



December 2019

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Holiday Party: Sunday, December 15, at 1:00 p. m. – Malcolm McCorquodale’s Home, 2905 Drexel Drive, Houston, TX 77027 - Phone: (713) 621-6217 (H), (832) 279-3873 (C)

A message from our President:

Hi Everyone

What an interesting meeting and a great topic! Goes to show just how ubiquitous ferns are around the world, finding them at all elevations, soil types, and the same fern in different countries and continents of the world. The questions are how and why. Is it global spore dispersal from catching a ride on the wind or on a bird? We may never know for sure. It's fun to ponder on the possibilities. We thank Panayoti Kelaidis for presenting this to us.

The next thing on the agenda is our end of year Party. Malcolm McCorquodale is hosting so this will be a nice centrally located party so all should be able to attend. Maps are located on the last page of the Newsletter. Larry Rucker passed around the signup sheet for refreshments and it looks like we will not leave hungry. If you missed the meeting, please get with Larry to fill in any gaps. Malcolm has a lovely home and yard full of plants so there is lots to see!

Don't forget the gift exchange at the party. If you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped fern/plant or plant/garden related item valued around \$15-\$20. This is anonymous so no names please. This is always fun. We will draw numbers for determining the order for selecting gifts so it is a random order. This is a nice way to share something special with our friends. If you don't want to participate, that is ok too.

Thanks everyone for all the refreshments at the meeting and most importantly, thanks for letting Larry know what you were bringing. That really helps!

We look forward to another year of learning about ferns, growing more, and sharing more. The raffle is always a great way to share with our members and support the society for future projects.

Don't forget to renew your membership!

Take care and see you soon,

Darla



Please Welcome Our New Members:

Guangpei & Martin Anderson

Karen Deakin



2019 Up and Coming Attractions:

Dec 15: Holiday Party

hosted by Malcolm McCorquodale

Submitted by: Jere Noerager & Fred Robinson, VPs



2020 Membership Dues

Renewals for 2020 membership are now being accepted. Thank you to all of you who have already renewed. If you have not renewed, please complete the membership form and return it with your payment and any changes noted to our Membership Co-chairs Beth Ayer and Marcia Livingston at our next meeting or mail it to:

Beth Ayer
5815 Portal Drive
Houston, TX 77096

TGCFS dues amounts:

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

Please make your checks payable to Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society or simply TGCFS.



Refreshments:

Refreshments for November were generously furnished by: Beth Ayer, Biruta Claunch, Bret Cunningham, Darla Harris, Cherie Lee, Ruth McDonald, Paulette McNeese, Jim Migliavacca, Betsy Robinson, Larry Rucker, Janice Shaw, Ken Warren, Donna Williams, Brenda Wilson, and anyone else who may have forgotten to sign the list.

Please let Larry Rucker, herbie39L@att.net / 832-453-2992 cell, 713-649-3535 home, know if you plan to attend the December Party and what you plan to bring so he can make sure everything is covered and we don't have a lot of duplicates. It will make his job much easier. Come out and enjoy some really delicious food!



Meeting Raffle:

Thank you to our November Raffle Donors: Raini Cunningham, Jan Kramer, Malcolm McCorquodale, Faye Stansberry, Cecil Strange, Ken Warren, and anyone else who forgot to sign up. A special thanks goes to Jan Kramer for donating the three plants / arrangements for our special raffle. Thank you all for your generosity.

Do you have some really special plant or horticultural related item that you'd be able to part with for a very good cause? Well, I've got just the place! Our very own society!! We've been making some nice money to bolster our treasury with the wonderful speakers, projects etc. that we support. Think about something that you yourself would be willing to pay extra for i.e. the special raffle. If you would like to donate an item, please call me at 832/541-5242 to coordinate so I will be prepared to sell tickets etc. Thank you.

Submitted by Biruta Claunch



Editor's Comments

Deadline for the January Newsletter is December 30, 2019. Thanks.

Cherie Lee, Editor, *TGCFS Newsletter*



Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society November 17, 2019

The November meeting of the Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society was held at the Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, Houston, Texas. The meeting was called to order by President, Darla Harris at 2:10 p.m.

Larry Rucker thanked everyone who brought food to this meeting and passed around a sign-up sheet for the December party at Malcolm McCorquodale's house. There will be a gift exchange for all who want to participate. Those who do should bring a **wrapped** gift which is approximately \$15 in value.

Darla asked that those who have not renewed their memberships please do so. The cutoff date is the March meeting.

She announced that there will be a Board Meeting after the regular meeting in January. Darla also brought T-shirts to this meeting in case anyone wants to purchase one.

Program:

Darla then introduced Adam Black of Peckerwood Gardens who introduced Panayoti Kelaidis, our speaker for today.

Mr. Kelaidis is Senior Curator and Director of Outreach for the Denver Botanic Gardens and his topic was, "Looking for Ferns in all the Wrong Places (and Finding Them)".

Mr. Kelaidis gave a lecture accompanied by many lovely slides of ferns he has found in places all over the world. His travels have taken him to Greece, China, Tibet, South Africa, New Zealand and, of course, Colorado as well as many other locations. It was very surprising to learn that many very interesting and lovely ferns grow at quite high and cold elevations. Following the lecture, he kindly answered several questions from attendees.

This was a very interesting and entertaining presentation and we heartily thanked Mr. Kelaidis and Adam Black for providing this stimulating look at so many wonderful ferns.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20 p.m. by President, Darla Harris.

Raffle:

We held our raffle and special raffle and there were many lovely plants available. The special raffle brought in \$25 and the regular raffle brought in \$70.25.

Attendance:

There were 32 members and 4 guests present at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by
Donna Williams, Secretary



2019 Officers and Committees:

President:	Darla Harris
Vice Presidents:	Jere Noerager Fred Robinson
Secretary:	Donna Williams
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- Raffle, Store, etc.	Biruta Claunch
Web Master:	Malcolm McCorquodale
Welcoming at Door:	Faye Stansberry



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. If there is a particular book you would like to check out at the meeting, please contact Ruth McDonald at rmmcdonald0@gmail.com or 979-530-6186 prior to the meeting to make sure it will be available.

If you have books checked out, please bring them to the January meeting as Ruth will be performing a year-end inventory. Thank you.



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Upcoming Events in the Houston Area:

Bromeliad Society/Houston Inc.

– www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org –

Regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the West Gray Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray St., Houston, TX 77019

Next regular meeting is:
January 21, 2020

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 meetings are:
January 2, 2020

“Looking for Ferns in All the Wrong Places”

By Panayoti Kelaidis



Our Speaker Panayoti Kelaidis



Another nice raffle



Special raffle winners: Betsy Robinson, Beth Ayer, and Janice Shaw



Three special raffle items, Donated by Jan Kramer



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