

**SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN DOCENT/VOLUNTEER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011**

9:30 a.m. – call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Plant Raffle Table – Caitlin presented drought tolerant plants

Door Prize Drawing – won by Fran Spath

Minutes approved of the Aug. 3, 2011 meeting

Chair Report and Announcements:

- September milestones read
- Garden Beautification has gardening opportunities every Wed. and Sat. morning from 9-11. Some teams meet on Wed. afternoon. Volunteers needed for Wed. and Fri. in the Lawn with Jean Jung; 9/17 Herb with Sally Sandler; 9/24 CA Natives with Sharon Clay-Rose and Sheri Harold.
- Cards were sent around for Margaret and Peter Jones and John Becker.
- October meeting is “Favorite Plants” – let Liz know what you will share.

Coordinator & Committee Reports:

- Fall Plant Sale – sign up to volunteer; shirts are \$10; remember your used books, and botanic attic items – delivered after Oct. 6; sign up for baked goods – lg. Cookies and slices of pie do well!
- Admissions – Barb Farley would like all volunteers to check schedules.
- Docent Training will start 9/15 – Intro to Docent Program; 9/29 –Botany Boot Camp and Herb Garden; 10/6 – Desert Plants, Succulents and more. Check the web for more information.
- Tour guides will meet tomorrow – 10/Larabee – Raspberry muffins!!
- Thank you to the Gardens for the nice Volunteer Dinner.

Volunteer of the month – Rosemary Stafford – presented by Liz Woodward

Plant of the month - Texas Olive (Cordia boissieri) – presented by Dave Ehrlinger

SDBG Staff Reports

- Julian Duval
- The Volunteer Dinner is important as a social event.
- Fund-A-Need at the Gala will raise money for a new Admissions Booth/Welcome Center – it will include Membership.
- Michael Wolfington for Pat Hammer
- Visitors need to show a membership card from reciprocal gardens – not passes – to “get in free”.

- **Heather Main**
- **The Orchid Fair – Oct. 1 & 2 – will coincide with a Free Day/Oct. 1 as part of the Encinitas 25th Year Celebration of Incorporation.**
- **Diana Goforth**
- **Thank you for your help at Garden Expressions – the Butterflies sold!**
- **Look for La Jolla Playhouse production – “Without Walls” here at the Garden. There was a nice UT article about the Garden.**
- **Please sign up to help at the Orchid Fair – Oct. 1 & 2 – there will be Activities at the Heritage Museum – also, a pre sale for members on Friday.**
- **Paula Isley**
- **Thank you for your help @ Garden Expressions – 30 new members!**
- **Upgrade to steward – or above – for early admission to the Plant Sale.**
- **Upgrades also count for the Frances Hamilton challenge.**
- **The new Welcome Center will help membership!**
- **Sherri Johnson**
- **Thank you for signing up to help @ the Gala – Cheryl still needs more people.**
- **They are over their goal of \$80,000 in sponsorships for the Gala!!**

Other Business

- **9/28 San Dieguito Adult School – class by Celia Kiewit on Plastic Pollution/Water Conservation – clk411@aol.com.**
- **2012 Master Gardener Orientation – 10/6 10am-noon – War Memorial Bldg @ Balboa Park**
- **Autumn in the Garden Tour & Market – 10/1 –tickets on sale \$20/25 – Point Loma Area. Information and tickets @ www.mastergardenerssandiego.org.**

Raffle Drawing

Meeting Adjourned – 10:20

Program – Eric Gronborg – Walls and Fences using plant material