MINUTES
FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY—THE VILLAGES CHAPTER
Friday, January 20, 2015
Big Cypress Recreation Center, Periwinkle Room

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Steve Turnipseed at 1:30.
Present: over 144 guests.

Speakers:

* Karina Veaudry—FNPS Executive Director and principle of FNPS reported that there are 44 states in the U.S. with Native Plant Societies; Florida is the 3rd largest, and started in 1981. The Villages Chapter will be the 39th Chapter in Florida. To become a member, there are dues which can be designated to any chapter or to the state. More information can be found at [www.fnps.org](http://www.fnps.org). She discussed the unique Florida ecosystem. She also started to discuss landscaping with natives, but did not finish due to time restraints.
* Taryn Evans, president for the Marion County chapter was introduced; her members meet in Belleview. Her business is creativegardenstructures.com, and her phone number is 321-388-4781.

New Business:

* The plant of the month, Stoke’s Aster, was presented.
* Steve asked for volunteers for the various officers. The following volunteered:
President:  Stephen Turnipseed  gonebirdwatching@gmail.com  (352) 610-6308
Vice President - Programs:  Kathy Porter  kathymporter@Comcast.net  (352) 259-8196
Vice President - Field Trips:  Georgette Gerry  gkgerry@yahoo.com  (714) 661-7868
Secretary:  Jeanie Powell  jeaniepowellfl@gmail.com  (352) 259-4220
Treasurer:  Mary Jeanne Walsh  walshmj521@gmail.com  (239) 691-3911
Chapter Rep:  Susan Turnipseed  spturnip@yahoo.com  (352) 630-9510
* A raffle of native plants was done.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:20.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Feb. 27, at 1:30 at the Big Cypress Recreation Center.

Jeanie Powell, Secretary