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**Holiday Party: Sunday, December 11 at 1:00 pm – Malcolm McCorquodale’s home  
2905 Drexel Drive, Houston, TX 77027 – Home phone: 713-621-6217**

**A message from our President:**

Hi Everyone,

I found last month’s “Hybrid” meeting exceptionally interesting. Having Susan Facett PhD presenting remotely from the US Tropical Botanical Garden, along with examples of plants and fronds provided by Darla Harris was a real treat. The information Susan presented on the Thelypteridaceae family of ferns was a bit technical for me. However, the clarity with which it was provided not only made it understandable for me but encouraged me to read further into this tremendously diverse family.

Many thanks to Darla and Joe Harris for the great work they have done making our meetings available on the web to those who cannot attend in person. Also, a many thanks to the folks that brought the nice plants for the raffle. Malcolm McCorquodale has graciously volunteered to host the Christmas party this year, coming up quickly on the 11th. **Note that this is a week earlier than our normal meetings and will kick off at 1:00pm, which is an hour earlier than our normal meetings.** This is to allow people who drive a distance to get home before dark. His home is always a treat to visit. So many fine plants. See Map further in the newsletter. We will be having Potluck, but traditional foods. Larry Rucker is our hospitality person so please let him know what you will be bringing so we will have a nice variety. You can reach Larry at his phone contact 832-453-2992 this is both phone/text. Or you can reach him at his email address herbie39L@att.net. **Larry is providing the turkey and dressing. Patrick and Diane are providing a ham.** So, appetizers, side dishes, drinks and deserts are needed for sure. This is a BYOB party, but if you would like to bring extra wine/beer to share that’s always welcomed too. I think we are on the backside of the Covid virus. However, don’t forget this will be shared food, unless you want to bring just your own, or eat at a different time. Also, those that feel more comfortable in a mask are welcome to do so, but is not required.

Don't forget the gift exchange at the party. If you'd like to participate, please bring a wrapped fern/plant or

plant/garden related item valued around \$15-\$25. This is anonymous so no names please. This is always fun. We will draw numbers for determining the order for selecting gifts, so it is a random order. This is a nice way to share something special with our friends. If you don't want to participate, that is ok too.

Darla Harris will be taking over as President of our Society in January. I could not have gotten through any of 2022 without the tremendous efforts by our committees and our Officers, especially Darla and Lisa.

Pat



**Dues!**

We are requesting payment of 2023 dues. Dues should be paid by January 1, 2023.

Your dues may be paid in person at a meeting or sent by mail to me: Beth Ayer, 5815 Portal Dr., Houston, TX 77096.

Checks should be payable to: **Texas Gulf Coast Fern Society (TGCFS).**

If you have any questions about the status of you dues please contact me at either: beth.ayer@yahoo.com or 713.729.0994 (landline; you may leave a voice mail message).

Thanks -- Beth Ayer, Co-membership Chair



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