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Due to COVID-19 restrictions our meeting this month will be another “virtual” one.

A message from our President:

Hi Everyone,

Well, the Party was a bust, I hope we can try again for December. I was sure looking forward to seeing everyone! We have given up on meeting in person for the rest of 2021. Let’s hope that 2022 gets off to a better start. We may have to check out a new place to meet if Harris County won’t let us meet there due to the Covid19 concerns.

It’s that time of year that we need to nominate our officers for next year. I have appointed Alicia Baker as the chair for this committee. We will be electing two members to assist her in finding a new slate of officers for the 2022 year ahead of us. Membership of non-profits requires everyone to pitch in and do their part in keeping the society going and moving forward.

As most of you know I have been the President several times and several times in a row. I will be completing my 6th straight year and plan on stepping down to just the outgoing president at large position for next year. I need a little personal time, and need to spend some extra time growing my business. So, we will need people to take over some of the duties that are going to vacated. I know the membership will appreciate your efforts and if you need any help from me all you have to do is ask. I know a lot of people in the fern world so if you need contacts, etc. **Just let me know.**

Our meeting this month will be provided by Patrick Hudnall on the hardy ferns in the Dryopteris family. Read more in the newsletter under the program note.

Dues are due!! Help our membership people out by getting your dues sent in. Remember you can pay for more than one year at a time. Beth and Ruby will be working together on this for the rest of the year, and Ruby will be taking over this position for next year. Beth has been doing membership and Treasure now for the last couple years and it is now becoming a burden and Ruby has volunteered to help out and take over for now.

Your new President will mostly likely be asking more of you to help out on different committees so please be open to helping out. We have a great society, but we must all help out. We are all busy, we all have family, and health issues, but there are jobs that take less time than others so take on one you can work with.

I can’t believe it is September already, before we know it, we will be getting our plants in for winter. Don’t forget to check them out to make sure they are not housing bugs before you put them in for winter. Talk care everyone!! Stay safe and hydrated.

Darla

Sunday’s Topic:

"All about Dryopteris species".

To be presented by Patrick Hudnall

The presentation will cover 12 Dryopteris species that should do well in the Houston area. What makes a Dryopteris a Dryopteris and tips on their cultivation will be discussed.

Patrick asks that everyone feel free to test him with any questions or comments.



Dues! Dues! Dues!

This is to remind everyone that you will owe dues for 2022, due by January 1, 2022. Dues were not collected for 2021 because the Board decided to carry all members in good standing as of December 31, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Dues can be sent to me at: 5815 Portal Dr., Houston, TX 77096. If you have any questions you may e-mail me or call me at 713.729.0994.

As an update next year, 2022, Ruby Adams will be handling membership. She may be contacted at: radams13@sbcglobal.net or cell 281.830.4633. Thanks for all the years you have supported me as membership co-chair and I trust you will continue to work with Ruby in the future on membership issues.

Thanks -- Beth Ayer, Co-membership Chair



The American Fern Society (AFS)

The American Fern Society is over 120 years old. With over 900 members worldwide, it is one of the largest international fern clubs in the world. It was established in 1893 with the objective of fostering interest in ferns and fern allies. It exchanges information and specimens between members via their publications and spore exchange.

AFS non-professional membership (\$20) includes access to the Spore Exchange and subscription to the Fiddlehead Forum.

Professional membership (\$40) includes the benefits above plus access to the American Fern Journal.

Please note that donations to the AFS are not tax deductible.

To find out more about the Society and/or join, visit <https://www.amerfernsoc.org/>



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Reminder: Spring Fern Show?

From "The Mercer Society" edited by Pat Hudnall

The Mercer Society is considering a spring event for 2022, probably in April, that will feature the various plant societies in the Houston area. This would include plant sales open to the public. The Mercer Society would not sell plants. This would be a one day event, most likely a Saturday. It is their thought that this would provide an opportunity for exposure to a new group of visitors.

I am not proposing at this time that the Fern Society sell plants. However, I believe this would be an outstanding opportunity to introduce Houston area residents to the wide variety of ferns people are growing in the area. I propose an "Un-Judged Show" from the TGCFS. It would only be possible if most of our area members are interested and willing to help in some way. I do not expect those that have



large collections to provide all the plants. If people are willing to get a few fern plants to the show or several to the show that would be super. They don't need to be super specimens, just examples of those types of ferns people grow here. The only criteria I would think important is that they be generally pest free. 1 gallon black plastic pots? Or clay pots? Larger plastic or clay pots or wire baskets? A wire mesh frame to hang epiphytic ferns? Maybe a few non-ferns mixed in to contrast or add color.

Please think about this idea.

Many thanks, Pat



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