

# **SAN DIEGO BOTANIC GARDEN DOCENT/VOLUNTEER MONTHLY MEETING**

## **MINUTES**

**JANUARY 2, 2013**

**The meeting was called to order** at 9:30 by Chairperson Kitty Sparrow, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Liz Rozycki reviewed the plants on the plant table, and the Early Bird door prize drawing took place. Liz also introduced two new staff members: John Messina, who will be a part-time Plant Coordinator; and Tony Quinoe, who has been an intern and is now a gardener.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the December 5, 2012 meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Tandy Pfof presented the Treasurer's report.

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **MILESTONES:** The hour milestones list was reviewed. Members were urged to submit their hours for the year and on a regular basis in the future. **Suzanne Carneiro** is now taking the hour information for the docents.
- Kitty Sparrow announced that the monthly Docent Executive Board meeting will take place on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **TOUR GUIDES:** There will be a meeting next Thursday. Bill Searles will present on the ecosystem of the Grand Canyon. At the February meeting, there will be a report on the trip to the Far East.
- **GARDEN BEAUTIFICATION:** Peter Jones reported that the work crews this coming Saturday will be in the Herb and Bamboo Gardens.
- **TRIPS AND TOURS:** A total of 43 trips has been provided to the volunteers/docents. The committee would like ideas for upcoming trips.

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

- Barry Martin was to be honored but wasn't expected to be in attendance, so this will take place in February.

### **SPECIAL REPORT**

My Linh Tran from RSVP reported on the program, including the fact that there are more than 1900 senior volunteers in San Diego, where the program started over 40 years ago. There are now 125 sites in the city, of which San Diego Botanic Gardens is one.

A special citation was given to Kitty Sparrow as RSVP volunteer of the month.

Linda Hopkins will be the new RSVP manager.

**PLANT OF THE MONTH:** Dave Ehrlinger presented the Weeping Acacia (*Acacia pendula*), which can be seen near the ticket booth, along with *Furcraea* and Hybrid aloes.

**HOSPITALITY:** Robin Hermann reported that funds for after-meeting snacks were woefully inadequate, and passed the bucket for donations. She exhorted the membership to donate often to cover the expenses.

#### **PLANT RAFFLE**

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

- Julian welcomed the new officers for the society. He reported that the Annual Meeting would take place on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, with Jim Farley presenting. Discussed will be the expansion out to the Ecke Ranch. He also introduced a new staff member – Nancy Kelly, who will be Deputy Director of Development. Tracie Barham will take over the new capital campaign, which will endeavor to raise 3 million dollars.
- Pat Hammer announced that Michelle Kinney will be the new administrative assistant.
- Sam Beukena reported on the Garden of Lights, including the following interesting statistics: 540 bottles of wine; 19,500 marshmallows; 50 tons of snow; and 125, 000 lights.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Garren, Secretary

