

Minutes

TNPS Board Meeting

September 13, 2022

Zoom Meeting

Present

Karen Ripple Hill, President

Allan Trently, Vice President

Bettina Ault, Secretary

Kim Sadler, Treasurer

Louise Gregory (East)

Larry Pounds (East)

Dennis Horn (Middle)

Sue Bible (Middle)

Bart Jones (West; Membership Chair)

Shelley King (Education Outreach – East TN)

Mitchell Kent (Education Outreach – Middle TN)

Donna Bollenbach (newsletter editor)

Absent

Suzy Askew (West)

Johanna Brichetto (Communications)

Jennifer Trently (Communications)

Guest

Harland Alpaugh

Update on our members

Alice Jensen having has been having health issues and is now in a memory care facility in Indianapolis so she can be near family. John Crenshaw and a team from Middle Tennessee Orchid Society have rescued her orchids. Alice's new address is 12950 Talblich St., Apt. 138A, Fishers, IN 46037.

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Minutes from the TNPS board meeting on 5/24/2022 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kim Sadler

Our gross income 5/13/22-9/13/22 is \$4016.17. Total expenses are \$3269.47. Net income for this period is \$746.70.

We received 3 life memberships during this period. We received a large number of donations in memory of Susan Sweetser.

Our book sales are going well: During the spring months our Wildflowers of Tennessee field guide was Lone Pine's #2 best seller (behind *Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast*).

Education Outreach

East TN: Shelley King talked about Collier Preserve, a new park on Emory Road in North Knoxville which was a gift of Dr. Bob Collier. There is a committee on this 12-acre preserve to plant natives.

Middle TN: no report

Chattanooga area: Mitchell Kent will have a table at the Master Gardeners Fall Festival in Chattanooga at the Hamilton County Agricultural Center.

West TN: no report

Newsletter

Donna Bollenbach (from Chattanooga) is now in charge of the newsletter; the September issue looked very good and recently went to press. We need an updated membership list.

Native Plant Seminars

On July 19, 2022, Paula Gross gave a talk on *Best Tree for Your Garden*. On August 9 Ann Willyard, in a talk entitled *Scientific Names*, discussed her book, *Learn to Love Those Latin Names.: A straightforward guide to botanical nomenclature*. Our next seminar will be on September 21, when Steve Murphree will speak on *Insect Pollinators*. On October 18 Larry Pounds will speak on *Fall Wildflowers*. Our final seminar of the year will be Margie Hunter, *Beyond Aesthetics: Garden As If Life Depends on It*.

Field Trips

On July 16, 2022 Allen Sweetser and Larry Pounds led a field trip from Indian Gap to Newfound Gap in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. On September 3, 2022 we had two field trips: Allen Trently led a trip to Walker Branch State Natural Area, near Savannah TN, and Larry Pounds led a joint outing with Tennessee Citizens for Wilderness Planning to the Van Buren County powerline. Larry led another trip to Oak Ridge Cedar Barrens and Worthington Cemetery TVA Ecological Study Area on September 10. On September 17 Bart Jones will lead a trip to do some roadside botanizing in North Decatur County.

2023 Annual Meeting

We plan to have next year's annual meeting at Cedars of Lebanon State Park, in conjunction with the Elsie Quarterman Cedar Glade Festival. We discussed logistics; there are camping facilities and some cabins at Cedars of Lebanon, but there may not be enough space because of the Quarterman Festival. There are several motels approximately 15 minutes away at Exit 138 off I-40; we will explore getting a group discount. We tentatively plan to hold our 2024 annual meeting at Roan Mountain.

Doug Tallamy Effect

We have been getting many questions about gardening with native plants. A recurring theme is conflict with HOAs and town ordinances about “natural” lawns; this is a difficult issue, and the only solution seems to be better education of the public. Sue Bible mentioned that Florida Native Plant Society has a PowerPoint presentation about how to approach an HOA.

We discussed developing an application for formal grant program for funding native plant gardens to schools and non-profits. Kim Sadler brought up the point that any application needs to have a plan for caring for the gardens/plantings over the summer.

There has been a petition from a Virginia group calling on Home Depot to stop selling nonnative invasive plants; the board voted to support this petition.

Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 24th at 6:00 PM CST, 7:00 PM EST

Bettina Ault