



October 2007

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Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, October 21, at 2:00 p. m. – Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston, TX 77044 – Phone: (713) 529-3960

A message from our President:

Hi Everyone,

I'm writing this on the first really cool morning of Fall. It feels so very nice out it makes you want to play out in the yard. My playing the last month has been watering trying to make up for the total lack of rain here at my house. This has been a very odd year for us in and around the Houston area. The spring rains drowned our garden and now the ground is trying to crack. Soon it will be time to start taking the tender plants in for winter. Ahhh, Houston!

The Butterfly museum trip was a lot of fun. For those that were not able to go, maybe next time. This was the *Society's* second trip there over the last several years and it has changed a lot since the first time. The ferns that some of the *Society* members had taken and planted there were doing very well. Now that we know they will survive we might want to consider donating some of our extra special ferns for the general public to enjoy along with the butterflies. If you think this might be something we should do let me know and we can check with Eddie Holik and proceed from there. Eddie was a very gracious host and is always very informative.

It is that time of year again! At our upcoming meeting I will announce my appointment of one person to Chair our Nominating Committee and then the membership will need to vote in two additional committee members to work on a proposed slate of officers for the upcoming 2008 year. Think about what position you would like to volunteer for and let the committee know; we always need people to help out and participate in the *Society*. In November the committee will let us know who they are nominating for what positions and then the members will vote on them. As a reminder the positions to be elected are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Members at Large. All other positions are appointed by the President.

I would like to thank everyone for all the wonderful plants that have been brought in for our raffle and the membership plant. We have had a very nice variety of ferns and other plants and related items.

I would also like to tell our members that have not been able to come to some of the meetings this year, you have been missed, and we hope to see you soon!!!

I hope to see each of you at Sunday's meeting. Malcolm will share his knowledge and expertise of Bromeliads. Don't miss it!! Darla



Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society

Statement of Income & Expenses:

January 01, 2007 to September 30, 2007

INCOME:

Membership Dues:.....	\$635.00
Sale of Plants:.....	\$3,252.75
Raffle Income:.....	\$224.75
Sale of Books:.....	\$00.00
Interest Income:.....	\$23.20
Outstanding Checks:.....	\$0.00
Total:.....	\$4,135.70

EXPENSES:

Program Expenses -- Materials:.....	\$163.36
Program Expenses -- Lecturer:.....	\$0.00
Member Education:.....	\$0.00
Field Trip Expense:.....	\$0.00
Newsletter:.....	\$433.80
Cost of Plants Sold:.....	\$800.00
Facility Charges:.....	\$32.08
Total:.....	\$1,429.24

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Deposits:.....	\$3,773.50
Checks Written:.....	\$629.24
Bank Charges:.....	\$0.00
Interest Income:.....	\$23.20

Cash Balance, September 30, 2007:.....\$8,012.59

NET INCOME

Cash Balance, September 30, 2007:.....	\$8,012.59
Cash Balance, January 01, 2007:.....	\$4,845.13
2007 Net Income:.....	\$3,167.46



Officers and Committees:

President:	Darla Harris
Vice President:	Open
Secretary:	Patsy Geiger
Treasurer:	Susan Peacock
Board Members at Large:	Ted Richardson & Cecil Strange, Jr.
Membership Chair:	Mary McConnell
Newsletter:	Paul Geiger
Library:	Patrick Hudnall
Raffles:	Jean Keiser
Hospitality:	Jessica Sheldon
Welcoming at Door:	Emma Lee Payne



DUES

TGCFS Dues amounts are as follows:

Individual: \$10.00

Family: \$15.00

Student: \$5.00

Our Treasurer will be available to collect them at the next meeting or you may mail your payment to:

Mary McConnell
6218 Wister Lane
Houston, TX 77008

Please make your checks payable to Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society or simply TGCFS.

Members: - Spread the word – encourage someone you know to visit us - we always have room for more!



October Meeting

This Sunday, our own Malcolm McCorquodale will give a talk about Fern Companion plants: **Bromeliads**. Mr. McCorquodale is a board member of Houston Bromeliad Society, The Houston Orchid Society, Astros (Houston) Branch of the American Begonia Society and the Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society



Meeting Refreshments

Refreshments for the September meeting were generously supplied by:

Malcolm McCorquodale
Mary McConnell
Sara Chumley
Janice Fleming
Jennifer Gasper
Jessica Sheldon

Jessica Sheldon, our Hospitality Chairperson wants to remind everyone that we now have several categories of refreshments each month to encourage more participation from our members. The categories are: **Drinks** (sodas, ice tea, water, etc.); **Snacks** (chips, dips, crackers, cookies); **Fruit or Veggie Tray** (seasonal foods); **Desserts** (bought or yum, homemade); **Service Ware** (plates, cups, plastic ware, napkins). And for those who would like to express their culinary talents, think outside the usual and surprise us with your own creation!



Library

We encourage you to take advantage of the great resource of information available in our library. At each meeting there are take-home sheets that contain a brief review of available books. Also at each meeting is a wide variety of books and videos available for immediate checkout.

Don't forget to visit our web site (see link in header, page 1) and click on **Library** to see the current list of books available. There you will see some pictures of the books we have and links to reviews at Amazon.com and elsewhere.



The photos below were taken from the Bromeliad Society International web site: <http://bsi.org>:



Mezobromelia bicolor
Photo by Wally Berg



Aechmea warasii
Photo by Ken Marks

