

CITRUS CHAPTER of FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes September 1, 2020
Virtual Meeting via You Tube and Facebook

Attendance: 16 via YouTube and 17 via Facebook
Current Membership:

Athena Phillips introduced herself and welcomed everyone. She encouraged viewers to say hi in the written comments section.

Athena opened the meeting by extending a special acknowledgement to Crystal Oaks for working with us during this time. She announced that their facility is open for membership and you do not need to live in Crystal Oaks. Amenities available include swimming pool, tennis court, dance floor and RV storage.

A slide with our mission statement was shown. Athena explained that we are non-profit and we are one of 33 chapters in Florida. We hold meetings with educational speakers, field trips, maintain demo gardens and more. If you are not a member, please consider joining.

A slide with upcoming activities was shown. These are available in the latest newsletter, our website and on Facebook. October is Native Plant Month. The Citrus County Board of County Commissioners will do a proclamation. A plant swap will be held for members. Now is the time to start collecting seeds, dividing plants and potting plants for swapping.

Please RSVP for our plant walks and monthly visits to nurseries.

We will be having elections in November. Voting will probably be done separately from the regular meeting. If you would like to self-nominate yourself, please let Athena or co-president Sue Wasserman know before the next meeting.

Donna S. provided a slide with 2 bouquets of "What's Blooming?" native plants. She collected blanket flower, tropical sage, yellowtop, spanish needles, dune sunflowers, giant ironweed, partridge pea, beautyberry, spotted beabalm and wild petunia.

Volunteers are needed. Please email if you can assist with the Plant of the Month or help with expanding our presence on Facebook, Youtube, or writing a blog or articles.

Athena then shared on the screen our website, CitrusFNPSChapters.org and email., CitrusNPS@gmail.com

Athena then explained that the meeting would be concluded early without our speaker, Jeffrey Rundell of Homosassa Wildlife State Park. She was unable to connect with him during our meeting and could not reach him by phone. Athena noted that his program is very good and she will try to book him for the future. (After the meeting, he called and said he was having technical difficulties with the stream yard).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Minutes submitted by Gwen Dunaway, CCNPS Secretary

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