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**Next Meeting: Sunday, August 20, at 2:00 p. m. – Summer Social at the Home of Mary McConnell:
6218 Wister Lane, 77008 – Home Phone: (713) 880-2530**

A message from our President:

Hi Y'all!

I'm sure most of you know that we'll have our summer social this Sunday. Mary McConnell has graciously invited us to her home for this gathering. A food list was prepared at last month's meeting and it promises to be very enjoyable. I can hardly wait! If you are planning on attending and have not signed up to bring a dish you may do so by calling me at (281) 733-5564. But if you cannot bring a dish for any reason, please come anyway – we still want to see you. Directions to Mary's home are included later in this *Newsletter*.

I want to give a very special thanks to Ted Richardson and Larry Rucker for making our July hands-on program such a success. Their pre-program work of dividing a large, ball type Staghorn into individual plants and making the wood plaques involved a lot of work and sacrifice of their free time for us. I encourage each of you (although you probably already have) to give them a personal thanks. It was great fun and very informative.

Instead of a regular meeting in September we've planned a field trip to the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. At our party this Sunday I will have hotel and travel information for this trip and we'll include all travel details in next month's *Newsletter*.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you on Sunday.
Darla

Membership dues:

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

Our Treasurer will be available to collect dues and membership applications at our meetings or you may mail your payments to:

Cecil Strange, Jr.
12002 Palmton
Houston, TX 77034

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

Members: - Spread the word – encourage someone you know to visit us - we always have room for more!

Officers and Committees:

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| Welcoming at Door: | Emma Lee Payne |

There were 26 members and 2 visitors present at the July meeting.

New Members

Please give a personal welcome to our newest members:

- Angie Casas**
- Caroline Skelly**

Library

We encourage you to take advantage of the great resource of information available in our library. At each meeting there are take-home sheets that contain a brief review of available books. Also at each meeting is a wide variety of books and videos available for immediate checkout.

Malcolm McCorquodale, our web master, has begun a list of our library items and posted it on line. You can visit our web site: <http://www.tgcFernSoc.org/>, and click on **Library** to see the start of the listing. It is a work-in-progress and soon it will have more pictures of the books we have and possible links to reviews at Amazon or elsewhere.

Refreshments

Thanks to Malcolm McCorquodale and Cecil Strange for supplying the delicious refreshments at the meeting in July.

Directions to Mary's home:

If traveling on I-10 take the T. C. Jester exit and go north.

If traveling on 610 take the W. T. C. Jester exit if coming from the west or the Ella Blvd. exit if coming from the east and go South.

Ella and T. C. Jester cross at about 18th street.

