

CITRUS CHAPTER OF FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes October 5, 2021
Crystal Oaks Civic Association 7:00PM

Attendance: 17 members, 3 guests
Plant Donations: 9 plants
Current Membership: 135 members, 3 new ones

Barbara's Bits: Barbara McCormack presented "Plant Chat" with colorful posters of favorite trees, shrubs, and wildflowers found in our area.

Athena Philips opened the meeting and explained that the meeting is also being recorded for those at home and will be available on our YouTube channel.

Virginia Hall reported that we currently have 135 members including 3 new members.

Athena invited the new members present to pick a plant from the plant table as a welcome gift, they also received a New Members Packet. She extended a thank you to Anson's nursery and our members for plant donations.

First time guests were recognized and given a complimentary plant table ticket.

Athena announced that October is Native Plant Month. Activities to commemorate the month include field trips, our plant sale and booths at the home show and master gardeners' sale. The Board of County Commissioners will make a proclamation during their October 12th meeting. Members are welcome to attend and be part of the "photo op." There are sign up lists for all of these activities on the table.

Athena also reminded everyone that the chapter and area chapter events are on our website calendar (citrus.fnpschapters.org) and to be sure to get on our email list. To do this, either send us an email or call and you will be added to our mailings.

Athena reminded every one that we are in need of volunteers to run for officers in our election next month. The election is open to any member, terms are for one year and positions open are President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chapter Representative, and Membership Chair. Details about the positions are in the Bylaws which are posted on the website and we are here to answer any questions.

Tonight is the last night for orders for our plant sale. Plant pick up is on Friday Oct. 15th from 3-6pm. Volunteers are definitely needed so please sign up to help.

Drawings were held for the plant table donations then we had a short break.

Athena introduced our guest speaker, Lavon Silvernell. In celebration of Halloween, her presentation was titled, "Fairies, Trolls, and Dragons." She emphasized how to "Preserve the magical creatures that create diversity in our landscape." She discussed how many native creatures are dependent on each other. Her slideshow included many insects, flowers, birds, and other wildlife from her 5 acre homestead in Lake County and her work for 12 years as a Naturalist at Trout Lake Nature Center.

NOTE: \$30 was donated for the plant table and \$52 was made in sales of T-Shirts, buttons, brochures and small donations.

Minutes submitted by Gwen Dunaway, CCNPS Secretary

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