

**SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN DOCENT/VOLUNTEER MONTHLY
MEETING
January 4, 2012
MINUTES**

- 9:30 – Call to order and pledge of allegiance
- Plant Raffle Table – presented by Caitlin Levy – nice pots!
- Liz Rozycki announced that there will be a Garden workshop on Feb. 4 & 8 @ 9am. The topic is Pests & Diseases – if you have any – bring them in a plastic bag!
- The door prize was won by Paula McDonald.
- The minutes of the Dec. 7 meeting were approved by consent.

Chair Report and Announcements

- “Try something new” is the theme for 2012!
- Dec. Milestones were recognized and everyone was reminded to submit 2011 hours ASAP!
- Botanic Book Buddies will meet Feb. 8 at noon in the Lawn House to discuss “Flower Confidential” by Amy Stewart. They will continue to meet on even # months. Bring a brown bag lunch!
- Garden Beautification teams meeting on Saturdays 9-noon include – 1/7 – Bamboo; 1/14 Tropical Fruit; 1/21 Herb Garden; 1/28 CA Natives. There is work going on every Wednesday, too!
- The next Volunteer Orientation is Sat. 1/28 @9:30 – Ecke Bldg.
- Condolences were made to Carol Eblen on the loss of her husband. An announcement was made that Thelma Montag is at home recovering from pneumonia.
- The Feb. meeting program will be Anne Spindel talking about her trip to the Jerusalem Botanic Garden.

Coordinator and Committee Reports

- Docent Training – Linda Stewart introduced our newest Docents – Susan Pransky, Mary Jane Hansen & Peggy Bruce. The next semester starts on February 9.
- Trip Trio – Peggy Overland reminded those signed up for the January 28th to “get their money in” and to meet at 9am to carpool. The next trip will be March 1st to Mary Roush’s and Linda Wagner’s gardens. They are also looking for new ideas for trips!

- Tours – Anne Spindel is now in charge. The next meeting is Jan. 12 – the topic will be papyrus.
- Hospitality – Fran Spath needs more help with food – also \$\$ donations – the group has grown!!
- Admissions – Barb Farley is looking for some “weekend people”.

Volunteer of the month

Carol Ann Lewin introduced honoree Ed Beimel

Plant of the month

Dave Ehrlinger talked about Aloe arborescens. Its lovely blooms come in orange and yellow and it is used for burns in Asia.

Plant Raffle drawing

Staff Reports

Julian Duval thanked everyone for their work at GOL and reminded us of the Annual meeting on Sat. @ 10am. He also said there are openings for the Baja trip.

It looks like it will be a busy year –

- New Welcome Center
- Dickenson grant for improvements in Native Plants/People
- Development of an E. Mediterranean –plants of the Holy Land – Garden
- Gift Shop improvements
- Improve SOW picnic bench area
- Outdoor classroom in HCG to begin plans and funding

Pat Hammer thanked us for our efforts at GOL and all year long and told us to come to the annual meeting to find out “what’s going on”. She told us that the new Welcome Center will be the “go to place” for information about what is going on in the Garden. GOL raised \$120,452.62 and welcomed 5,000 more people than last year. It also took in \$3,500 in underwriting.

Diana Goforth thanked us for all of our help on events in 2011. She mentioned that there is now a discount on the botanical illustrations here in the Ecke building. She needs tour guides for Through the Eyes of an Artist on March 3rd and volunteers for the Herb Festival on March 17th & 18th.

Other Business

Liz Woodward thanked Diana for all of her work on GOL. She also said that Roz Creasy will be the honored guest speaker for the Herb Festival – and, that we need nice containers to plant with herbs for the event. Check out the link to Land's End on the web site to order shirts and vests. The DEB meets the 3rd Wed. of the month and welcomes any ideas or suggestions.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments at 10:30

The program today is Jason Kubrock - on pruning practices