

**MINUTES**  
**FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY—THE VILLAGES CHAPTER**  
**Friday, June 24, 2016**  
**Big Cypress Recreation Center, Periwinkle Room**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Steve Turnipseed at 1:30.

Present: members and guests.

Old Business:

- Membership. FNPS membership is tax deductible and runs 12 months from the date you sign up. Forms and annual dues are accepted at the meeting or you can join on-line at [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org) If you have not joined, please consider doing so. Those who joined in 2015 will receive renewal notices the month before they are due. There are over 3,000 memberships in the state organization.

New Business:

- National Pollinator Week is from June 20 to 26. We celebrate the bees, bats, butterflies, moths, beetles, wasps and flies. There are 300 bee species native to Florida, and they visit nectar and pollen sources. The majority are solitary bees. 2/3 are ground dwelling; they need undisturbed soil and no insecticide. Some are cavity egg layers and need these to lay eggs; an example is a bee box. Butterfly host plants are native milkweeds (incanata-pink and perinnis-white), passionflower or maypop, corkystem passionvine, twinflower, frogfruit and clump grasses.
- FNPS Friday Evening Social July 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This will be a chance to talk with fellow members. We will be getting together for light refreshments, mixer games, and conversation. Tickets will be given out at the door for a chance drawing to win a native plant every 15 minutes. The first 75 people to arrive will receive a pack of native wildflower seeds. Guests are welcome.
- July 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Presentation. If you are considering a palm, you might want to think about the Florida State tree, the Sabal Palm. Lisa Dougherty with Boggy Creek Tree Farm will discuss this palm and how it is collected and grown for landscapes.
- August 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting. This will be a panel discussion with questions and answers on various topics with knowledgeable members.
- September 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Native Plant Garden Tour 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. More than a half dozen of our members will be opening their landscapes for viewing by FNPS members.

Speaker:

Amanda Martin with [ajm-environmental.com](http://ajm-environmental.com) presented “Landscape Design with Native Plants”. She reported that if you want to remove turfgrass and add native plants to your landscape, then you should have a plan. First, get accurate property lines, then get accurate dimensions of existing structures (like the house, pool, etc.) on the property. The above and existing trees, shrubs and fences should be placed on a layout, and add any pathways as desired indicating the material for these walkways.

Next create a concept plan; start with trees that will be used for shade, flowering or fruiting and/or nesting, protection, or food source for animals. Next add shrubs, considering their soil, water and light needs and their size, bloom, color and texture. Then add wildflowers considering their soil, water and light needs and their color, size, growth rate, and bloom. Develop a key and short description for the

contractor for bidding and ARC review. The position of the home is also useful, as our sun shifts from summer to winter.

Donations: Donated one gallon native plants (six of them) from Green Isles Nursery and members were awarded to members and friends.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Next meeting: The next meeting will be July 22 at the big Cypress Recreation Center.

Jeanie Powell, Secretary