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**Holiday Party: Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 pm – Diane and Patrick Hudnall's Home
2625 Werlein Ave., West University, Texas 77005, Phone: 832-859-5471**

A message from our President:

Hi Everyone,

I'm excited to be seeing you on the 12th Dec at 1 pm at Patrick and Diane Hudnall's home in the West University area. See Map further in the newsletter. We will be having Pot Luck, but traditional foods. Larry Rucker is our hospitality person so please let him know what you will be bringing so we will have a nice variety. You can reach Larry at his phone contact 832-453-2992 this is both phone/text. Or you can reach him at his email address herbie39L@att.net. I know Larry is providing the Turkey and dressing/gravy. Patrick and Diane are providing a ham. So, appetizers, side dishes, drinks and deserts are needed for sure. This is a BYOB party, but if you would like to bring extra wine/beer to share that's always welcomed too. Don't forget this will be shared food, unless you want to bring just your own, or eat at a different time. Also, those that feel more comfortable in a mask are welcome to do so, but is not required. We will work with social distancing as much as possible. We do want to remain safe. The gift exchange is always a fun part of the party and we request a gift in the \$15-\$25 range so everyone will get a comparable gift.

This my last Presidents note to send you guys, as Patrick Hudnall will be taking over in January. Thank you everyone for making the job so easy! You are a great bunch of friends. I would like to thank the board that served this year and to all the committee people too. I hope you will make this an easy transition over to Patrick. I will be staying on as the Tech person with our virtual meetings, for our speakers and for our membership that is not local. This will allow those members to continue to join our monthly meetings. This also opens up new possibilities for the future. We are on the edge of some exciting times where our fern society is headed.

Our January meeting will be a blended meeting, both at the Judson Robinson Community Center and via GoToMeeting. It will be given by Don DeLano, and he will be getting us off to a great start for spring, with explanations of soils and fertilizers to use on ferns and when. It is really

a great presentation; I was lucky enough to hear it when he presented to the Los Angeles International Fern Society a few months back. I learned so much I felt this was a great opportunity for our group to learn a lot more and how to keep our plants healthy.

Ceil Dow will be doing our first project since the Pandemic began in 2020. She will be teaching us how do put a fern together Japanese style with Kokedama. The plan is to have materials for all those attending in person. We will provide a list in the newsletter to those not local can get their own supplies together and work with us from home, if wanted to. If you want to just watch you can do that too. Those working from home will still be able to ask questions and show their workmanship off to everyone so I hope you will plan on working with us.

The other big news we have is the Fall Social has now been moved to June. We will need to decide if we want to change the party date a week earlier or later to take it off Father's Day or not. The Judson Robinson decided to close on the holiday. The board met and decided this would be a good time to space our parties out every six months, plus August was hot! So, everyone's ferns should be about at their peak after winter and before they go downhill from our typically hot summers. The other news is April's meeting turned out to be on Easter this year. So, we have decided to make that our field trip month and we will be needing to decide on what weekend works out best there too.

The Judson Robinson Community Center is requiring masks to begin with and they will be taking our temperatures at the main entrance. It's so good to see things starting to get back to a new normal. It has been a tough two years, and I know everyone is ready to put as much of it behind us as possible. Except for a few requirements that are being extended to us at the beginning anyway for the safety of all.

Well, guys see you at the Party, and looking forward to next year! Until then stay safe, and happy ferning!!

Darla



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.

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Minutes of "virtual" meeting via "GoToMeeting" November 21, 2021

Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society

A *virtual* meeting was held due to COVID-19.

The November meeting of the Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society was a GoToMeeting (virtual meeting). President, Darla Harris, called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 pm.

Darla announced that in January we should be able to resume meeting in person at the Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center. The Board has decided that we will return to providing refreshments. Those who are uncomfortable will be welcome to provide their own snacks and all who prefer to wear masks are most welcome to do so but they will not be required.

It was announced that a show is planned for the 2nd weekend in June in California. There will be more information on this at a later time.

Our society still plans the December meeting to be our holiday party. It will be held on December 12, one week earlier than usual, due to the Christmas holiday. It will be at the home of Patrick and Diane Hudnall in the West University area. The party will start at 1:00 and will be a potluck. Darla asks that we let Larry Rucker know what dish we will be bringing. Masks are optional and Darla asks that any members who are not feeling well please remain at home.

The newly elected officers will be taking over in January. Patrick will be the new President and will be asking people to accept chair positions, so she asks that we all be thinking of where we might like to serve.

Darla then turned the meeting over to our speaker, Joanne Sharpe, from Maine.

PROGRAM: "Ferns of Costa Rica and Puerto Rico"

Our speaker for this meeting was Joanne Sharpe, a member of our society who lives in Maine. Her talk was on the ferns of Costa Rica and Puerto Rico and was a beautiful slide show with a huge number and variety of ferns, discussing their diversity, ecology, and behaviors over 10+ years.

Joanne told of her very interesting history and how she became so knowledgeable about ferns, especially in these two areas. She continues to travel to these sites as her studies evolve. Joanne has also co-authored a book on "Fern Ecology." Her studies are very detailed and extensive, documenting ferns she has followed over many, many years. She looked at behavior of each species,

seasonality, leaf traits, light, moisture, the effect of hurricanes, etc.

At the conclusion of Joanne's talk there were several questions on individual ferns, potting media, pH numbers, etc.

This was a very interesting and detailed lecture and was very much appreciated by our members.

Darla thanked our speaker and those attending. She announced our speaker for January will be Don DeLano.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Williams for Ceil Dow, Secretary



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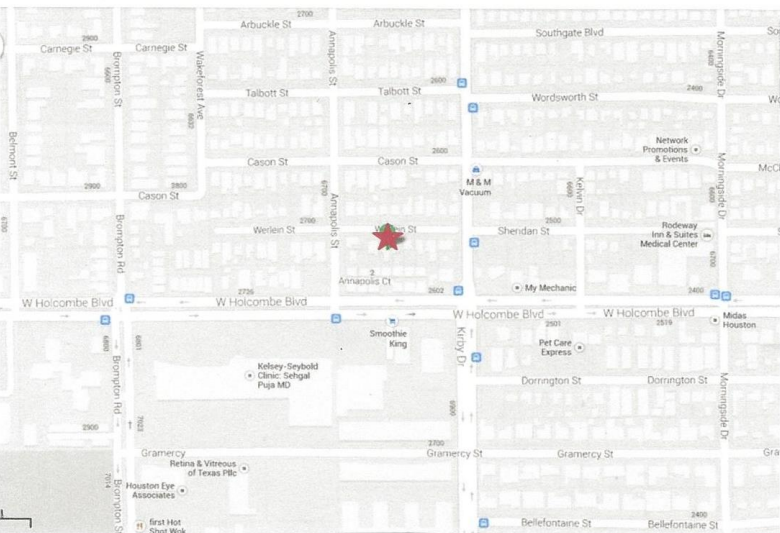
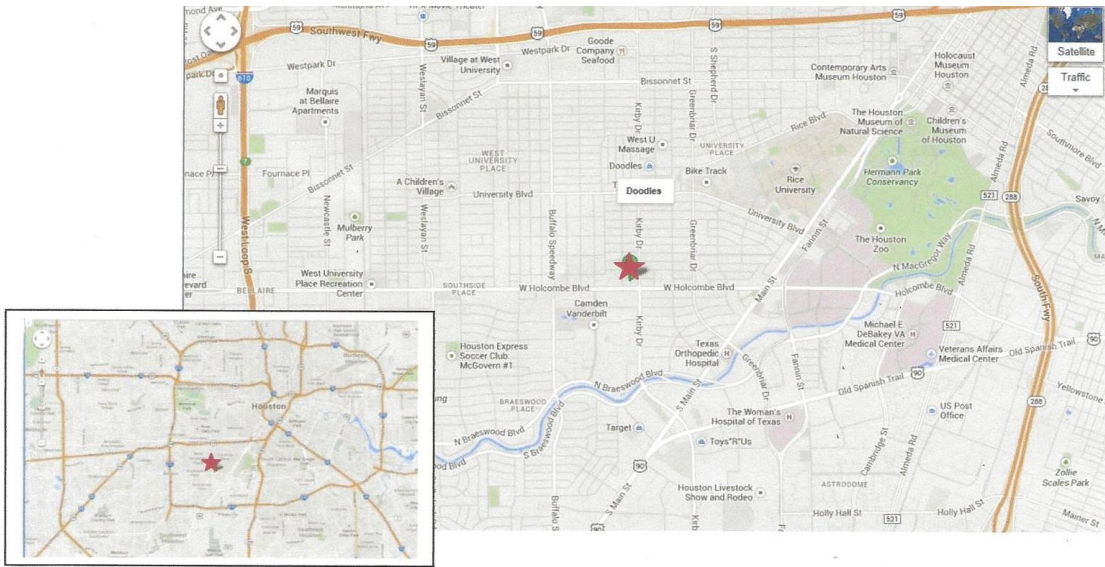


Beth Ayer announces a former member has rejoined the Society.

At your convenience please welcome **Gary Wooldridge** as a returning member.



Map and Directions to the Hudnall home: 2625 Werlein, West University, Texas, 77005



Best route from 59 South, going either way:

Take Kirby south to Holcomb.
Turn right (west). Go 1 block
to Annapolis. Turn right
(north). Go 1 block to Werlein.
Turn right (east) on Werlein.

From the South loop 610:

Take Kirby north to Holcomb.
Turn left (west). Go 1 block to
Annapolis. Turn right (north).
Go 1 block to Werlein. Turn
right (east) on Werlein.

Parking is tight. If we work
together, several cars can fit in
the driveway.