

CITRUS CHAPTER OF FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
Meeting Minutes November 2, 2021
Crystal Oaks Civic Association 7:00PM

Attendance: 22 members, 0 guests, 7 online viewers
Plant Donations: 30 plants
Current Membership: ____ members, 1 new one

Barbara's Bits: Barbara McCormack presented "soil" with a lot of information and samples that were passed around.

Following a short break, Susan Wassermann opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to our chapter's hybrid in-person/online meeting. Sue explained that this is that last Member Meeting for Sue and Athena Phillips as Co-Presidents. Sue thanked the volunteers that helped them and their fellow Board members.

Virginia Hall reported that we have 137 members.

One new member was in attendance. She was recognized and welcomed and received a plant from the plant table.

Sue thanked our Business Member, Anson's Nursery, for plant donations. She also thanked members for the many plants they donated.

We did not have a "What's Blooming" display but Sue listed many plants, primarily yellows and purples, that are currently blooming.

Sue brought attention to the sign-up sheets on the table, two field trips, a booth at the Home Show, and November 14, 9AM Lecanto Demo Garden clean-up. Details on all of these are in the recent email. Our December meeting will be a Christmas Potluck on Dec. 7th.

Sue announced that a woman in The Dunklin St./Citrus Avenue area has a large cluster of mature garberia free to dig and transplant. You can find her on the Citrus Plant Growers & Garden Facebook group or ask Athena for her information. Sue also added that garberia can be finicky to transplant.

Sue reported that the plant sale was a success. This was the first we've had in the fall. Sue thanked everyone for their orders and volunteering. Approximately 200 plants were sold for a profit of about \$1000.

Elections were held for those offices with candidates. Sue explained that our bylaws state that we hold an election during our Annual Meeting in November and the election is determined by a majority of those present. Terms run from January 1st to December 31st. Positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Chapter Representative and Membership Chair. Only members in good standing, meaning their membership is current and dues have been paid, "Under Robert's Rules of Order, if there is no need for a formal vote. The matter is decided by 'acclamation' or unanimous consent."

There were no nominations from the floor for any positions. Sue, as Chair, nominated the

following to serve in 2022:

Donna Carrigan for Vice President
Steve Farnsworth for Treasurer
Kay Wolf for Membership
Jeffery Bippert for Chapter Representative

The positions of President and Secretary are vacant and per the Bylaws, may be filled later by a vote of the board.

Nominations were closed and with no further objections, the Chair recognized unopposed nominees as elected by Acclamation.

Congratulations to the new officers and the existing officers were thanked for their service.

Drawings were held for the plant donation table. We received \$40 in donations for the table.

Sue introduced our guest speaker, John Charles Miller, and his topic for the evening, Florida Geology's Influence of the Distribution of Florida Native Plants. Mr. Miller is a groundwater geologist and writer of speculative fiction, historical fiction, murder mysteries, and collections of poetry and short stories. He has published 10 books and worked as a groundwater geologist for almost 40 years in the US and Latin America. He was one of the earliest Peace Corps volunteers, serving under President Kennedy in the Dominican Republic and is fluent in Spanish.

Mr. Miller shared an overview of Florida's geology and introduced us to the "Deep Time" of geology. He explained how Florida's rock composition and groundwater control plant occurrence, glaciation and sea level have influenced Florida's geology and soil and how Florida's geology and terrestrial plant communities are intertwined.

Minutes submitted by Gwen Dunaway, CCNPS Secretary

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