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**Summer Party: Sunday, August 21, at 2:00 p. m. – Larry Rucker’s Home,  
8002 Arletta, Houston, TX 77061 - Phone: (832) 453-2992**

**A message from our President:**

Hi Everyone.

The heat is on that's for sure. I hope everyone is taking care of themselves and not getting over heated. I know my ferns in the greenhouse are calling for fall and cooler temperatures. If we could just have spring and fall I would be happy.

I hope everyone is ready for our summer social. I love our parties because I get to talk to everyone. I never have enough social time at the meetings so I plan on catching up with each of you. Larry has a lovely home that is built to have a party. There is lots of space and seating so invite your significant other to join you at our Southern/Cajun food fest. Please get with our Hospitality Chairs Ruth McDonald and/or Raini Cunningham on the menu if you have not already done so.

I would like to extend a 'Well done' to Adam Black on his presentation “Exploring Taiwan’s Fern Diversity” last month. Sure made me want to go for a nice fern visit. It's amazing how many ferns can be packed on such a small island and how many different eco-zones are present from low elevations to high and open to cloud forest. Thank you!!

Don't forget the plant swap in September. Up to five plants per member. This has been a fun event for our society for several years. Remember they don't have to be ferns, any well established plant or plant related items will work. Make them desirable to all so your items will get picked early giving you early picks as well. We will put more details in the next newsletter.

Just as a reminder to everyone, it's almost time to elect our officers for next year and to pay our dues again. We still have a few who have not mailed in this year's dues so you might want to send in next year's at the same time. We know life is busy so if you want to get ahead of the game, Beth Ayer is taking renewals

now and will be accepting them at the party. I know I pay my dues in person because I'm a terrible mailer. Stay safe and see you at the Party!!

*Darla*



**Up and Coming Attractions:**

**2016:**

- Aug 21: Summer Party  
at Larry Rucker's home
- Sept 18: Annual Plant Swap
- Oct 16: Cheilanthoid ferns  
by George Yatskievych, Ph.D.  
Botanist, Curator, Plant Resources Center,  
University of Texas at Austin
- Nov 20: “Fern Holiday Ornaments”  
by Larry Rucker (hands on, cost TBD)
- Dec 11: Holiday Party  
at Biruta Claunch's home

Submitted by: Lisa George & Larry Rucker, VPs



**Summer Party - New Orleans' Style**

Don't forget our Summer Party at Larry Rucker's home August 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 PM. Please let Raini Cunningham, [bnrc@xmission.com](mailto:bnrc@xmission.com) / 801-891-2254, or Ruth McDonald, [rmcdonald0@gmail.com](mailto:rmcdonald0@gmail.com) / 979-530-6186 know what refreshments you plan to bring.



**Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society  
General Meeting Minutes  
for July, 2016**

The general meeting was held at the Judson Robinson Jr. Community Center, Houston, Texas. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Darla Harris.

**General:** Darla opened the meeting with several announcements. Next month's meeting will be the summer social at Larry Rucker's house, starting at 2:00 pm. September is the plant swap, 5 plants per member maximum, do not have to be ferns, can be plant related. Each person who brings a plant will receive a raffle ticket. First person will be chosen by the raffle draw. Second person to select will be person who brought first selected item. This will continue until all items have been selected. In October, George Yatskievych will talk about ferns of the desert. In November, Larry Rucker will lead a hands-on project and December will be the Christmas party at Biruta Claunch's home. Darla thanked all who brought plants for the raffle and all who brought food.

**Program:** Adam Black, director of horticulture at the Peckerwood Gardens, gave a fantastic presentation on the Ferns of Taiwan. He has made 3 trips to Taiwan recently enriching his understanding of ferns in this region. The island is unique in several ways. One unique aspect of the island not generally considered is the area is prone to landslides which impacts plant diversity. He noted that an entire plant species could be made extinct due to these landslides. He also noticed that the northern side of the island had plants influenced by Japan and on the southern side he found influences from the Philippines. He mentioned a book by Ralf Knapp called Ferns & Fern Allies of Taiwan, a thorough and continually updated reference. All of the pictures and references can be accessed online.

**Attendance:** 32 members and 1 guest attended

**Raffle:** \$102.00

Submitted by:  
Diane J. Hudnall, secretary



**2016 Officers and Committees:**

President:	Darla Harris
Vice President:	Lisa George and Larry Rucker
Secretary:	Diane Hudnall
Treasurer:	Mary McConnell
Board Members-at-Large:	Biruta Claunch Terri Dolney Cherie Lee (Past Pres)
Education Chair:	Darla Harris
Hospitality Chair:	Raini Cunningham and Ruth McDonald
Library:	Ruth McDonald
Membership Co-chairs:	Beth Ayer and Marcia Livingston
Newsletter:	Cherie Lee
Spore Exchange:	Patrick Hudnall
Ways and Means:	Larry Rucker
- Raffle, Store, etc.	Biruta Claunch
Web Master:	Malcolm McCorquodale
Welcoming at Door:	Beth Ayer and Marcia Livingston



**2016 Dues**

If you have not renewed your membership for 2016, please complete the membership form and return it with your payment and any changes noted to our Membership Co-chairs Beth Ayer and Marcia Livingston at our next meeting or mail it to:

Beth Ayer  
5815 Portal Drive  
Houston, TX 77096

**TGCFS dues amounts:**

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

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



## July Raffle Results:

**Thank you to our Donors:** Adam Black, Raini & Bret Cunningham, Will Fleming, Darla Harris, Chuck Hudson, Craig Jackson, Malcolm McCorquodale, Fred Robinson, Larry Rucker, Cecil Strange, Beth Whitley, and Donna & Johnny Williams

**Congratulations to the Winners:** Beth Ayer, Darla Harris, Becky Hill, Chuck Hudson, Craig Jackson, Cherie Lee, Ruth McDonald, Judith Neufeld, Fred Robinson, Cecil Strange, Beth Whitley, Donna Williams, Johnny Williams, and Brenda Wilson



## Refreshments:

Refreshments for July were generously provided by:

Beth Ayer, Biruta Claunch, Raini Cunningham, Diane Hudnell, Darla Harris, Joy Hudson, Cherie Lee, Ruth McDonald, Judith Neufeld, Betsy Robinson, and Larry Rucker.

Please let Raini Cunningham, [bnrc@xmission.com](mailto:bnrc@xmission.com) / 801-891-2254, or Ruth McDonald, [rmmcdonald0@gmail.com](mailto:rmmcdonald0@gmail.com) / 979-530-6186, know if you can help with the refreshments for any months in 2016. Come out and enjoy some really delicious food!



## Library

We encourage you to take advantage of the great resource of information available in our library. At each meeting there are a wide variety of books 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. If there is a particular book you would like to check out at the meeting, please contact Ruth McDonald at [rmmcdonald0@gmail.com](mailto:rmmcdonald0@gmail.com) or 979-530-6186 prior to the meeting to make sure it will be available.



## Editor's Comments

**Deadline for the September Newsletter is September 1, 2016. Thanks.**

Cherie Lee, Editor, *TGCFS Newsletter*



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## Upcoming Events in the Houston Area:

If you have the time and would like to expand your horticultural activities, take note of the following announcements.

### **The Houston Orchid Society, Inc.**

– [www.houstonorchidsociety.org](http://www.houstonorchidsociety.org) –

Regular meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 PM at the First Christian Church, 1601 Sunset Blvd., Houston, TX 77005

Next regular meeting is:  
September 1, 2016

### **Bromeliad Society/Houston Inc.**

– [www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org](http://www.bromeliadsocietyhouston.org) –

Regular meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the West Gray Multi-Service Center 1475 W. Gray St., Houston, TX 77019

Next regular meeting is:  
August 16, 2016



**“Exploring Taiwan’s Fern Diversity”  
by Adam Black**

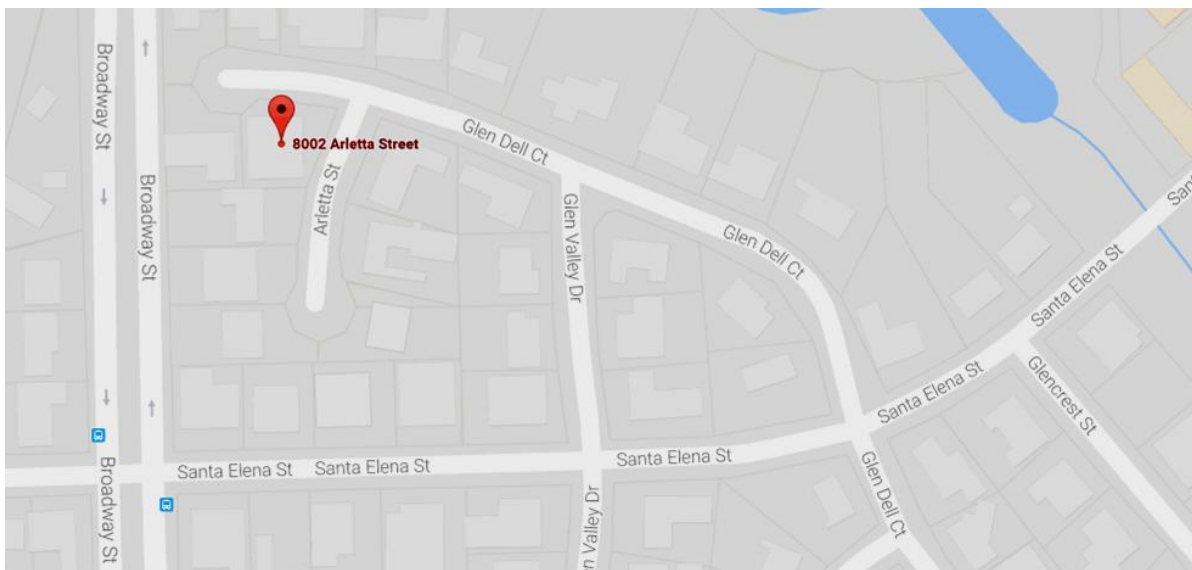
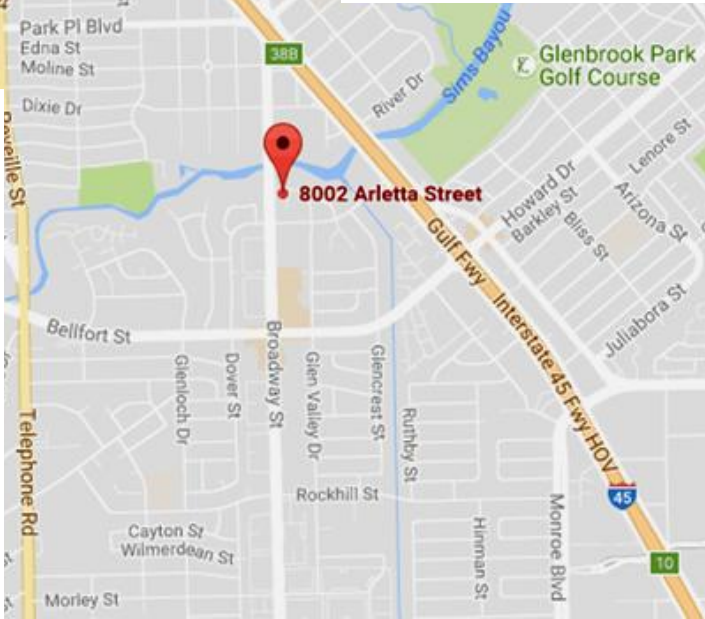
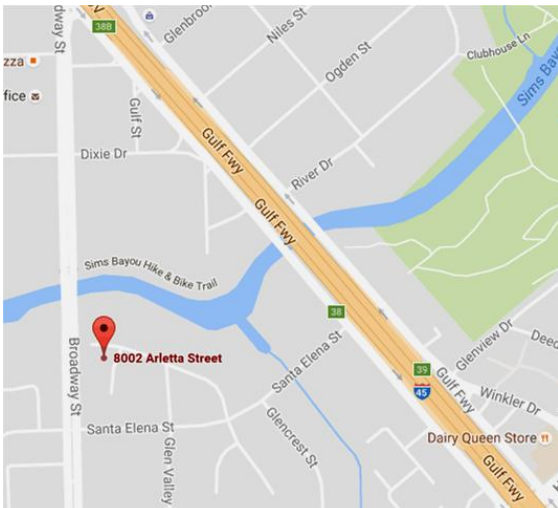
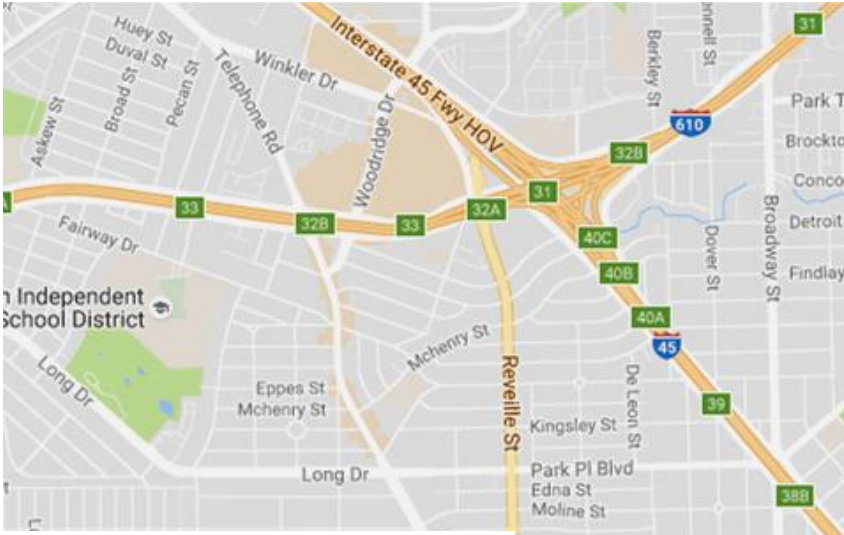


**Adam Black**



**Great Raffle!**

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### **From I 45 Going South from Houston:**

Take EXIT 38B toward **Howard Dr/Bellfort Ave.**

Then 0.20 miles

Merge onto Gulf Fwy.

Then 0.28 miles

Turn **right** onto Santa Elena St.

1. Santa Elena St is 0.1 miles past Delwood St

Then 0.19 miles

Take the 1st **right** onto Glen Dell Ct.

2. Glen Dell Ct is just past Glencrest St
3. If you are on Santa Elena St and reach Glen Valley Dr you've gone a little too far

Then 0.17 miles

Take the 2nd **left** onto Arletta St.

4. Arletta St is just past Glen Valley Dr
5. If you reach the end of Glen Dell Ct you've gone a little too far

Then 0.00 miles

8002 ARLETTA DR.

6. First house on the right (corner lot)

### **From I 45 Going North from Galveston:**

Take EXIT 39 toward **Park Place Blvd/Broadway Blvd.**

Then 0.19 miles

Merge onto Gulf Fwy. U Turn under Fwy.

Then 1.02 miles

Turn **right** onto Santa Elena St.

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