

San Diego Botanic Garden Docent/Volunteer Monthly Meeting

February 2, 2011

Minutes

9:30 a.m. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Plant Raffle Table presented by Caitlin Levy

Door Prize Drawing won by Sandy Shapiro

Chair Report and Announcements

- Minutes of January 5, 2011 Meeting were approved.
- Recognition of Volunteer and Docent Milestones was given.
- Any hours for 2010 not recorded previously must be turned in before February 14, 2011
- Kitty Sparrow and Liz Woodward as our representatives to the Board of Trustees attended the annual Board Retreat on 1/19.
- Details of the Docent Training Classes are: Feb 9 – Mediterranean Plants 9:30-12:30 (Dodds); March 9 - Native Plants & People 10-1 (Roper & Rose). Jay Davis will be kicking off the Mentor program this month by contacting Docents in Training and linking them up with a Mentor. DITs should contact him if he has not contacted you.
- The next Volunteer Orientation: Friday, February 25, 9:30am to noon. Encourage family and friends to take this (it is a requirement for DITs) to discover the huge variety of volunteer opportunities available at SDBG. If you are a beautification team leader this is a great opportunity to sign up new volunteers.
- Walter Parkola of Blossom Valley Protea will be the speaker at next month's meeting. He will be selling plants afterward.

Coordinator & Committee Reports

- Peter Jones thanked all who helped recently in the New World Desert Garden. Susan Starr is the team captain for the South African Garden and Robert Kopfstein for Australia. Email them if you are interested in being a part of the team. Power Wednesday – February 16 from 9 – 12. Everyone welcome and encouraged to attend. New volunteers join Wed or Sat mornings teams – see qbgdocents.org website for details.
- Those interested in being on the San Diego County Fair Exhibit Committee should attend the meeting, Wednesday, 2/9 at 11am Ecke patio. We will be paying tribute to Bill Teague, come and share your ideas.
- Volunteers please sign up for the Herb Festival (Mar 19-20, 9AM-5PM) guest speaker Susan Belsinger culinary herbalist.
- Next Tour Guides Meeting 2/10 10 a.m., Larabee House – Sculptures in the Garden.
- Upcoming trips: Chinese New Year Garden Tour + Feng Shui class Feb 4, 10am (carpool leaves SDBG 9:30a) @ Vonnies Varner's 6933 Sitio Cordero in La Costa Ridge gated community temporary gate code #5551 bring sack lunch, rain will cancel.
- Outreach team is looking for people to sign up to help with the SDBG booth at the Del Mar Spring Garden Show at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, 3/4 to 3/6.
- Barb Farley asked for people to sign up to work the Admissions Booth at weekends in March and April.

Anne Spindel presented Marilyn Nelson as Docent of the Month.

Joe deWolf presented *Dasyllirion quadrangulatum* Mexican Grass Tree as plant of the month.

SDBG Staff Reports

- Julian Duval commented that the retreat had been very inspiring, particularly Jim Folsom's (Director of the Huntington) insights into expansion - "more land would have been great." Long time volunteer, John Becker, has serious health problems. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
- Diana Goforth – Through the Eyes of an Artist (Feb 12, 10AM-4PM) will include tours of the sculptures (Anne and Mary) and panel discussions with gardeners and artists. Debra Lee Baldwin and Patrick Anderson will be in attendance. Rodney Rodrigo's butterfly will be decorated with bottle caps – a hands on project for children. More bottle caps needed for the Herb Festival. Terracotta and decorative pots – container garden size are needed for the Herb Festival. Sign up for a decorative pot project – these items will be sold at the Festival. Sign up to be on the committee for the Chocolate Festival.
- Susanne Brueckner – Looking for help with the Spring Party with Bunny, Saturday, 4/23 10a-1p; (we need someone to be the Bunny), and Make-a-Wish, Friday, 4/22 9a-12p.

Other Business

- The Master Gardeners Spring Seminar – 4/2 at USD info at www.mastergardenerssandiego.org , has 27 classes to choose from.
- The Nikodyms need small jelly jars with lids and donations of sugar and fruit. Please bring to the March meeting.
- Special presentation "A Vision for a New Commons in Encinitas" by Jim Farley. For detailed information see the website – newcommons.wordpress.com/
- Drawing for the plant raffle.

10:45 to 11:00 a.m. Break – refreshments, sign up for volunteer opportunities.

11 a.m. Program – "How to Create an Edible Garden" by Richard Wright.