TLC The Land Conservancy

Abkhazi Advisory Board

November 21, 2017

Business Arising From Minutes

The summary of the AAB meetings are now part of TLC website. Susan will send out a message to volunteers to let them know this.

New Business

a) The visit by the Georgian Ambassador was a great success. The ribbon cutting for the new Gate was followed by a full Garden tour led by Jane Anderson, and the evening reception hosted by the Embassy introduced some Georgian geography, history, food and wine. The Ambassador mentioned many times how impressed he was with the care given to the Garden by volunteers and by TLC, and stated his interest in maintaining ties, and making a 2018 visit as part of the recognition of 100 years of Georgian independence.
b) Garden record keeping was discussed, as much of the history of planting success and failure has not been saved. Jo Wyld, current Head Gardener, has been keeping a record for her tenure. Ideas as to retrieving past information were discussed.
c) Jo is offering some workshops for volunteers, starting with Mason Bee care, and wreaths in December. Susan and Jo will post information on these for volunteers. Public workshops may also be coordinated.
d) New signage related to opening hours and the history of the Garden will be coordinated. In the meantime, the old sign is temporarily in use on the main gate. The kiosk for Gate Greeter volunteers is still in development.
e) Since January 2017, volunteers have self recorded over 2,500 hours of service. Gate greeters recorded over 10,000 guests, from all corners of the globe. Both of these statistics are under-reported, but valid as minimum numbers.
f) Future volunteer appreciation will occur in the Spring, as will refresher training for new and returning Docents and Gate Greeters. Content ideas for occasional volunteer get-togethers is also in development.
g) The Teahouse has a wonderful special Festive High Tea on offer Nov. 24 – Jan 8. You can also order croissants, tourtiere, baking and or Christmas Cake for your own gatherings.
h) Discussion took place on ways to feature the involvement of celebrated architect John Wade, who designed the home for Peggy and Nicholas.

Next Meeting: 1pm, Tuesday, January 23, 2018

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