

**Minutes of the Florida Native Plant Society
Annual Meeting
April 22, 2007**

Approximately 100 people present.

Motion, which passed to accept the 2006 Annual Meeting Minutes.

Motion, which passed to accept the proposed bylaw changes.

5.04 Elections: All officers shall be elected by a plurality vote of members at the annual FNPS meeting. Those elected shall serve for two-year terms. They shall take office as soon as possible, and shall serve until duly replaced.

The President and Vice Presidents shall be limited to one two-year term, and the Secretary and Treasurer shall be limited to two consecutive two-year terms. Retiring officers are immediately eligible to be nominated for a different office. Retired officers are eligible for appointment to an un-expired term or nomination to the same office after one year.

In even calendar years, the President, Vice President of Finance, Secretary and three At Large Directors shall be elected to a two-year term.

In odd calendar years, the Vice President of Administration, Treasurer, and three At Large Directors shall be elected to a two-year term.

Nomination Committee consisted of Bob Egolf Past President, Kim Zarillo, Ray Miller, and Nia Welendorf. The slate as presented:

- VP of Administration – Ann Redmond, Magnolia Chapter
- Treasurer – Sue Thompson, Eugenia Chapter
- Director at large – Sue Dingwell, Palm Beach Chapter
- Director at Large – Ray Jarrett, Paw Paw Chapter
- Director at Large – Anne Birch, Conradina Chapter

Motion by Joan Bausch, which passed to accept the slate of nominations as presented.

Karen Fraley advised everyone to watch for Action Alerts during the legislative session.

Motion to Adjourn at 10:40 am

Conservation Grants

1) A Strap Fern Reintroduction: This 2-phase project will reintroduce two species of endangered strap fern – the narrow strap fern (*C. angustifolium*) and tailed strap fern (*C. costatum*) - to Timms Hammock in Miami-Dade County. Neither species has been observed there since the 30s, and both are now known from only a couple of sites. This project is especially exciting because it represents a partnership between Marie Selby Botanical Gardens and the Institute for Regional Conservation. Spores collected from Fakahatchee Strand will be cultured at Marie Selby to produce a genetically diverse collection of new sporophyte plants. The second phase of the project will reintroduce sporophyte plants to Timms Hammock.

2) Restoring Hooded Pitcherplant Habitat Within the Wekiva River Basin State Parks: The hooded pitcherplant (*Sarracenia minor*) is the only pitcher plant species native to central Florida. This project was proposed by Melanie Brodhead and will also receive \$2,000 in financial support from the State of Florida. Several different approaches for restoring vitality to existing pitcher plant sites in the Lower Wekiva River State Preserve and Rock Springs Run State Reserve will be investigated.

3) Propagation of Florida Mayten: This proposal was submitted by the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation's Native Plant Nursery. The project seeks to identify methods for effectively propagating the Florida Mayten (*Maytenus phyllanthoides*). This threatened species, which is native to a restricted range within Florida's mangrove community, would then be included in restoration and mitigation projects, and ultimately be made available for use in home landscapes. Initial plants produced by the project will be used at the Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge and on other conservation lands within the area. Native seed collected on Sanibel Island will be used.

Endowment Research Awards

1) Alan Franck, University of South Florida

"Conservation genetics of three endangered Florida endemic *Harrisia cacti*"

2) Dr. John Pascarella, Valdosta State University, with Dr. Joyce Maschinski, Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden

"Population structure and dynamics of restored and natural populations of the federally endangered Florida endemic *Jacquemontia reclinata* (Convolvulaceae)"

3) Jennifer Schafer, University of Florida

"Effects of time since fire on nutrient limitation of plant productivity in Florida scrub ecosystems: Does disturbance shift nitrogen vs. phosphorus limitation?"

FNPS Awards

Green Palmetto Award
Martha Stewart

Green Palmetto Award
Charles Holmes
Peggy Gretchen
Joann Trebatoski

Green Palmetto
Chapter Award
Hernando Chapter
Dade Chapter

Mentor Award
Mike Kenton

Silver Palmetto Award
Paul Rebmann

Landscape Awards

Commercial
1st Place
Ugarte & Associates, Inc.
Allen Garner & Assoc. – Designer, Charlie & Patsy Ugarte – Owner
Tom Heitzman, Sweetbay Nursery – Contractor

Homeowner Design
1st Place
Eugene & Catherine Stoccardo
331 Roswell Avenue, Orlando, FL
Eugene Stoccardo, Catherine Stoccardo – Designer, Owner & Contractor

Homeowner Design
2nd Place
Marilyn Smullen
11010 Island Pine Drive, Port Richey, FL
Marilyn Smullen – Designer, Owner

Homeowner Design
3rd Place
Sharon Holding
7337 Carlton Arms Drive, Apt. B, New Port Richey, FL
Sharon Holding – Designer, Owner

Professional Residential Design

1st Place

Ticknor Project

Santa Rosa Beach, Walton County

David A. Ilfrey, Jr., NativeDave.com – Designer

Angie & Steve Ticknor - Owner

Wildflower & Butterfly Garden

1st Place

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary

Butterfly / Pollinator Garden

The Friends of The Enchanted Forest – Designer

Keep Brevard Beautiful / The Friends of The Enchanted Forest – Contractor

The Enchanted Forest Sanctuary – Owner

“Deadheaders” Garden Volunteers – Maintenance

Ecosystem Restoration

1st Place

Coe Visitor Center, Everglades National Park

Dade Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society – Designer, Contractor & Maintenance

Everglades National Park - Owner

Ecosystem Restoration

2nd Place

Felts Audubon Preserve Restoration

Manatee County Audubon Society

And

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – Designer, Contractor & Maintenance

Manatee County Audubon Society - Owner

Ecosystem Restoration

3rd Place

Restoration and Landscape Design for Polk County

Environmental Lands Program – Circle B-Bar Reserve

Laura Namm NeSmith, Water & Air Research, Inc. – Designer

Water & Air Research – Contractor

Polk County Board of County Commissioners – Owner

Polk County Environmental Lands Program - Maintenance