

San Diego Botanic Garden Docent/Volunteer Monthly Meeting
March 7, 2012
Minutes

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

Plant Raffle Table - Liz Rozycki - introduction of two new gardeners: Mick Cothran & Andrew Smith

Door Prize Drawing – A tree saw from Grangettos, won by Joan Herskowitz

Minutes of February 1, 2012 Meeting – approved.

Chair Report and Announcements

Liz Woodward announced the March Docent and Volunteer Milestones and reported that the volunteer hours for 2011 totaled 22,265 hours, an increase of over 1,000 hours on the previous year. 12 Docents are eligible for the Gala Ticket Drawing which will be held at next month's General Meeting.

Directory updates should be submitted to Emy Meiorin emeiorin@pacbell.net. The new directory will be handed out at April meeting.

Purchase Daylilies today – 2 plants per bag @\$5; funds to SDBG Docent Society.

The next meeting of the Botanic Book Buddies will be on April 11, at noon at the Lawn House when "Second Nature" by Michael Pollan; will be discussed. Hard copies of this book are available through your public library and electronic versions online. Bring brown bag lunch. The selection for June is "The Fruit Hunters" by Adam Leith Gollner.

Garden Beautification happenings: 3/10 Subtropical Fruit (June Anderson), 3/24 CA Natives (Sharon Clay Rose), 3/31 Lawn Garden (Jean Jung/Sally Sandler). Please note there will be NO gardening on 3/17 due to the Herb Festival.

New Docent Classes have started with 15 new DITs enrolled. Docent Training Coordinator, Linda Stewart, was congratulated on doing an incredible job.

Upcoming program in April: Sharon May on improving your soil and compost.

Coordinator & Committee Reports

Trip Trio. Evon MacKinnon thanked Linda Wagner and Mary Roush for opening their gardens for us to visit last month. She invited others to contact her, Carol Eblen, or Peggy Overland, if they would be willing to share their gardens with the Docents and Volunteers.

The next trip is on April 16, @ 9:45 am, to Torrey Pines State Park led by Sharon & Steve Rose; meet at SDBG to carpool at 9:15. There is no admission charge or parking fee. The group will go out to lunch afterward. Sign-up today.

Save the date – Thursday, June 21st, for a trip to the L.A. Arboretum.

Tour Guides Meeting tomorrow. 10a.m. Larabee and in honor of the Herb Festival a herb scavenger hunt to follow.

Nick Ruddick is in the process of moving everything to the new website www.sdbgdocents.org. Check it out! Email Nick with positive comments only please! The username (qbgdocents) and password (water\$thrifty) remain the same.

Barb Farley needs some more volunteers for the Welcome Center in April and May. Sign up today.

If you are interested in helping with a Victorian Ladies Tea and Kindergarten Pond Study contact Mary Roper.

Docent of the Month – Jean Jung, presented by Kitty Sparrow.

Plant of the Month – Dave Ehrlinger presented the Spear Lily (*Doryanthes palmeri*). Several examples of this are in flower in the Australian Garden right now. It has a gargantuan bloom spike and waxy red flowers. Pictures of it are also on the Bloom Board.

Plant Raffle – drawing.

SDBG Staff Reports

Pat Hammer spoke about John Becker who died recently. He was an incredible man who gave from the heart, a really good friend to the Gardens. Extra help is needed at the Welcome Center on Wednesday mornings. Contact Michael Wolfington. Attendance at the Gardens last year was 190,431 people – an increase over the previous year. The Board of Directors is in the process of selecting an architect for the outdoor classroom in the HCG and has approved the upgrade to the Gift Shop.

Diana Goforth asked for more help at the Herb Festival, March 17 and 18, which will be very crowded. Sign up today to help with Asian Arts in the Garden, April 14 and 15. Mark your calendars and sign up to help at the Chocolate Festival, May 12.

Heather Main detailed up coming Outreach opportunities: SRCA Community Fair, Sunday, May 6 noon-5PM Scripps Ranch and Encinitas Garden Festival & Tour on Saturday, April 21 10am – 5pm at Capri Elementary School.

Paula Isley reported that 1700 new households joined SDBG last year and that the numbers were up quite a bit on previous years.

Linda Davis needs help on April 21, Ladybug Day 10am -12:30pm.

Other Business

Terry Armstrong needs help sewing potpourri bags (kits available)

May 12 and 13 San Dieguito Art Guild Art & Garden Tour – volunteers needed, see Mo Price or Bobbi Hirschhoff. Tickets \$20.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Clayton

Program “The Healing Garden” by Chris Garcia