

**CITRUS CHAPTER OF FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY**  
**Meeting Minutes Sept. 7, 2021**  
**Crystal Oaks Civic Association 7:00PM**

Attendance: 15 members, 3 guests  
Plant Donations: 58 plants  
Current Membership: 143 members

Athena Philips opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to our first in person meeting since Feb. 2020. This meeting is also being recorded for those at home and will be available on our YouTube channel.

Current membership is 143. Athena reminded everyone to renew their membership if they are due or overdue. This can be done online or here at the meeting.

Two new members were in attendance and each received a first pick plant from the plant table as a welcome gift.

Athena thanked Anson Nursery and our members for the plant donations. First time guests also received a complimentary ticket for the plant table.

The Bulletin Board display was pointed out as it contains information on the upcoming activities, volunteer sign ups and pictures of the new FNPS license plate. Athena informed everyone that the license plate needs a minimum number of presale commitments prior to them being made. Volunteer opportunities include the Home Show, Plant Sale, Demo garden work day, invasive plant removal and plant surveying. Sign up clipboards are on the table.

Athena reminded everyone to get on our email list, either by sending an email or calling and providing your email.

Gail Taylor brought in a beautiful bouquet of currently blooming native plants and a list of those plants.

Sue Wassermann, co-president and Plant Sale Director, presented information on the plant sale which starts today. Plants are sold on a pre-pay order form and are first come-first serve as some plants are limited in availability. Flyers were made available at the meeting and Sue encouraged everyone to spread the word and share the flyers. Order forms can be downloaded from our website. Plant pick up will be Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, 3-6pm at Nick Nicholas Ford in Inverness. Many volunteers are needed to make this happen so please sign up to help out, even if just for one shift.

Athena explained that board members are needed. Elections are in November for the upcoming year. Positions needed are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Membership, and Secretary. "It's not hard, just a commitment to something you value."

Barbara McCormick presented a brief version of her "Barbara's Bits." Her topic was preparing and protecting your plants for the cold weather.

Drawings were held for the plant donation table followed by a short break.

Athena introduced our guest speaker, Capt. Terry Thompson, from Save Crystal River, a local non-profit lead by communtiy members who are dedicated to the restoration of Kings Bay. He was joined by the groups' fundraising chairperson, Tina. They shared the process and success of this project.

Following the presentation, Barbara McCormick shared a new reference book she has found to be very helpful, The Complete Guide to Florida Wildflowers by Roger L. Hammer.

Drawings were held for the remaining plants and the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Gwen Dunaway, CCNPS Secretary

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