

San Diego Botanic Garden Docent/Volunteer Monthly Meeting

May 2, 2012

Minutes

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

Plant Raffle Table presented by Liz Rozycki

Door Prize Drawing – Vase of pin cushion Protea, donated by Mo Price and won by Ann Hoepfner. Grangettos gift certificate won by Mo Price.

Minutes of April 4, 2012 Meeting approved as presented.

Chair Report and Announcements

- The names of the Docents and volunteers reaching the 90 hour Milestone were read out and detailed on the back of the agenda.
- Linda Davis needs help with upcoming Fairy Festival on 6/23 from 10AM to 1:30 PM; sign up for Admissions, Ticket Sales, Cart Drivers and Crafts.
- Please shred your old directory. Do NOT had out a directory to any non-SDBG party EVER. If you did not receive a new directory last month please ask in the office.
- Botanic Book Buddies meets next on 6/13 “The Fruit Hunters” by Adam Leith Gollner.
- Upcoming program in June: Potluck. Meeting starts at 10AM! In keeping with our sustainability goal please bring (and take home!) your own cutlery and crockery to use at the potluck.
- Check out new items for sale in the Gift Shop. We have a new buyer and some gorgeous new postcards for sale - \$1 each, 6 for \$5, photos by Rachel Cobb and plant info detailed on the back by Liz Rozycki.

Coordinator & Committee Reports

- Docent Training – congratulations to new docent Alice Pratt. Linda Stewart announced that the Fall program is set. Pick up a flyer with the details and encourage friends and family to sign up for the next session.
- Trips – 6/21 bus trip to LA Arboretum 8AM-2PM, cost is \$30, checks made payable to Peggy Overland or cash. Due by the June meeting.
- Tours – Next Tour Guides Meeting on 5/10 10AM Larabee. Four Docents in Training will be presenting Key Plants. Everyone welcome – good snacks! Please sign up today if you are able to help out with the pond studies May 23 and 24.
- Garden Beautification - Sally Sandler introduced Sally Ann Thomas who is the new team captain in the Herb Garden. Contact Sally Ann if you are interested in adopting and working in a section of the Herb Garden. There are now 20 team captains. Volunteers showing up on Saturday mornings should check in at the Welcome Center to find out where they can work in the Gardens that day.
- Fall Plant Sale – meetings will take place every 2nd Wednesday of each month @ 10AM in the Ecke Building. The sale itself will take place on October 20 and 21. Liz Woodward and Stacy Gaudet will be co-chairing the event.

Docent of the Month – Linda Wagner presented by Stacy Gaudet.

Plant of the Month – Dave Ehrlinger brought in samples of some of the coastal sage scrub plants – *Adenostoma fasciculatum* (Chamise) and *Salvia mellifera* (Black Sage).

Plant Raffle – thanks to everyone for continuing to support the Docents' Society.

SDBG Staff Reports

- Julian Duval announced that the Leichtag Foundation has taken out a one year option to purchase 67 acres of land adjoining SDBG. More details about this opportunity to expand the Gardens will be presented at the August General Meeting. Plans for phase 2 of the Hamilton Children's Garden Outdoor classroom project are coming along. There are still spaces available on the trip to Singapore and Vietnam in the fall. Check the website for more details.
- Pat Hammer – attendance and income were both down a little in March but so far this year we are pretty close to our budget goal. Everyone is reminded to wear their name badge whenever they are at the Gardens. A new system for tracking who is in the Garden will be in place by July 1st. Thanks to Micheal Wolfington for all his hard work in finding this system created by a local company which is very

sustainable. The system works using fingerprints and will monitor staff, volunteers and docents checking in and out of the premises.

- [Diana Goforth](#) – Thanks to all those who helped with the Asian Arts in the Garden event. New sculptures are being installed on the property and the new exhibition of Art in the Garden will officially open on July 9. Carol Eblen reminded everyone about the Chocolate Festival and asked volunteers to be sure to let her know if they have to cancel. Diana extended special thanks to Grace Swanson for all her behind the scenes work – she always does a wonderful job.
- [Tracie Barham](#) introduced the new Development Special Events Coordinator: Jennifer Turner and asked people to purchase tickets to support the Gardens at the Encinitas Wine Festival on 6/2 (www.encinitaswinefestival.com). Tickets start at \$90. A Volunteer Coordinator Chair for the Gala is still needed as well as a few more helpers on the Auction committee. Later on this year membership cards will issued with a bar code and there will be scanners to check members in. This system will also allow the staff to monitor events and classes that members attend and take.

Other Business

- Lynn Bryant - help needed craft project at Fairy Festival needing advance preparation.
- Alice Pratt – 5/19 San Deiguito Garden Club's Tea in the Garden @ home of Geri May Thirloway.

Program “Herbs for Healing” by Barry Disch LAc, and Marie Shieh M.D.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah Clayton
Secretary