

**San Diego Botanic Garden Docent/Volunteer Monthly Meeting  
January 5, 2011**

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 with the salute to the flag.  
Liz Rozycki presented the Plant Table Raffle.  
The door prize drawing was won by Liz Woodward.  
The Minutes of December 1, 2010 Meeting were approved by consent.

**Chair Reports and Announcements**

- o Mo Price recognized outgoing Co-Chairpersons Bobbi Hirschhoff and Anne Spindel. She thanked them for doing an excellent job over the last two years. They were presented with framed photos, gift certificates to two local nurseries that support SDBG, a cake from Pat Hammer and the staff and vases of protea from Mo's garden.
- o Docent and Volunteer Milestone Program - recognition given to 7 docents and volunteers @ 90 hour level, Robert Kopfstein, Lan Lin and Anne Spindel @ 200 hour mark and Sandy Shapiro @ 400 hours milestone.
- o It is really important to turn in Docent/Volunteer hours regularly. 2010 hours must be turned in before February 14, 2011. Contact Linda Stewart for help reporting hours online if needed. Login: qbgdocents Password: water\$thrifty.
- o The Potluck gift certificate was awarded to Robin Hermann.
- o Docent Training Classes: January 26 - Botany & Herbs 9:30-12:30 Larabee House, February 9 – Mediterranean Plants 9:30-12:30 Larabee House. Docents who would like a refresher course are welcome to attend any of the classes.
- o A Mentor Program for Docents in Training has been set up. A sign up sheet is available or contact Jay Davis if interested in becoming a mentor.
- o The next Volunteer Orientation: Friday, February 25, 9:30am to noon. Take a flyer and encourage neighbors and friends to get involved.
- o Hospitality – needs one or two people to help purchase goodies and set up @ meeting. Contact Fran Spath.
- o The upcoming Outreach events - Whale Days (1/22), Natural Supplements Conference (1/13-1/16), have enough volunteers.
- o Next Month's Program: "How to Create an Edible Garden" by Richard Wright.

**Coordinator & Committee Reports**

- o Emy Meiorin was thanked for putting together this year's directory. Members should write their name on the front cover and not pass on confidential information listed in the directory to others. The user name and password for the docents' website are listed on page 6
- o Peter Jones encouraged new volunteers to join a Garden Beautification Team, get out in the gardens, pull some weeds and have fun.
- o No tour guide meeting this month since there is a station tour on 1/13 at 10:am – come hang out and find out how station tours work. Anne Spindel is now co-chair of the tour guides with Mary Friestedt.
- o Trips – January 21: South Bay Botanic Garden & Keating Garden, carpool SDBG leaving at 9 a.m.; February 4: Vonnie Varner's Garden in Carlsbad. All details on the docent website under Upcoming Trips. Sign up today or call/email Trip Trio.
- o Barb Farley– needs help staffing the admissions booth in March. Please sign up.

**Volunteer of the Month** – Pat Hammer presented Allyson Sammons as Volunteer of the Month for January.

**Plant of the Month** – Dave Ehrlinger presented Toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*) as plant of the month for December and Aloe arborescens for January. Photos of both are displayed on the bloom board.

**SDBG Staff Reports**

- o Pat Hammer invited everyone to attend the Annual Membership Meeting, January 8 @ 10 am., HCG. She thanked docents and volunteers for their support of the Garden of Lights Festival. As Director of Operations Pat made the following requests: stop at the Admissions Booth and identify yourself (don't assume that the people working in Admissions know you), wear your name badges, do not park in handicap spots and sign in when volunteering.
- o Diana Goforth thanked all who helped with the Garden of Lights, especially the team leaders, those working Admissions and those who got licensed to serve mulled wine! Note SDBG's commitment to preserving resources and protecting our environment - see Quail Tracks back page. Thanks to Sally

Sandler for her remembrance of Bill Teague quoted in the current issue. Sculpture in the Garden exhibit ends April 18. Through the Eyes of an Artist takes place on Saturday February 12 – guest speakers and hourly tours of the sculptures. Sign up to help at the Herb Festival, March 19-20. Committee Meeting 1/17 @ 10 am. Ecke building.

#### **Other Business**

Ken Nikodym reported that jams and jellies sold at the FPS had raised over \$1425. Donations of 6 – 8 ounce jars with lids are needed as well as sugar. Email Ken or Jean if you have fruit to spare.

The trip to Puerto Vallarta organized by Robert Kopfstein leaves early next week.

Christmas tree ornaments left over from the Garden of Lights are for sale for \$5.

The meeting closed around 10:40 am following the plant raffle.

**Break** – refreshments, sign up for volunteer opportunities.

**11:00 am. Program** – “The Magic of Sourdough” by Mary Dralle.