

FCGC Monthly Meeting Minutes 1/12/2018

Meeting called to order at 12:02 by President Donna Thomas. Eighteen members and at least thirteen guests were in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all members.

Susie introduced Gail Taylor, President of Citrus Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, who gave some information concerning the Society. Susie then introduced Marcie Clutter, speaker. Marcie moved to Citrus County, Florida in 1988 where she taught school for 21 years, and had an Environmental Club for 18 years. She has been an active member of Hernando and Citrus Native Plant Societies, the Chassahowitzka Black Bear Working Group, Big Bend Black Bear Working Group, Tampa Bay Sierra Club, Hernando Audubon Society, and the Florida Trail Association. Marcie enjoys native plant identification, leading wild edibles hikes, backpacking, kayaking and organic gardening. She spoke about the importance and advantages of using native plantings in landscapes, as well as finding the right plantings for the right microclimate.

After a short break, business meeting was continued. We sang Happy Birthday to members with birthdays in January.

Donna thanked Alice Webb and Ingrid Velez for hosting today, and Shiela Finch for greeting.

Donna thanked Susie for the hard work she put in preparing award applications for our Club for the Memorial Garden, Butterfly Garden and Adopt-a-Highway program. In addition, we received from FFGC an invitation to prepare an application for a Deep South award, and we chose the Historic Trails award. It has been filed. A huge thank you to Susie for the hard work she put in on these projects.

Secretary Kathy Lingusky asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes from December; none were made. Minutes were accepted and will be filed as is.

Kathy also made an announcement concerning parking at the greenhouse at the Florida Artists' Gallery.

Treasurer Beth Jensen read the January bank balances.

Corresponding Secretary Sandy VanTassel stated that there has been no correspondence this month.

Mary Graff, Plant Sale Chairman, announced that several Potting Parties will be scheduled for the next few months in anticipation of the Plant Sale. She also encouraged members to be starting their "homegrowns", in spite of the cold weather.

Donna showed and distributed the new business cards to members. She also advised that there are a few fliers available for the plant sale; more will be available after Donna re-stocks her printer ink.

Donna stated that January is "Birthday Month" and traditionally, we "pass the hat" for Pennies for Pines" at the January meeting. The "hat" was subsequently passed around the tables.

It was previously decided that the year-end banquet will be May 4th; with that in mind, a choice was offered to the membership: a choice between a tea party menu or a traditional full-meal menu. A show of hands decided on the traditional menu. An exact menu will be decided on by the Board at a later point.

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It was also announced that a field trip will be held on Saturday, January 20, going to Green Isle Nursery in Groveland, FL. We will meet at the Library at 10:00 am that day with more details to follow.

Kathy Lingusky gave a short talk about the ti plant or cordyline. A drawing was then held for the plant of the month.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Our next meeting is February 9th
- The program will be a floral design workshop (Fun With Flowers) presented by Donna. She needs RSVP's from all members who plan to attend so that supplies can be purchased.
- There will be no flex time activity in February.
- The next Board meeting is Monday, February 5th at 10:30 am at the President's home. Please advise Donna if you plan to attend.
- We will be organizing and storing the bows on Tuesday, January 16th at 10:00 am at the Community Center. Please advise Sandy if you are able to be there.
- Roadside Cleanup - Wednesday, February 28 at 9:00 am at Duval Island Boat Ramp parking lot. Please advise Susie if able to attend.

Donna asked if there were any other business or announcements. Member Jo-Anne Sherburne announced a pastel art show at the Citrus County Courthouse Museum, containing several of her pieces. Donna Blevins passed around a post card for her book "MindShift on Demand". Ingrid Velez stated that the FFGC annual convention will be April 26-27 in St Augustine, Florida, in case any members were interested in attending.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 pm

Flex time activity followed.

Submitted by Kathy Lingusky, Recording Secretary