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Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, September 20, at 2:00 p. m. – Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, 2020 Hermann Drive, Houston, TX 77004 - Phone: (713) 284-1994

A message from our President:

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are all doing well and enjoying this slightly cooler weather and some rain. I am certainly glad to see it. It has really been a hot, dry summer for us and especially hard on the ferns. It looks like fall will be here soon thankfully.

I would like to thank Diane and Patrick Hudnall for hosting our Summer Party last month. Unfortunately, Frank and I could not make it but I heard it was a great success. Thank you again Diane and Patrick for allowing our members to gather at your lovely home again. I would also like to thank Malcolm McCorquodale and Darla Harris for taking pictures for me to include in the newsletter.



Our September meetings are always great fun. There is usually a wide variety of plants to swap and selecting which one to pick can be difficult. Please see Darla's article for the details. I hope you will all be able to make it because the more folks participating in the Swap, the better it is for everyone.

Take care and see you at the Swap.

Cherie

September Plant Swap

It's TIME for our annual **Plant Swap**. Our September meeting will be our plant swap and the rules are as follows: each member may bring up to five plants or plant related item. Please bring established plants and no cuttings to trade. We will give out a number to each participating member and draw to see who gets to select first. After that, the person who picks next will be the one who brought the item selected by the first person. The third person to pick will be the one who brought the item selected by the second person and so on until everything is chosen. So you want to bring something that everyone wants so they will choose your item and then it will be your turn to choose. Your items do not have to be ferns, but ferns are always good. Any plants, or plant related items are welcome. This is always fun and getting to take home some new treasures makes it extra special.

Submitted by Darla Harris, Vice President



Up and Coming Attractions:

- Sept 20: Annual Plant Swap
- Oct 18: "Pellaea atropurpurea – Potting Up & Hardening Off" presented by Darla Harris
- Nov 15: "Coastal Ferns of Peru – Xeric Environment" presented by Blanca Leon
- Dec 13: Holiday Party
at Donna and Monty McGraw's home

Submitted by: Darla Harris, Vice President



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September Book Review

“The Plant Book – The World of Plants in a Single Volume”

by Geoff Bryant, Tony Rodd, Barbara Segall, R. G. Turner, Jr, and Ernie Wasson

This book consists of three sections. The first section gives full information on gardening, growing plants, and a map detailing the hardiness zones for the country. The second section is made up of the A to Z of plants consisting of over 10,000 plants organized by genus. This includes information on geographical origin, description, cultivation, propagation, and pests and diseases. The third section is made up of useful and interesting reference material including information on plant names, a detailed glossary, and a comprehensive index of synonyms and common names. The book is full of beautiful pictures of the plants and blooms.

Submitted by: Frank Lee



Editor’s Comments:

Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 28, 2015. Thanks.

Cherie Lee, Editor, *TGCFS Newsletter*



Refreshments:

Refreshments for September will be generously furnished by:

Drinks: Bret & Raini Cunningham
Savory: Biruta Claunch, Ruth McDonald, Patricia Ross
Desserts: Mary McConnell
Service ware: Sharon Plummer

Please let Faye Stansberry or Terri Dolney know if you can help with the refreshments for any months in 2015. Email to stansberry.faye@yahoo.com or call 713-734-0170 or email to 102666@email.hal-pc.org or call 713-592-9029. Come out and enjoy some really delicious food!



Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society Summer Party – August 16, 2015

This year’s summer party was held at the home of Patrick and Diane Hudnall, Houston, Texas. The party began around 2:00 pm.

General: Darla Harris welcomed everyone to the party and thanked all for bringing such great food. She reminded everyone about the September plant exchange and that each member could bring up to five plants (not restricted to ferns) or plant related items they think others would like.

Plant Raffle: No plant raffle was done.

Attendance: 29 members were present

Submitted by: Diane J. Hudnall, secretary



Library

We encourage you to take advantage of the great resource of information available in our library. At each meeting there are a wide variety of books 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 832-566-5788 prior to the meeting to make sure it will be available.



Davallia parvula

Family: [Davalliaceae](#)

Genus: [Davallia](#) dav-VAL-ee-uh

Species: [parvula](#) par-vu-la

Davallia is a Genus most of us are very familiar with because most of us have grown the Rabbits foot fern. Davallias have long been collected for their lace fronds and fuzzy rhizomes. There are about 35 different species of Davallia coming from the Old World tropics. They range from very small to quite large fronds, and everything in the middle.

D. parvula is native to Malaysia and Indonesia to New Guinea. Requiring high humidity and tender both to cold and to elements due to its size, it is normally grown in a terrarium. It likes evenly moist uncut moss and prefers medium light. It also needs to grow up the side of the terrarium with its long creeping rhizomes. Do not over fertilize this one, it is very sensitive and it will kill the plant.



Submitted by: Darla Harris



Medicinal Ferns and Lycophytes
Marcelo G. Santos
of University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- *Abacopteris penangiana* anti-inflammatory
- *Acrostichum aureum* anthelmintic, antibacterial
- *Adiantum capillus-veneris* anti-inflammatory
- *Blechnum chilense* antibiotic
- *Cyclosorus acuminatus* Diabetes mellitus
- *Diphasiastrum alpinum* Alzheimer's disease, cancer
- *Diplazium esculentum* Diabetes mellitus
- *Drymaglossum piloselloides* antifungal
- *Drynaria fortune* osteoporosis
- *Equisetum arvense* diuretic
- *Huperzia serrata* Alzheimer's disease, cancer
- *Lycopodium clavatum* Diabetes mellitus
- *Macrothelypteris torresiana* prostate cancer
- *Ophioglossum pedunculatum* antifungal
- *Polypodium leucotomus* skin cancer
- *Selaginella bryopteris* and *S. tamariscina* cancer
- *Selaginella delicatula* Parkinson's disease

Submitted by: Darla Harris

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.

The Houston Orchid Society, Inc.

www.houstonorchidsociety.org

Regular meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the First Christian Church,
1601 Sunset Blvd., Houston, TX 77005

Next regular meeting is:
October 1, 2015

Bromeliad Society/Houston Inc.

www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org

Regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Moody Community Center,
3725 Fulton St., Houston, TX 77009

Next regular meeting is:
September 15, 2015

“Summer Party”

hosted by Diane and Patrick Hudnall



Diane



Patrick



