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Due to COVID-19 restrictions our meeting this month will be a “virtual” one. See below.

A message from our President:

Hi Everyone,

I'm sorry to run the newsletter so late this month. I have been working on a virtual meeting for us and it took me longer that I had hoped. I have joined these type meetings often but I have never hosted one and needed to figure out if I was going to be able to do this. So I will be sending out an invitation to you to attend the meeting via email. We publish this newsletter on our website, and a lot of virtual meetings have been hacked into by various hecklers so to prevent that, no details on the meeting will be offered online. Fernando Orellana has volunteered to do this meeting for us. He is a member of our society, but lives in Los Angeles and he gave this talk to the Los Angeles International Fern Society last month. The talk is on Aglaomorpha and Drynaria ferns and their care. Fernando grows a lot of them there in the California area but will be adapting his talk to our growing conditions here. The primary differences between there and here are: One; they have very little humidity and two, they cool down at night all summer long.

So to attend the meeting you can download the “GoToMeeting” app on your smart phone, or you can download the Application for your PC or Mac. The reason we chose this rather than some of the others is we get one free month and this is what the LA fern society used and they were kind enough to work with me on this. If you have any questions please let me know before Sunday’s meeting and we can make sure you’re all set up. We may need to do this again in June, we will just have to wait and see.

Everyone should have their membership booklet information to print yourself. We would like to hear your feedback on this method. I would like to give both Beth Ayer and Cherie Lee a hearty “Thanks” for putting this together. As you can see this is a big project and time consuming to ensure we each have a copy of everyone's information. Please let them know what a great job they have been doing for us for a lot of years now.

As Texas is starting to try to get some things back to normal, we want to make sure all our fern members stay safe

and well. So as we move forward this year we will be keeping this at the forefront of our decision making on upcoming programs. Our speakers scheduled for the fall are still on board to give their presentations. We just need to see what we can do with the next month or two.

I want to “Thank” everyone that sent in pictures of their ferns or landscape they have been working on during this stay at home time. I know some of you are still at work and others have been riding this out at home; either way, sharing our ferns is always a good thing.

Take care, and stay safe!

Hope to see you soon at the virtual meeting.

Darla



2020 Membership Dues

Renewals for 2020 membership are still being accepted. Thank you to all of you who have already renewed. If you have not renewed, please complete the membership form and mail it with your payment and any changes noted to our Membership Chair, Beth Ayer:

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.



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.

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Lepisorus onoei. from Japan.
Photo by Daniel Yansura



Platycerium Superbum, long fertile fronds
Photo by Fernando Orellana



Platycerium superbum short fertile fronds growing in a palm
Photo by Fernando Orellana



P. Willinkii growing in a palm
Photo by Fernando Orellana



My favorite Bird's Nest Fern
Photo by Sandra Rigsby



Terrarium Ferns

Photos submitted by Fred Robinson

Ferns In Terrarium:

Genus	Species	Cultivar
Asplenium	undetermined	Dwarf
Microsorium	thailandicum	
Selaginella	erythropus	Sanguinea
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Microgramma	reptans	
Microgramma	heterophylla	Culry
Actiniopteris	semiflabellata	