



# Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society

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**Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, April 15, at 2:00 p. m. – Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park,  
1500 Hermann Drive, Houston, TX 77044 – Phone: (713) 529-3960**

## A message from our President:

Hi Everyone,

**Wasn't our show impressive!** I would like to thank everyone that signed up to work and also those that visited the show and sale. I would like to give special thanks to:

**Ted and Larry** for their outstanding efforts on our display;

**John McMillan** for taking care of the shipping cost of all the ferns we had for sale and who brought in a clean up crew as well - they were his employees and they saved our *Society* members a lot of work;

**Frank Lee** who helped with the *Show* set-up and then joined by **Cheri**, worked everyday of the sale and did anything that was needed to be done: labels, watering, replacing plants, bagging, you name it; their efforts made a huge difference on getting everything done on time;

**Walt and Caroline** who helped with plant presentation and inventorying the sale plants;

**Jean, Emma, Caroline, and Debbie** who helped get the labels on the plant sticks (they may never want to see another plant label);

**Paul** who printed our labels;

**Jessica and Laura** who were real go-getters on getting new members - I believe we acquired 15 new members and with renewals, we currently have about 87 members.

We had several members donate plants for our sales table. One was **Patrick** who donated several very nice *Platycerium*s, one of which we sold for \$80.00. That one alone will almost sponsor a program. We truly have a great group of people who are generous with both time and money.

We had so many members that made it to the show that it would be a shorter list to say who did not make it down, so if I did not mention you by name, know that we appreciated all your help and were truly happy to see and work with you. I hope you enjoyed the overall learning experience and camaraderie these shows always encourage. For all your help and participation I want to sincerely thank you! I hope you had a positive experience from this.

The total on the sale will be posted in the May newsletter, once everything has been tallied.

Our April meeting will be another hands-on project. If you attended the show you probably saw Larry's *Gold tips selaginella* wall hanging. Well, we are going to put together a smaller version of that. So plan on a wet, dirty meeting and dress accordingly. We should have a great time with this one; we have never had this program before. Larry got his idea for

this from the botanical gardens in New Orleans and what a great idea it was! This takes a lot of supplies so we need you to **RSVP**, this will be for **1 per household**, so families need to work together on this one. We will be cutting it close so please let us know if you plan to join us. Give me a call **at 281-733-5564** or email me at [darla@fernplantation.com](mailto:darla@fernplantation.com)

**2007 Fern & Exotic Plant Show & Sale** - May 19-20 at  
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (10901 Old Cutler Road,  
Coral Gables, Florida).

We know of several of our members that plan on attending this event. We would like to handle this as a field trip and everyone would be responsible for their own expenses. This is one of the greatest fern shows I have attended; plus there is plenty to see in the Miami area. This falls on our regular meeting date so we need to see how many want to go on this trip and how many will be here for our meeting. Depending on the response (and the discussion at the April meeting) we may or may not have a May meeting.

Please let me know if you can go on this trip. If you would like to go but not sure you can make it happen let me know anyway. Maybe we can work something out. We would like to rent a van and all stay at the same hotel if possible so please let me know ASAP. Again, my number is 281-733-5564.

As always I'm looking forward to seeing and talking with you at the meeting.

See you then,

Darla



## DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your dues for 2007 yet, this is a reminder – **please don't forget!**

Dues amounts:

Individual: \$10.00

Family: \$15.00

Student: \$5.00

Our Treasurer will be available to collect them at the next meeting or you may mail your payment to:

Mary McConnell

6218 Wister Lane

Houston, TX 77008

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:**

President: Darla Harris  
 Vice President: Larry Rucker  
 Secretary: Patsy Geiger  
 Treasurer: Susan Peacock  
 Board Members at Large: Ted Richardson & Cecil Strange, Jr.  
 Membership Chair: Mary McConnell  
 Newsletter: Paul Geiger  
 Library: Patrick Hudnall  
 Raffles: Jean Keiser  
 Hospitality: Jessica Sheldon  
 Welcoming at Door: Emma Lee Payne

**Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society  
 Statement of Income & Expenses  
 January 01, 2007 to March 31, 2007**  
 Submitted by Susan Peacock

**INCOME**

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| Membership Dues:    | \$420.00        |
| Sale of Plants:     | \$20.00         |
| Raffle Income:      | \$37.75         |
| Sale of Books:      | \$00.00         |
| Interest Income:    | \$5.92          |
| Outstanding Checks: | \$0.00          |
| <b>Total:</b>       | <b>\$483.67</b> |

**EXPENSES**

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Program Expenses -- Materials: | \$163.36        |
| Program Expenses -- Lecturer:  | \$0.00          |
| Member Education:              | \$0.00          |
| Field Trip Expense:            | \$0.00          |
| Newsletter:                    | \$0.00          |
| Cost of Plants Sold:           | \$0.00          |
| Facility Charges:              | \$13.70         |
| <b>Total:</b>                  | <b>\$177.06</b> |

**CHECKING ACCOUNT**

Cash Balance, March 31, 2007: \$5,151.74  
 Cash Balance, January 01, 2007: \$4845.13  
**2006 Net Income: \$306.61**

**Meeting Refreshments**

Jessica Sheldon, our Hospitality Chairperson wants to remind everyone that we now have several categories of refreshments each month to encourage more participation from our members. The categories are: **Drinks** (sodas, ice tea, water, etc.); **Snacks** (chips, dips, crackers, cookies); **Fruit or Veggie Tray** (seasonal foods); **Desserts** (bought or yum, homemade); **Service Ware** (plates, cups, plastic ware, napkins). And for those who would like to express their culinary talents, think outside the usual and surprise us with your own creation!

Come out and enjoy some really good and delicious food!

**Society Tee Shirts**

We have a few more T-shirts - if you forgot to order or would like another one, they are \$10.00 each. Call Darla at 281-733-5564 or send an email to: [darla@fernplantation.com](mailto:darla@fernplantation.com) to place your order for color, size and quantity.

**Library**

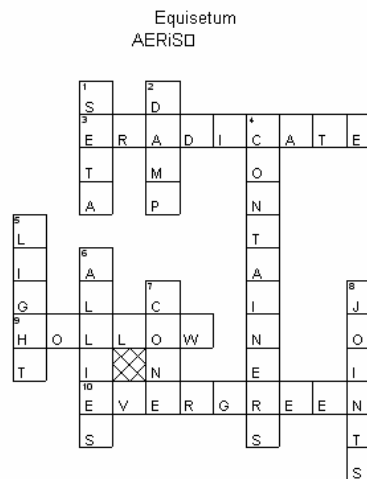
We encourage you to take advantage of the great resource of information available in our library. At each meeting there are take-home sheets that contain a brief review of available books. Also at each meeting is a wide variety of books and videos available for immediate checkout.

Don't forget to visit our web site (see link in header, page 1) and click on **Library** to see the current list of books available. There you will see some pictures of the books we have and links to reviews at Amazon and elsewhere.

**Theme Crossword Puzzle**

We have no theme crossword puzzle this month. Instead we have included an anagram puzzle (page 4) that you should be able to solve with your acquired knowledge or with some research – e.g., Barbara H's book.

**March 2007 Puzzle with Answers:**



- Across
- once established is difficult to get rid of.
  - watering conditions
  - best grown in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - grown in full sun.
  - stems are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - not a true fern.
  - does not die back in winter.
  - where are the spore?
  - cuttings will root at the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Down
- means bristle

## Orchid Show Pictures



**Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society Display – We won First Prize!!!!**  
Picture by Malcolm McCorquodale (Copyright 2007)



**Working Hard and Fast**  
Picture by Malcolm McCorquodale (Copyright 2007)

# FERNETIC ANAGRAMS

by Dr. Edward Frankel

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Column A (Caps omitted intentionally) lists the scrambled common names of 30 ferns and allies. Unscramble each name and write it in the corresponding numbered long space in Column B. Column C lists the scientific name (binomial) of each of the 30 plants. In the short space to the left of each unscrambled common name in Column B write the letter of each matching binomial. Line item 1 is completed as an example.

| COLUMN A                 |       | COLUMN B      |  | COLUMN C                       |
|--------------------------|-------|---------------|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. naadmehir             | a     | 1. Maidenhair |  | a. Adiantum pedatum            |
| 2. ylda                  | _____ | 2. _____      |  | b. Asplenium platyneuron       |
| 3. gnalmria lehids       | _____ | 3. _____      |  | c. Asplenium trichomanes       |
| 4. tihcrso               | _____ | 4. _____      |  | d. Athyrium filixa-femina      |
| 5. teivnssei             | _____ | 5. _____      |  | e. Athyrium thelypteroides     |
| 6. mtsrihcsa             | _____ | 6. _____      |  | f. Botrychium virginianum      |
| 7. enw ryok              | _____ | 7. _____      |  | g. Camptosaurus rhizophyllum   |
| 8. ayh-dtsneec           | _____ | 8. _____      |  | h. Cystopteris bulbifera       |
| 9. kaecnbr               | _____ | 9. _____      |  | i. Cystopteris fragilis        |
| 10. nanimocn             | _____ | 10. _____     |  | j. Dennstaedtia punctilobula   |
| 11. tdetnirrrpu          | _____ | 11. _____     |  | k. Dryopteris carthusiana      |
| 12. oyben wnoelepstr     | _____ | 12. _____     |  | l. Dryopteris cristata         |
| 13. naadmehir wnoelepstr | _____ | 13. _____     |  | m. Dryopteris goldiana         |
| 14. vryeisl aeldg        | _____ | 14. _____     |  | n. Dryopteris intermedia       |
| 15. etcders owod         | _____ | 15. _____     |  | o. Dryopteris marginalis       |
| 16. rsmha                | _____ | 16. _____     |  | p. Equisetum arvense           |
| 17. tednte acnhi         | _____ | 17. _____     |  | q. Lycopodium clavatum         |
| 18. leidf tlrhoesia      | _____ | 18. _____     |  | r. Maticuccia struthiopteris   |
| 19. ayolr                | _____ | 19. _____     |  | s. Onoclea sensibilis          |
| 20. mnmooc yppdloo       | _____ | 20. _____     |  | t. Osmunda cinnamomea          |
| 21. orbda cbehe          | _____ | 21. _____     |  | u. Osmunda claytoniana         |
| 22. bbeltlu dbalrde      | _____ | 22. _____     |  | v. Osmunda regalis             |
| 23. urgdon npei          | _____ | 23. _____     |  | w. Pella atropurpurea          |
| 24. tkteraaneke          | _____ | 24. _____     |  | x. Polypodium virginianum      |
| 25. neeeerrgv odow       | _____ | 25. _____     |  | y. Polystichum acrostichoides  |
| 26. geilaf               | _____ | 26. _____     |  | z. Pteridium aquilinum         |
| 27. eppurl fbefrkacli    | _____ | 27. _____     |  | aa. Thelypteris hexagonoptera  |
| 28. esolunips odow       | _____ | 28. _____     |  | bb. Thelypteris noveboracensis |
| 29. klwnagi              | _____ | 29. _____     |  | cc. Thelypteris palustris      |
| 30. oegldis dowo         | _____ | 30. _____     |  | dd. Woodwardia aereolata       |