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Next Regular Meeting: Sunday, March 16, 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.

We had a very good meeting last month! I hope everyone that came enjoyed the light stand project. It was great timing to follow our January spore project presented by Patrick. Just put your spores inside the stand and they will get the much needed light to produce new ferns.

Donna and Monty are program presenters again this month. Their program is a continuation of the theme on spore propagation. Donna says, "One of the most frequent questions I get is how do you tell if the spore are "ripe". We're going to attempt to answer that question at the meeting." Monty will use a CD of the program he did several years ago that actually shows the spore dehiscing. Monty's program was a big hit last time and definitely needs to be presented again for the many new members who didn't see it.

We will be putting in an order for shirts for delivery at the April meeting. Please let me know what you would like so I can get these ordered.

For our board members: we will have a board meeting after the presentation. We need to go over a few things for the upcoming year. If you will not be able to attend please let me know.

Reminder: Dues are due! Please make sure Mary McConnell has your dues and any update to your address, telephone numbers, email, etc. She will be forwarding this information to our *Newsletter* editor, Paul Geiger, for correct mailing and to Laura Lee who will be putting our membership book together for us again this year. This year you will have an option on hardware: Book form or CD - Please be sure to let Laura know which you prefer and please do so now so we will have as many as possible included at the beginning.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Darla



DUES

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.



Officers and Committees:

- President: Darla Harris
- Vice President: Laura Lee
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- Library: Patrick Hudnall
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- Hospitality: Jessica Sheldon
- Welcoming at Door: Emma Lee Payne



Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to Darla, Jessica, Frank and Cherie for their wonderful refreshment contribution in February.

March Refreshments:

Refreshments for our next meeting will be furnished as follows:

- Midge Gorman: Drinks
- Lulu Leonard: Snacks fruit and service ware
- Helen Spiers: Dessert

Come out and enjoy some really good and delicious food!



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.

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