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Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, January 20, 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 and "Happy New Year"!! I hope all of you have a *wonderful* year to come.

We had another Great Party at Laura Lee's in December – I guess you could call it “Laura’s Second Annual”. It was so nice of Laura to step in after two last-minute cancellations. Although a little cool, the day was very nice and the food and drink were wonderful! I’d also like to thank Judy and Leon for offering to host – it’s so nice to have such generous members in our group!

This month Patrick has planned another hands-on project for us. He will be presenting a beginner-to-intermediate workshop on growing ferns from spores. This will be a little different from the recent activities in which he has helped us. Various plant and spore samples will be displayed. All participating members and guests will have a project to take home. Also, we are going to have a special raffle item that will coincide with this month’s program.

Also on Sunday, we will have a representative of the *Houston Chronicle* telling us about their new gardening web site. Laura Weisman, producer at chron.com will have a short presentation for us and answer any questions we may have for her.

Dues are due! Please make sure Mary McConnell has your dues and any update to your address, telephone numbers, email, etc. She will be forwarding this information to our *Newsletter* editor, Paul Geiger, for correct mailing and to Laura Lee who will be putting our membership book together for us again this year. This year you will have an option on hardware: Book form or CD - Please be sure to let Laura know which you prefer.

Sadly, I must tell you that we need a volunteer for Vice President; Caroline is not going to be able to fulfill the position after all. If we could get a volunteer to head this up we can appoint a committee to help with the duties. We have several hands-on projects lined up already for the year plus a few speakers, so it's not like you will need to come up with everything on your own: We have two field trips planned, plus two parties, so that really reduces the work load right off the bat. If you're interested, but unsure, let's talk on Sunday.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Darla

DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your dues for 2008 yet, this is a reminder – **please don't forget!**

Dues amounts:

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!



Officers and Committees:

- President: Darla Harris
- Vice President: Open
- 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



Meeting Refreshments

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); **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!



January Refreshments:

We've had a revision to our January Refreshment Team. Refreshments for our next meeting will be furnished by:

- Jessica
- Gary Wooldridge
- Cecil Strange
- Larry Rucker
- Malcolm McCorquodale

Come out and enjoy some really good and delicious food!



**Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society
Statement of Income & Expenses
January 01, 2007 to December 31, 2007**

INCOME

Membership Dues:	\$635.00
Sale of Plants:	\$3,252.75
Raffle Income:	\$468.75
Sale of Books:	\$0.00
Interest Income:	\$31.40
Outstanding Checks:	\$0.00
Total:	\$4,387.90

EXPENSES

Program Expenses -- Materials:	\$662.31
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:	\$47.98
Total:	\$1,944.09

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Deposits:	\$3,899.50
Checks Written:	\$1,144.09
Bank Charges:	\$0.00
Interest Income:	31.40

Cash Balance, December 31, 2007: \$7,631.94

NET INCOME:

Cash Balance, December 31, 2007:	\$7,631.94
Cash Balance, January 1, 2007:	\$4,845.13

2007 Net Income: \$2,786.81



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 and elsewhere.

