

## **FCGC Monthly Meeting Minutes 11/10/2017**

Meeting called to order at 12:00 noon by President Donna Thomas. Sixteen members and two guests, including Guest Speaker Steve Davis were in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance was said and Steve started the program with a talk on controlling landscape pests, using least harmful methods.

Happy birthday was sung to the members who had birthdays this month. Donna thanked our hostess, Diane Freund, and our greeter, Sandy Van Tassel.

Recording Secretary Kathy Lingusky asked if there were any changes to the minutes for the monthly meeting from October 2017. There were no changes, and minutes were accepted and will be filed as is.

Beth Jensen gave the Treasurer's report.

Corresponding secretary, Sandy Van Tassel read the correspondence received by the Club during the past month.

Donna officially introduced Mary Graff as our new Second Vice President

Mary Graff, Annual Plant Sale Chairman asked that anyone supplying homegrowns for the plant sale add the name of plant as well as whether or not it's a sun or shade plant by way of a stake of some kind; also asked that people providing homegrowns for the sale, keep them at their home until the sale since she is very short on space. Discussion was also presented concerning the use of space at the greenhouse at the Florida Artists' Gallery.

Donna presented the new business card with logo to the membership. Sandy Van Tassel made a motion to accept the artwork; Kathy Lingusky seconded the motion. A discussion followed. Vote brought up: 11 yes, 3 no. Motion carries.

Kathy Lingusky read information on the plants of the month: russellia equistiformis (firecracker plant) and swamp mallow. Raffle of the plants followed.

Donna made the following announcements:

1. The next Board Meeting will be Monday, December 4 at 10:30 am
2. The next business meeting will be Friday, December 8. Bring your own place setting and cup/glass, as well as food to share for the pot luck.

3. Decorating the Town will be held Tuesday, November 28 at 9:00 am. Meet at the Community Center.

4. Roadside Cleanup will be Wednesday, November 29 at 9:00 am. Meet at the Duval Island Boat Ramp Parking Lot.

5. The Florida Federation of Garden Clubs is in the process of planning and collecting for South Florida garden clubs that were affected by the hurricanes. More information forthcoming, and will be shared when available.

6. Citrus County Board of Commissioners meeting has been changed to November 28. Time to be announced at a later time. The club is asking for silent support for the proposition concerning the planting of trees on Orange Avenue.

7. The Club received an email from the elementary school concerning a science symposium to be held on December 5, from 5-7 pm. It was decided that The Club could possibly participate by having students make seed balls with materials already on hand. More information to follow on this matter. (It was later decided that manpower will be a problem, and The Club would not participate.)

8. Hostess for the next meeting will be Amber Persyn and Jo-Anne Sherburne

9. Greeters for the next meeting will be Mary Graff and Barbara Inmon.

Other matters: Susie stated that we are going to apply for a Community Service award for the Adopt-a-Highway Program; also the Eloise Sniffen Conservation Award for the Butterfly Garden; in addition, Park/City Planting for upgrading the Memorial Garden.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm

The Flex time project followed, which was a demonstration of making a dry arrangement by Donna Thomas, and then making dried arrangements using materials supplied by Susie.

Submitted by Kathy Lingusky, Recording Secretary.