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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,

The plant swap at Mary McConnell's house was a great success. We had many ferns and other tropical plants to choose from as well as a few plant related items. Our plant swap gives everyone a chance to take home a new plant that maybe they have not grown before. I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting. Mary's yard has certainly grown since we had our first party there a few years ago. Way to go Mary! Thank you again for allowing us to meet there on short notice.

At this month's meeting, we will be electing our nominating committee who will be responsible for proposing a slate of officers for next year for the membership to vote on at the November meeting. Also, the T-shirts will be available at this month's meeting.

Our October meeting is going to be a real treat. For those of us who are not familiar with Taxonomic Monographs, I am going to make an attempt at an over simplified definition. It is akin to plant (in our case Pteridophyte - ferns) Genealogy, what family a fern comes from and how they are related. The Fern world is broken down into Families first and then ferns within that family. It looks just like a Human family tree. Be sure to bring your loupes in case we have any hands on time with this month's presentation.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Take care,
Darla



A message from our Vice President:

Electronic Taxonomic Monographs October, 2012

I know these words are in the English language, but I am not sure what they mean. These are not trick words, but they do go with a treat, and what a treat we have. Our speaker for our October meeting is Alejandra Vasco (Robinn Moran's assistant) from the New York Botanical Gardens (yes, all the way from New York, NY!!!!) and you guessed it, she will be talking about Electronic Taxonomic Monographs.

So along with the treat comes the trick. In order for an understanding of this puzzle of intellectual amazement, you will need to come to the meeting. I will give you a few clues: uh it has to do with ferns, it is intellectual, and it has to do with ferns. Ok, you get the picture.

I can tell you, Alejandra knows how to talk to those of us in need of brain food and we will have lots of the regular food there too. See you there!

Submitted by: Jessica Sheldon, Vice President



Up and Coming Attractions:

- 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



2012 Officers and Committees:

President:	Darla Harris
Vice President:	Jessica Sheldon
Secretary:	Cherie Lee
Treasurer:	Terri Dolney
Board Members at Large:	Marcia Livingston, Donna McGraw, and Lulu Leonard
Membership Chair:	Noreen Tolman
Ways and Means:	Ted Richardson
Special Projects:	Larry Rucker
Web Master:	Malcolm McCorquodale
Newsletter:	Cherie Lee
Library:	Frank Lee
Raffles:	Larry Rucker
Spore Exchange:	Patrick Hudnall
Society Store:	Larry Rucker
Hospitality:	Jeanie Richardson
Welcoming at Door:	Beth Ayer and Marcia Livingston



Refreshments

Refreshments for September were generously furnished by:

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

Refreshments for October will be generously furnished by:

Drinks:	Terri Dolney
Savory:	Darla Harris
Fruits:	Darlene Morris
Veggies:	Noreen Tolman
Desserts:	Jessica Sheldon
Service ware:	Society / 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!



Statement of Income & Expenses January 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012

INCOME

Membership dues	\$ 375.00
Raffle Income	434.00
Plant Re-imbusement	341.00
Project Re-imbusement	129.00
Miscellaneous	27.00
Bank Interest	<u>2.25</u>
Total:	\$1,308.25

EXPENSES

Cost of Plants	\$ 375.10
Project Supplies	29.20
Lecturer's Fees	200.00
Lecturer's Gifts	40.53
Bank Fees	0.00
Miscellaneous	425.40
Transfer to Petty Cash	<u>378.00</u>
Total:	\$1,448.92

Bank Balance 12-31-2011: \$5,998.84

Petty Cash \$ 333.29

Bank Balance 9-30-2012: \$5,806.22

Net Profit 9-30-2012: \$ 140.67

Submitted by: Terri Dolney, Treasurer



Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society General Meeting September 16, 2012

A regular monthly meeting was held at Mary McConnell's home. The meeting commenced at 2:00 PM with President, Darla Harris calling the meeting to order.

Plant Exchange: Darla led a discussion of each of the ferns for "swap". Each member participating received a ticket to draw for the first pick. Darla won the draw and started the process. There were many nice ferns and other plants making it a very successful Plant Swap.

Attendance: Members 20
Visitors 0

Meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Submitted by: Cherie Lee, Secretary



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.



October Book Review

“The Fern Dictionary” by Wilbur W. Olson

This book has been designed to be of value to everyone interested in ferns. The two concerns of this book are names of ferns and definitions of words as they apply to the study of ferns. The book is divided into three sections. One section is devoted to a listing of common names of ferns and their associated botanical names. The second section lists the genera that are being used and that have been used. The third section is a glossary giving the botanical definition of words, particularly as they are applied to ferns. And of course, as in any dictionary, pronunciations are included.

Submitted by: Frank Lee



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, there 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. If there is a particular book you would like to check out at the meeting, please contact Frank Lee at f.a.lee@sbcglobal.net or 281-999-8368 prior to the meeting to make sure it will be available.



Editor's Comments:

As most of you are aware, the Newsletter is posted on the TGCFs website at the same time as it is mailed out to the members. In an effort to save money on mailings, it has been suggested that email notification be sent that the Newsletter has been posted on the website instead of mailing the Newsletter. Members can then visit the website to view the Newsletter and print it for themselves if they wish. **If you have not done so already, please let me know if you are willing to accept the email notification and forgo the mailed Newsletter.** You can contact me by calling 281-999-8368, emailing cherie.d.lee@sbcglobal.net, or let me know at the next meeting. If I don't hear from you, you will continue to receive the Newsletter as usual. Thanks.

Deadline for the November Newsletter is November 1, 2012.

Cherie Lee, Editor, *TGCFs Newsletter*



Upcoming Events in the Houston Area:

If you have the time and would like to expand your horticultural activities, take note of the following announcements.

Bromeliad Society/Houston Inc.

www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org

Regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Houston Garden Center.

Next regular meeting is October 16, 2012

The Houston Orchid Society, Inc.

www.houstonorchidsociety.org

Regular meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Houston Garden Center.

Next regular meeting is November 1, 2012.

Annual Plant Exchange
At Mary McConnell's Home

