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**Next Meeting: Sunday, December 17, at 2:00 p. m. – The Home of Laura Lee,
1145 Lawrence St., Houston, TX 77008 – Phone: (832) 618-1145**

A message from our President:

Hi Everyone!

I would like to first apologize for the misunderstanding on the number of plants the membership was to receive at last month's meeting. When Martha and I discussed this I said we should order 1 per member. We have 66 members and we generally have about 25 to 30 members that attend our meetings regularly. This would have given those attending about 2 plants each. I'm sorry for the confusion and did not mean to misrepresent this in the last newsletter. I'm not sure where the break down in communication occurred. That being said, for those that want to start growing these types of ferns, let me know of your interest I will help you get some of these great little ferns.

I would like to thank Tom Keepin, Cheryl Lernert and Donna McGraw for a great hands-on event. It's always great to have our members tell us what has worked well for them. It does take some of the guess work out of the project. I did not see a list of the ferns that was given out so I'm not able to discuss these as your plant of the month, but I'm sure all will be listed in Barbara Joe Hoshizaki's book *A Fern Grower's Manual*, revised. If you do not have your own copy, (which you really should get one, if you don't) the library has a couple that had been generously donated by Barbara when she came and spoke with our Society.

The time has come for another social event: our annual Winter Holiday Party. It will be held at the home of Laura Lee. Information on the party and directions to her home can be found later in this *Newsletter*. For those not able to make the last meeting, but would like to contribute to the food list and be at the party, just give me a call at 281-733-5564 or reach me at my new email address: darla@fernplantation.com. My old email is still valid, I just get a lot of junk email there and this one is business. As mentioned in the November *Newsletter* we will be having a gift exchange at the party for those that would like to participate. Remember to bring a fern, plant, or plant related item. This has always been fun. If you're a two or more member household you need to each bring a gift for each to receive one.

I would like to thank everyone for your vote of confidence in re-electing me as President for another year. And I would like to thank all our members that worked so hard for the Society last year.

I would like to announce a couple of chair changes for 2007. Lulu did a great job on hospitality for the last couple of years, even when she had surgery and a long recovery. Now we are passing this job over to Jessica Sheldon. Jessica will be passing around a sign up sheet for next year refreshments. If you could be a last minute stand in, please let her know this also. Cecil Strange has served us well doing double duties as Membership chair and Board Member at Large for the last two years. He will be continuing as a member of the board, but we are now turning membership chair over to Mary McConnell. We should all thank Larry Rucker for agreeing to be our next Vice President. Please let him know what you would like to have as program events for next year. All the other positions rolled over. You're all the best - each and every one of you, and that is what makes our Society so much fun!

I'm looking forward to seeing and talking with each of you at the party!

Darla



2006 Officers and Committees:

- President: Darla Harris
- Vice President: Martha Burg
- Secretary: Patsy Geiger
- Treasurer: Al and Susan Peacock
- Board Members at Large: Ted Richardson, Cecil Strange, Jr. and Larry Rucker
- Membership Chair: Cecil Strange, Jr.
- Newsletter: Paul Geiger
- Library: Patrick Hudnall
- Raffles: Jean Keiser
- Hospitality: Lulu Mae Leonard
- Welcoming at Door: Emma Lee Payne



New Member

Please give a warm welcome to our latest new member:
Debbie Bautch
13123 Barryknoll Lane
Houston, TX 77079
(713) 467-5007, dsbautch@sbcglobal.net.



Minutes of Meetings – November 19, 2006

A regular monthly meeting of the TEXAS GULF COAST FERN SOCIETY was held at 2:00 pm November 19, 2006 at

the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park, 1500 Hermann Dr., Houston TX. President Darla Harris presided.

The meeting opened with old business: a revisit of the October meeting discussion of a recommendation to change Article VI, Section 2 of the By-laws whereby members would be allowed to serve a specific term of up to 4 years in an office in lieu of the present limit of 2. Ken Altuater proposed a motion to accept and it was approved by acclamation. The By-laws will be changed accordingly.

Susan Peacock presented a slate of officers that included one change from 2006 – Larry Rucker for Vice President. Mary McConnell moved and Ken Altuater seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Darla announced that the annual winter social will be hosted by Laura Lee on Sunday, December 17, 2006. Details to follow.

A very informative and entertaining hands-on activity of creating terrariums – miniature and larger - was presented and led by Cheryl Lenert, Tom Keepin and Donna McGraw.

Refreshments were provided by Sara Chumley and Sharon Banister.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Submitted by: Patsy Geiger, Secretary



Special Event/Field Trip!!!

Barbara Hoshizaki, renowned authoress and TGCFs affiliate has advised the following event for our consideration. Planning is in the early stages and we will receive follow-up information as the planning committee meets again. Darla advises if we can get enough people to go, we can negotiate for group flights. Let Darla know if you are interested.

Event: Asian Fern Symposium and Garden Show in the Philippines, Oct. 29 to Nov. 3, 2007

Sponsor: Philippine Horticultural Society

Lectures, fern propagation techniques, garden show, posters plus field trips showcasing endemics and economic ferns of the Philippines.

Where: Central Mindanao University, University Town Musuan, Philippines.

Field Trips: Kitanglad Range Natural Park in north central Mindanao.

Schedule of Events:

29 October 2007, Registration and other events

30 October 2007, Symposium and Garden Show

31 October 2007, Symposium and Garden Show

1 November 2007, Field trip

2 November 2007, Field trip

3 November 2007, Field trip



Our Next Party

It's Official - the 2006 Holiday Party at Laura Lee's Place in the Heights on December 17, 2006

Arrival time: 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Where: 1145 Lawrence Street, Houston, TX 77008

Phone numbers:

Cell 832 428 2424

Land Line 832 618 1145

Laura advises the following directions:

Take I-10 to the Shepherd/Durham exit (#765B). Take Shepherd North (it's a one way street, so as long as you're on Shepherd from I-10, you're doing great) about a mile down to the first light at 11th Street. Make Right at 11th Street, go 3 blocks to Lawrence Street. Make Left onto Lawrence Street, go one block. We're the last house on the left hand side - corner of 12th and Lawrence.

Park in front of my house (not across the street in front of Jerry Ebersol's white mansion, you'll get towed - he's on the other corner) or in the parking lot at Love Park and there's also on-street parking off of 12th Street.

Please come in through the back gate by the two red doors on 12th Street. BYO booze and lawn chair.

Remember a wrapped ferny gift around \$10.00 to \$15.00 for the gift exchange.

Call me if you need me,

Laura Lee

Front Walk-up:

