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**Please Note Change of Venue for Party**

**Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, December 16, at 2:00 p. m. – The Home of Laura Lee, 1145 Lawrence St., Houston, TX 77008 – Cell Phone: (832) 428-2424, Spa Phone: (832) 618-1145**

**A message from our President:**

Hi Everyone,

I want to thank Martha for her presentation at our November meeting. I think we can all tell that she and Lulu had a very good time in Scotland while participating in the Begonia Society's field trip. (As I said in last month's *Newsletter*: Now that's a field trip!) It is always interesting to see the product of a member's experience. I'd like to encourage any and all of our members to put together a presentation of a trip they've made to a botanical site or, better yet, a presentation of experiences with their own gardens the good, the pretty, the bad and the ugly – you know we've all had the total experiences.

We had our elections for next year's officers and I'm very pleased with the outcome. I want to thank Frank Lee and his committee of Mary McConnell and Jessica Sheldon for all their hard work and giving generously of their time.

The time has come for another social event: our annual Winter Holiday Party. Due to illness in her family, Mary is not able to host our party as previously announced so **take note that our party 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 email address: [darla@fernplantation.com](mailto:darla@fernplantation.com). Better yet, call Jessica Sheldon, our official Hospitality Chair and food coordinator at (713) 729-9188. 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 – and something at about \$15.00 or less. 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 look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Darla

**Officers and Committees:**

President:	Darla Harris
Vice President:	Carloine Skelly
Secretary:	Terri Dolney
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**

It's that time of year again! Members should be planning on paying dues for 2008. TGCFCS Dues amounts are as follows:

Individual:	\$10.00
Family:	\$15.00
Student:	\$5.00

Our Treasurer will be available to collect them at the party this Sunday 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 TGCFCS.



**Meeting Refreshments**

Refreshments for the November meeting were generously supplied by:

Lee Murdock – drinks
Darla Harris – snacks
Susan Peacock – fruit or veggie tray
Terri Dolney – dessert
Cecil Strange – Service ware

For this Sunday's party, if you haven't signed up to bring something, and if you are coming, please contact Hospitality Chair Jessica Sheldon at (713) 729-9188 for a suggestion on something to bring and share.



## 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.



## Our Winter Holiday Party

**It's Official** - the 2007 Holiday Party at Laura Lee's Place in the Heights on December 16, 2007

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

**Where:** 1145 Lawrence Street, Houston, TX 77008

**Phone numbers:**

Cell: 832 428 2424

Spa Land Line: 832 618 1145

Laura advises the following directions:

See map below - 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 a Right at 11th Street, go 3 blocks to Lawrence Street. Make a 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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:

