



Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society

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**Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, September 16, at 2:00 p. m. – Mary McConnell's Home,
6218 Wister Lane, Houston, TX 77008 – Phone: (713) 880-2530 – Map included**

A message from our President:

Hi Everyone,

I want to say how proud I am to be associated with the members of our Fern Society. We have a dedicated and selfless group that is always doing whatever it takes to make things happen even at personal sacrifice. This could not be more evident than by the two examples I'm about to relate to you.

Larry, we want to thank you for hosting our fall party. As we have all known for a lot of years, Larry can put a stick in the ground and it will grow for him. So this was a chance for those who had not seen Larry's place to do so, as he opened up his lovely home and spectacular yard for us to enjoy. This has been a very much anticipated party due to Larry remodeling his kitchen and changing up his back yard after removing his swimming pool. The day turned out nice, the food (as always) was wonderful, and the enjoyment of just talking to other members and getting to know each other on a more personal level is always so rewarding. Larry's efforts did not disappoint us and it was a wonderful day. What some of you may not have been aware of, Larry lost his Mother two days before the party date. Larry and his family talked and decided that the Fern get-together would not cast a disrespectful note to their Mother, but rather she too would be proud of Larry's home and his commitment to this Society. Not wanting to cast a sadness on the party, Larry requested we not make an announcement of his loss, but rather enjoy our blessing and each other in a spirit that the 'The Show must go on', and what a show it was. Larry, we want to offer you and your family our deepest condolences and a big thank you for You being You!!

The Houston Cactus and Succulent Society (HCSS) found themselves in a predicament for their annual show and sale this year. They booked the wrong dates with the Garden Club. They just found out a few weeks ago that they did not have the weekend of the 7th of Sept, but rather the following weekend which coincided with the Fern Society's monthly meeting. The HCSS thought they had reserved all three rooms for their Friday-Sunday event. The Garden Club asked the Fern Society if we could meet in the Azalea room and allow the HCSS to have the Auditorium and the Rose room. This was going to cause the HCSS to have to move out of the Azalea room early and posed a big problem for their sales. I called Mary McConnell to see if she would mind hosting our Plant Exchange September meeting at her home. Mary being the Great member she is said sure!!

Being the Troopers we are, the board decided that Fern Society should relinquish all the rooms at the Garden Club over to the HCSS for the month of September, so please make note of the change of place. This is **Not another "Party"**, even though it will seem like it. We will be doing normal refreshment and meet at the same 2 PM, just now at Mary's house.

We will be electing our nomination committee at the October meeting. So in the Spirit of our Members' contributions, please be thinking about how you can further help our Society to keep moving forward as we change officers. We have a four year term limit and several officers who have served their limit. The door is open to all of the positions. As a reminder, the offices are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Board Members at Large. In October, we will elect two members to work with an appointed member to select a slate of officers to be presented to the membership for a vote at the November meeting. This is a yearly event so you can serve one term if that is all you feel you can do. If you have a question about an office, you might want to get with the member who has held the position you are interested in and to get additional information on the duties and the time that is involved with the office.

Thank you to everyone who has donated raffle plants both at the party and at all the meetings. This has really helped get new plants out there to share and also helped keep money in the Society's account for Speakers and Projects.

Now, get your plants ready for the Swap, I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at Mary's!

Take care,
Darla



A message from our Vice President:

Plant Exchange, Location Change

Sept, 2012

And the party goes on. Isn't there a song with that in it? Having our plant exchange at Mary McConnell's home will be like having two summer parties and with plants to take home from the plant exchange as well. How great is that? We will meet at our regular time, 2:00 P.M., and those signed up for refreshments will make sure we will not lack for substance

through the exchange. Maps to Mary's are at the end of the newsletter.

So in case you are new to the plant exchange, here's how it works. You bring a plant; you take home a plant. Now for the details in between the semi colon:

Bring up to 5 plants or plant related items

The plants need not be ferns

Be respectful and do not bring newly transplanted plants or cuttings.

Provide as much plant information as you can: the name of the plant, where you grow it (ex: sun, shade; indoors, outside) and any special features which might make the plant, or item, unique.

Here's how we start:

Everyone will be given a number when they arrive

The same number will be in the "Hat"

Someone will draw a number from the "Hat"

Who has that number gets first pick of all the plants/items

If your plant/item is picked, then you are the next person to choose

And so on until the end

So remember, the more interesting plant or plant related item you bring, the more likely your plant/item will be chosen early and you will have the largest/best selection from which to choose.

Come have fun now 'cause next month we will be instructed and challenged by our guest speaker Alejandra Vasco, Robinn Moran's assistant, from the Genomics Program and Institute of Systematic Botany, all the way from the New York Botanical Garden to Houston!

Submitted by: Jessica Sheldon, Vice President



Up and Coming Attractions:

Sept 16: "Annual Plant Exchange" at Mary McConnell's

Oct 21: "Taxonomic Monographs"

presented by Alejandra Vasco, assistant to

Robinn Moran from New York Botanical Garden

Nov 18: Open

Dec 16: "Holiday Party"

location to be announced later

Submitted by: Jessica Sheldon, Vice President



Need Supplies?

Larry Rucker will be organizing an order of supplies through the Society Store so take an inventory, make your shopping (wish) list, and get with Larry at the next meeting.



2012 Officers and Committees:

President:	Darla Harris
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Society Store:	Larry Rucker
Hospitality:	Jeanie Richardson
Welcoming at Door:	Beth Ayer and Marcia Livingston



Refreshments

Refreshments for September will be generously furnished by:

Drinks:	Terri Dolney & Michael Lyle
Savory:	Marcia Livingston
Fruits:	Jessica Sheldon
Veggies:	Darlene Morris
Desserts:	Beth Ayer
Service ware:	Cherie Lee

Please let Jeanie Richardson or Cherie Lee know if you can help with the refreshments for future months. Email to: tedandjean@aol.com or Cherie.d.lee@sbcglobal.net. Come out and enjoy some really delicious food!



Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society Summer Party August 19, 2012

The August meeting was our summer party. Larry Rucker graciously hosted the party at his spectacular home and garden. All those attending had an enjoyable time eating great food, visiting with other members, and exploring Larry's wonderful home and garden (and my personal favorite, the kitchen). It was great to have time to talk with everyone. Hope to see you all at next year's party. Thank you Larry for your hospitality and a wonderful time.

Submitted by: Cherie Lee, Secretary

Summer Party
At Larry Rucker's Home





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