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Our meeting this month will be “blended” by meeting in-person at the Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center and/or via *GoToMeeting* – member’s choice. See below.

A message from our President:

Howdy everyone,

It was great to see so many of our members and guests at the Society’s Christmas party. Diane and I truly enjoyed hosting it. I believe everyone felt comfortable in the environment as we were given a timely reprieve from the virus. The food was delicious, as always. The weather cooperated nicely and hope everyone took the opportunity to wander around our small backyard to see what we’ve been up to following the Big Freeze of last February. I am looking forward to this upcoming year as President of our Fern Society. I’d like to extend a special thanks to those who served us in the past year and those who stepped up to serve in various positions during the upcoming year as we transition back to in-person meetings. We should offer a tremendous thanks to Darla Harris for serving several years as our Society’s President. Our group expanded membership nicely under her leadership. I am looking forward to serving as President, hoping Darla and the rest of the Board point me in the right direction while I learn to fill this new role.

Our January meeting will be “blended”: meeting both at the Judson Robison, Jr. Community Center and via *GoToMeeting*. **Don Delano** will present with explanations of soils and what fertilizers to use on ferns and when to apply them. It will be a great opportunity for our group to learn more and how to keep our plants healthy and growing. **See his bio below.**

In February Ceil Dow will be leading our first project since the pandemic began. Ceil will be teaching us how to put ferns together Japanese style, with Kokedama. The plan is to have materials for all those attending the meeting in person. A list will be provided for those not attending so they can get their own supplies together and work with us from home, if wanted. Those working from home will be able to ask questions and show their workmanship to everyone, so I hope you will plan on working with us.

The normal Fall Social/Summer Party is being moved to June which will spread the parties more evenly. Also, since the Judson Robinson, Jr. Community Center is closed the 3rd

Sunday for Father’s Day, we may move the party to another date in June.

In April we will have our Field Trip. I know we are all looking forward to stomping around. Details pending.

For the January meeting, the Judson Robinson Center is requiring masks for those in the building and our temperatures will be taken at the main entrance.

I am so happy to get back to in-person meetings, albeit with masks. I know I’ll bring at least a few nice plants for the raffle.

Please get with Larry on bringing refreshments for the meeting. I will ☺.



Dues! Dues! Dues!

This is to remind everyone that you will owe dues for 2022. Dues were not collected for 2021 because the Board decided to carry all members in good standing as of December 31, 2020 through 2021 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

As of January 1, 2022, Ruby Adams will be handling membership. She may be contacted at: radams13@sbcglobal.net or cell 281.830.4633.



Don DeLano Bio (In his own words)

Quote:

Became interested in gardening with my Grandmother when I was about 7. Helped to root ‘slips’ for her to give to friends (do not say thank you she always said or they will die – lol).

Studied horticulture, biology, chemistry, math and physics.

Bachelors of Science in Ornamental Horticulture, Cal Poly, minor in Biology and plant pathology.

Post graduate studies in plant pathology, plant physiology, cellular DNA extraction and plant tissue culture, plant morphology/speciation/adaptation.

Enjoy all plants, but have a very special interest in Gesneriads, Ferns, Begonias, and then add Hoyas and Rhipsalis to the group for extra measure.

I taught at Cal Poly Pomona in the Ornamental Horticulture Department from 1975-1992, and supervised the student run nursery, greenhouse and tissue culture facility.

Worked with Raymond Burr from the 1985-1988, cataloging a large section of his orchid collection was donated to Cal Poly Pomona, starting in 1986.

Worked summers for the Los Angeles County Fair, helping with the Flower and Garden Show from 1974 – 1992.

Left Cal Poly Pomona 1992 to become Landscape Superintendent at Fairplex, home of the Los Angeles County Fair, in a year round capacity.

Started working on grant application in 2011 to develop an agriculture based learning and training farm as part of Fairplex and the LA County Fairs public outreach by applying for federal and California funding for education, and in 2012 was successful in obtaining \$456,000 to start building a working educational Urban Farm at Fairplex for year round horticulture and farm educational field trips, classes and tours. This was matched by outside donations to eventually reach \$1.2 million by 2014, with an additional \$1.5 million in 2019.

Do numerous garden programs a year, and help local elementary and high schools with the horticulture, floriculture and urban agriculture issues.

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Married, wife Becky DeLano
2 children, 5 grandchildren

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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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4th Quarter 2021 Treasurer's Report

October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021:

Income: Dues	\$255.00
Donations:	\$122.21
Interest:	\$0.36
Expenses: Program Exp.:	\$31.86
Balance on 12-31-2020:	\$15,082.53
Balance on 12-31-2021:	\$15,798.79
Net gain for 4 th Quarter:	\$345.71
Net gain for 2021:	\$716.26



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