain clumping bamboo can grow to 50 ft. It needs water and good drainage. Propagation is by division. The striking golden culms with green stripes will fade to tan after being cut. This bamboo may be grown in a container – indoors – it needs a lot of light – 5 hours a day. Can be found in the Bamboo Garden.

STAFF REPORTS

- ✧ Pat Hammer requested a round of applause for Kitty Sparrow and Stacy Gaudet for doing a phenomenal job with the Fall Plant Sale. She also thanked everyone who helped raise \$52,721.51 gross. 2,292 people attended the event. Pat commented that it was remarkable that those involved in making the jams and jellies worked all year long. Proceeds from the sale of these items totaled \$1,445. Attendance at the Gardens for September was 14,006 – slightly less than for the same period last year.
- ✧ Tracie Barham announced that the challenge issued by Frances Hamilton White had been met so over \$90,000 would be made available for the general care and maintenance of the Gardens. We are \$370 shy of the \$25,000 goal to be raised at the Gala and to be matched by the County of San Diego. This funding will go towards the building of the new Welcome Center. The Ruth Billingsly Foundation has donated \$10,000. The date of the Gala for next year will be September 8 and the committee is looking for a ticket sales sub committee chair. The Benefactor Dinner will be held December 1.
- ✧ Paula Isley is offering 50% off gift memberships to Docents and Volunteers. Gift certificates are available through January 1.
- ✧ Diana Goforth asked volunteers to sign up to help at the Bromeliad Bash – November 12 & 13. A special exhibition of 37 original 19th-century botanical color illustrations of bromeliads and orchids from Jack Kramer's collection will be on display in the Ecke Building. Books and plants will be on sale and there will be guest speakers and demonstrations. Training to serve mulled wine at the Garden of Lights will take place on November 10 and December 5. Please sign up – lots of help is needed at this event especially craft supervisors. There will be a meeting on Monday November 14 @ 10 a.m., when the crafts will be demonstrated. Ros Creasy will be the speaker at the Herb Festival, March 17 & 18, presenting her new book on edible landscaping. We need donations of containers, terracotta planters for this event. A new propagation area has been set aside by Liz Rozycki to grow herbs for the festival which also features Tomatomania and the Spring Sale.

OTHER BUSINESS

- ✧ Trip to Oaxaca – Robert Kopfstein gave a brief overview of the trip planned for January 7 – 14 and 15 – 22. The cost is around \$900 for a week including nearly all meals but excluding the airfare. Flights depart from Tijuana.
- ✧ Check out information, provided by Deb Batey and Ken Hayward, on the bulletin board about the Gold Spotted Oak Borer on oak trees in San Diego County.
- ✧ The living room in the Larabee House has been restored. The walls have been repainted and the wood floor refinished. Thanks to Sally Sandler and Robert Kopfstein.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Plant Raffle. Refreshments and sign-ups.

Holiday craft workshop with Mary Roper.

Sarah Clayton
Secretary