

### 2010 IPS Biennial Meeting, Brazil

The next International Palm Society Biennial Meeting will be held in Brazil, tentatively scheduled for April 16–24, 2010.

There will be separate Pre-Biennial Tours to the Amazon and to Uruguay, terminating in Rio de Janeiro to tie in with the start of the Biennial. Details of the Amazon tour are included in this *Supplement*, with details of the Uruguay tour and the Biennial itself to follow later.

Biennial registration and itinerary details will be provided on [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org) and in the next *Supplement to Palms*. More on palms to be seen at the 2010 Biennial in this *Palms* issue.

### Call for Nominations for IPS Board of Directors for 2010 – 2014 Term of Office

It is time for the election of those IPS Directors who will serve for the years 2010 to 2014. **If there is anyone you know who can contribute to the goals of the International Palm Society and who is willing to dedicate the time necessary to serve as a Director, please submit his/her name for nomination.**

**November 20, 2009** is the deadline for Administrative Secretary Larry Noblick to receive nominations – so election ballots can be-mailed with the December 2009 issue of *Palms*. Completed original ballots must be returned to Larry no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to be counted. Elections results will be announced on the IPS website in April 2010 and published in the June 2010 *Supplement to Palms*.

**Nominating requirements:** A candidate must have been a Member of the Society for two years before being nominated as a Director. Any IPS Member may propose a candidate for nomination by writing an e-mail or letter to the Administrative Secretary. A second nomination in writing from another Member is also required. The proposed candidate must submit to the Secretary a written consent of willingness to serve if nominated and elected, which should include a willingness to attend board meetings during his or her tenure. The proposed candidate must also send the Secretary a short palm-related biography, which will be included on the ballot.

When the above conditions have been met, the Secretary will forward the proposed candidate's name to the Nominating Committee for consideration as a nominee on the ballot.

#### **Nominating Committee guidelines:**

Directors are elected for a four-year term with terms staggered so that approximately half the Directors will be installed at each Biennial meeting. The Nominating Committee will use the regional distribution of members as a guide for insuring worldwide representation.

#### **Duties and expectations of the IPS**

**Directors:** The Board of 34 Directors has general charge of the affairs and business of the Society including the management of the Society's funds. Directors are expected to take an active role in Board activities by serving on appropriate committees set up for specific tasks and concerns. The Board meets once a year, at the Biennial meeting or at an Interim Meeting.

An ability and willingness to travel to all (or most) of the annual Board Meetings at the Director's own expense is, by necessity, a strong consideration used by the Nominating Committee when selecting candidates. Directors are also expected to be accessible by e-mail.

Directors for the 2010–2014 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in April 2010 at the Brazil Biennial.

Questions concerning the nominating and election process may be sent to Faith Bishock, Chair of the IPS Nominating Committee; or Larry Noblick, IPS Administrative Secretary. E-mail messages are preferred.

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The Nominating Committee for the upcoming election comprises Faith Bishock, Sue Rowlands, John DeMott, and Jeanne Price.

## 2010 Pre-Biennial Tour

### A Riverboat Tour to See the Palms of the Amazon

Once again The New York Botanical Garden will offer a *Palm Tour of the Amazon*. This tour is designed for palm enthusiasts who are interested in experiencing the rich and diverse palm flora of the Amazon. The tour will be led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden.

The 10-day trip is planned for April 7<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010, to take place immediately before the Rio Biennial.

For information and booking form go to: <http://www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmtour/>, the tour website.

For additional information contact Andrew Henderson at [ahenderson@nybg.org](mailto:ahenderson@nybg.org), by phone at 718 817-8973, or by mail at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458.

## 2009 IPS Endowment Fund Grants

At the 2009 Board of Directors meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> in San Ignacio, Belize, the IPS Endowment Fund Committee approved the following grants for a total of \$18,950:

- US\$6,800 toward the study *Demographic and genetic structure of two co-occurring endangered palms endemic to the Masoala region of Madagascar*, by Dr. Alison Shapcott, the University of Sunshine Coast [Australia], with the collaboration of Dr. Mijoro Rakotorinivo, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, Madagascar Office, and Dr. Bill Baker, Royal Botanic Gardens Kew.
- US\$3,250 toward *Completion of a revision of Geonoma, and preparation of an illustrated Guide to the Palms of Rio de Janeiro region*, by Dr. Andrew Henderson, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx.
- US\$3,000 for work on *A Molecular Phylogeny of Attalea: the Groundwork for Future Research and Conservation in the Neotropics*, by Jason Schoneman, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Texas at Austin.
- US\$3,000 for study of *Uptake and Distribution of Systemic Fungicides in Large (Tall) Palms*, by Drs. Monica Elliot and Timothy Broschat, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) of the

University of Florida, Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center.

- US\$2,900 for study of *Palm diversity and composition in a remote and unexplored premontane rainforest of Eastern Ecuador: the Cordillera Galeras*, by Dr. Thomas L. P. Couvreur, Postdoctoral Researcher, New York Botanical Garden (NYBG), Bronx, NY.

It was not possible for the IPS to grant all of the almost US\$50,000 requested by the large number of deserving applicants, Applications that were reviewed and not funded in 2009 may be considered for future grants if the applicants wish to reapply.

## 2010 IPS Endowment Fund Applications

Applications must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 for consideration of a 2010 IPS Endowment Fund grants. The 2010 grants will be awarded in April 2010 at the IPS Biennial meeting.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Proposals should be sent in MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as e-mail attachments to [jim.cain@cain-barnes.com](mailto:jim.cain@cain-barnes.com). If the documents exceed 9MB in size, please send them to [jimmydcain@aol.com](mailto:jimmydcain@aol.com) instead with a note to [jim.cain@cain-barnes.com](mailto:jim.cain@cain-barnes.com) advising that this was done. E-mails totaling up to 16MB (including attachments) will be accepted at that address.

Proposals should include the following information, along with any other information that applicants think might increase their chances for favorable review of their proposals:

- A Narrative Proposal Section, with a clear description of the project to be funded. This should include adequate detail for independent scientific reviewers to assess the feasibility and desirability of the project work. This should also address the desired project timetable in a general way, again to provide clarity to the reviewers.
- A clear and readable budget for the full project, as well as how much of the funding is requested from the IPS and how much of the total project funding is expected to be obtained from other sources. Please also state whether or not “partial funding” of the IPS amount would be acceptable (and still allow the project to be undertaken)



been an informal information exchange. At that time there was established the quarterly magazine, formerly Magazine of the Palm & Cycad Society of Australia, now **PALMS & CYCADS**, publishing both non-technical and technical articles of interest to the palm and/or cycad enthusiast. The Bookstore offers substantial discounts on retail prices of palm and cycad books and publications, most of which are unobtainable elsewhere in Australia. In 1984, a Publication Fund was established which, since 1987, has published eight original works in book form.

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below, whenever information on local branch activities is provided. PACSOA branches are:

- Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of W.A., Inc.

For information on PACSOA or the **Palms and Cycads** magazine write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064, e-mail <enquiries@pacsoa.org.au> or visit the website, [www.pacsoa.org.au](http://www.pacsoa.org.au).

### **Tropical Garden Society of Sydney**

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, about 40 people attended the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney's auction and raffle, possibly the largest auction ever with a very well-stocked plant raffle. Eleven different species of *Chamaedorea* were available along with numerous other palms and tropical plants.

The May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting featured Speaker: Peter Nixon, Garden Designer and Project Manager, and Plant Industry Networker. Peter, trading as Paradisus, has had a long experience of designing gardens in Sydney. He uses plants, native and exotic, that have evolved to grow in similar conditions, with minimal soil "improvement" and no irrigation. He calls this "best fit" gardening. He brought his experience by showing impressive examples of his gardens that have been using this approach in plant selection.

If you wish a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, see <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/index.htm> or e-mail Ian Edwards <ianse@oz.com.au>.

### **The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay**

The PACSOM typically holds six to eight meetings / garden visits each year. Plans for 2009 include the following:

- Feb. 22: Annual General Meeting & elections of new officers
- May 17: Annual Palm Fête
- May 24: Monthly Meeting at Clubhouse
- June 28: Field Trip to Cape Hillsborough
- July 26: Garden Visit to home of Hans and Edith Querl in Yakapari
- Aug. 23: Meeting and Garden Visit to home of Percy and Val Simonsen in Sarina
- Sept. 27: Visit Mackay Regional Botanical Garden and/or Queens Park
- Oct. 25: Garden visit to the home of Keith and Ailsa Boyden in Farley
- Nov. 22: "Break up" event for the year; venue TBA.

For information on PACSOM and PACSOM events, write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or e-mail Margaret Bazley, <bazley@m@dodo.com.au>, the new President of PACSOM for 2009.

### **Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA**

In 2009, the Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society continues to meet at 7:30 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January\*, March, May, July, September, and November. Meetings are held at the auditorium of the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, in the Brisbane suburb of Toowong. \* Due to Australia Day, the January meeting was held on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Members and guests are welcome to attend. At our meetings we discuss cultivation and hear guest speaker present talks and slide shows on all aspects of palms and cycads both in the wild and in the garden. Last year we saw presentations of palms & cycads in habitat from member's travels to diverse places including Darwin, Borneo, Peru and Ecuador. We heard Dr. John Dowe speak of his latest palm research on *Archontophoenix*, *Sabal* and *Livistona*. We also had a special bromeliad night.

Each meeting concludes with our very popular \$1 plant raffle where you can win rare and unusual plants especially purchased by the society as well as plants donated by members. Meetings run about 2 hours and are a great place

to share information and socialize with others who are fascinated by palms and cycads.

Field Trips are organized for April, June, August, and October. Outings could be a visit to a national park to view palms or cycads in habitat; or a tour of some of Queensland's best private gardens; or a trip to specialist nurseries where unusual plants can be purchased.

Brisbane Group members receive the monthly newsletter which is two to four A4 pages covering past and upcoming events.

A field trip to visit to the garden of Leo Gamble at Yandina on the Sunshine Coast was conducted April 18<sup>th</sup>. The Gamble's garden was featured in the January 2006 *Palms & Cycads* magazine. The garden is over 20 years old and has many mature palm and cycads, with over 500 species in cultivation.

The May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Mt. Cootha Botanic Gardens auditorium in Brisbane featured guest speaker Paul I. Forster of the Queensland Herbarium. Paul is a renowned botanist and author and is involved in current research on cycads, euphorbia and many other plant groups. He gave a presentation on the Cycads of the Cape York Peninsula.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>, members will visit various Southside private gardens. For further details, see [www.pacsoa.org.au/branches/Brisbane.html](http://www.pacsoa.org.au/branches/Brisbane.html), the Branch website.

For more information on the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, write Secretary, PACSOA – BPACS, P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, or contact President Mark Wuschke via e-mail <[cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au)>.

### **Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA**

The Sunshine Coast branch of PACSOA has faded away due to lack of support. We always kept hoping for one or two new members, but this has not happened. There seem to be too many other demands on people's time and their gardening interests have moved on. If any of you have renewed interest in the Sunshine Coast Branch, please send an e-mail to Jeanne Price at <[pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au](mailto:pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au)>.

### **South Australia Branch, PACSOA**

For information on the South Australia Branch of PACSOA, write the Secretary, Palm & Cycad Society – South Australia Branch, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, South Australia 5082, Australia.

## **Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News**

For information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA), e-mail to President Ralph Coppola <[raffyl@inet.net.au](mailto:raffyl@inet.net.au)> or Editor Gary Pike <[thepikes@powerdsl.com.au](mailto:thepikes@powerdsl.com.au)> or just visit [www.wawebsite.com.au/palmwest](http://www.wawebsite.com.au/palmwest).

### **New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society**

About thirty members of the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting heard Alan Booth's talk about *Pritchardia*. With 26 species, *Pritchardia* is generally thought of as a tropical genus and many in New Zealand are afraid to try them. Alan dispels the myth by showing how well many *Pritchardia* species will grow in Auckland, and he pointed out the often subtle differences between these "kings of the fan palms." There was a small auction of different *Pritchardia* species.

The next meeting will be on July 7<sup>th</sup>, featuring Kebun Raya Botanical Gardens and the Flecker Botanical Gardens. Ted Lloyd has produced a great film focusing on subtropical genera at the Kebun Raya Botanic Gardens in Indonesia and the Flecker Botanic Gardens in Cairns, Australia. The film will be introduced by Ted if he has returned from his latest overseas adventure.

The August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009, meeting will focus on palm and cycad nutrition: A Scientific Approach – led by John Lok, who takes a very thoughtful approach to feeding his plants. Members should learn much about how to optimize growth in their collections, whether in pots or planted in the ground.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society, visit the website at <http://nzpalmandcycad.com>.

Most of the PACSONZ news items were extracted either from the new PACSONZ website or from internet postings by Michael McCorquindale (PACSONZ President & Webmaster) <[michaelmac@clear.net.nz](mailto:michaelmac@clear.net.nz)>, Gary Coleman <[aries@splurge.net.nz](mailto:aries@splurge.net.nz)> and others on the NZ Society mail server. To subscribe, send an e-mail to <[nzpalmycad-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:nzpalmycad-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)>. Additional news is taken from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine* as appropriate.

## **Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News**

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) Spring Plant Sale was held on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Phoenix Perennials in Richmond. Reasonable weather and excellent groundwork by club executive and volunteers resulted in a very successful day. Thanks to all who participated, and to Gary Lewis and Phoenix Perennials for once again providing the venue for the sale.

Forty-six enthusiastic members attended the General Meeting of May 25<sup>th</sup> in the Cedar Room at VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver. All were eager to share their successes and failures with fellow palmophiles. Chaired by Nick Parker, the first half of the meeting dealt with various news items. A special presentation was made to Edith Camm in appreciation of her three years as President. After the break, Rudi Pinkowski delivering an excellent slide presentation based on his recent trip to temperate South America. The disparity between climate and latitude in Chile (caused by the cold Humboldt current) and its affect on flora was a major theme. Rudi's show ended with scenes from the Falkland Islands and lastly from Rio de Janeiro (site of the next IPS Biennial).

North Shore Art in the Garden tour was the feature of the weekend of May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. The gardens of club sages Larry Wick and Rudi Pinkowski were the backdrop for several artists on both days of this event. The "Art in the Garden" tours are powered by the synergy of excellent creative artists performing in a backdrop of excellent gardens. To obtain a brochure describing all gardens and events, check out the North Vancouver Community Arts Council website.

Additional General Meetings are planned for September 28<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, with details to follow later.

For more on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, e-mail Nick Parker, <hpi\_nick@hardypalm.com> or see the society website at <http://www.hardypalm.com/>

### **European Palm Society**

Be sure and go to the NEW European Palm Society website, [www.palmsociety.org.uk](http://www.palmsociety.org.uk) for information on the EPS. The new site, [www.palmsociety.org.uk](http://www.palmsociety.org.uk), is free to sign up to, though you must register for an account to gain access to the EPS forum of over 420 members

from all over the world. The site has a donation facility as the EPS needs money to keep the site going.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, a nice sunny day, a number of EPS members met with fellow plant enthusiasts from the Hardy Tropicals UK forum for a great day at Akamba Nursery, a superb exotic plant nursery.

The latest issue of *Chamaerops* (Issue 55) is now available online, with a South American flavor to it. Please visit the *Chamaerops* area of the website and look it over.

The annual May EPS meet at Kew gardens gave around 25 members a chance to walk around the greenhouses and talk to the Temperate House Curator. David Cooke again made us welcome and arranged for us to have refreshments – always nice that he gives EPS his time and provides an opportunity to ask him questions on the palms under his care. As always the fate of the big *Jubaea* is top of the list and again there is no immediate or easy answers for this giant – as it has now reached the roof of the Temperate House. In the Palm House, many new small palms and cycads have been put on display and the progress of two *Tahina* is amazing! Last year they had one leaf sprout and this May they have six or more leaves each, despite being in their modest pots.

After Kew, most people headed to the Palm Centre for purchases and to see how the outdoor plantings fare. The *Trachycarpus nanus* was coming into bloom and the massive *Jubaea* slowly recovering. A large *Phoenix* was winter blasted but appears to be recovering.

For more information on the European Palm Society, contact EPS Secretary Tony King <[tony@aking88.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:tony@aking88.wanadoo.co.uk)>, or visit the new website [www.palmsociety.org.uk](http://www.palmsociety.org.uk).

### **Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society**

This year, three major excursions are planned by *Fous de Palmiers*.

- Sept. 30–Oct. 13, 2009: La Réunion  
Tour to the "Intense Isle" of de La Réunion, France of the tropics, at the heart of the Indian Ocean. Organized in conjunction with Palmeraie-Union, the IPS Réunion affiliate. Places are limited so sign up early if you are interested in attending. The tour is reserved exclusively for members of the *Fous*. Contact: Patrick MARTY, telephone: +33-05 62 08 98 20

- October 25–28, 2009: Elche, Spain  
Save these dates to see the grand Palmeraie d'Elche (to the south of the Alicante) with some 100,000 date palms planted. Explore the hypothetical ancestor of the Date Palm, *Phoenix "iberica,"* and visit the small island of Tabarca. For those who have more than four days, visit the suite of marvelous gardens of Grenada and the "vallée des fruits tropicaux d'Almunécar" (a little to the south). There is some flexibility in the itinerary dates. Contact : Gérard DORIN, telephone: +33-05 53 29 40 29.
- December 4–6, 2009: San Remo, Italy  
The next European Biennial of Palms will be held in San Remo. The theme for this year will be about insects useful and harmful to palms. Contact: Claudio LITTARDI, telephone: +33-0183 999 011

Info above taken from  
Fous de Palmiers website  
<http://palmiers.chez.com/>

In order to receive a free, complimentary copy of the magazine, contact the editor and correspondent for IPS, Steve SWINSCOE.

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### **South African Palm Society**

For information about the South African Palm Society (SAPS,) contact the President, Neels van Niekerk < neels@eject.co.za >.

### **Palmenfreunde in Germany**

*Palmenfreunde* publishes a journal entitled *Palmen und Mehr* (in German) of about twenty A5-sized pages with many palms photographs in color. Membership is 22 € per year. E-mail Jörg Witticke < Palmenfreunde@aol.com >.

### **Association Chambeyronia New Caledonia**

See the *Association Chambeyronia* website [www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm](http://www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm) or contact Secretary Jean-Pierre Canel < jpcan@canl.nc > or President Jean Pierson < pierson@socatrans.nc > for more information on *Association Chambeyronia*.

### **The Palm Society of Maui**

For further information on the *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (e-mail to Sunya at [evitaazul@yahoo.com](mailto:evitaazul@yahoo.com) or telephone to cell phone 808-280-5051.)

### **News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter**

For information on Palmeraie Union, contact Thierry Hubert at [palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr](mailto:palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr) or e-mail to Nicole Ludwig at [nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr](mailto:nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr).

### **Hawaii Island Palm Society**

The much anticipated talk on the palms of Madagascar by Jeff Marcus about Jeff and Suchin's recent trip to Madagascar was given to HIPS on Friday evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jeff's talk was a tremendous hit, describing their many adventures in Madagascar in October 2008. Jeff and Suchin were part of a group of eight palm lovers, led by Dr. John Dransfield, perhaps the world's leading palm expert and esteemed authority on the palms of Madagascar. The group spent a month exploring palm habitat from Cape Masoala in the Northeast to Fort Dauphin in the South and over to Tulear on the Western Coast of Madagascar. The presentation included photographs taken by Jeff and Suchin of the approximately 70 species of palms that grow in the areas they visited. Examples included many species of tiny understory *Dypsis* in habitat, various *Ravanea* species, *Beccariophoenix*, *Satranala* and several species of forest giants.

For those unable to attend Jeff and Suchin's presentation, it is now available on the web, thanks to HIPS member, Dean Ouer. Dean recorded Jeff's voice describing each photo at the April meeting, then combined that with the photos. He added the name of each palm to the pictures and has set it up so the slide show is in sync with the voice recording. The link online at Dean's website, [www.palmpedia.net/wiki/index.php/HAWAII\\_ISLAND\\_PALM\\_SOCIETY](http://www.palmpedia.net/wiki/index.php/HAWAII_ISLAND_PALM_SOCIETY) Scroll down the page to the link to the Madagascar slide show.

The annual barbecue and auction at Wailoa Park in early February was very successful. Thanks go to the entire HIPS board for the planning and hard work for this event, with special thanks to our palm nursery people (Jan Anderson, Bill Austin, Jules Gervais, Bo-Göran

Lundkvist, Jeff Marcus, Tim Pickering and Garrett Webb) who provided the palms for the auction, and to Alan Young for coordinating the dinner with Don's Grill. The two special HIPS auctioneers, Gaila Vidunas and Jan Anderson, entertained all with their good humor and knowledge of palms.

HIPS was invited to visit Ho'owaiwai in Papaikou on June 7<sup>th</sup>. The original property, which encompassed 150 acres, has been split into three parcels, the main part of which was included in the tour. The property is at 900 feet (275 meters) elevation and was once part of a sugar cane plantation. The landscaping on the property, begun in 1982, includes broad expanses of lawn and some of the rarest and most interesting palms in the world. In 1987, the original owner acquired a collection of 50,000 palm seeds from South America, collected by IPS member De Armand Hull. The late Ken Foster, a former IPS president and HIPS member, served as a consultant to oversee the germination, care, feeding and placement of the palms. Most of the palms were planted 20 to 24 years ago and have thrived in the lush environment of the Hamakua Coast, completing the plan "to create an exotic tropical garden in which to work and play." HIPS members were able to see mature specimens from South America such as *Iriartea deltoidea* and *Mauritiella armata*. From South-East Asia, there is *Oncosperma tigillarum*, from Madagascar, *Dypsis fibrosa*, *Dypsis* sp. "Neophloga pink crown shaft" and from Samoa, the signature palm for Ho'owaiwai, *Clinostigma samoense*.

A work day at the Panaewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens had the participation of over 200 high school students, teachers and supervisors. Even Mayor Kenoi was there.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Don Hemmes g<hemmes@hawaii.edu>, or Tiffany Rippa <tiffanyrippa@gmail.com> (Membership.)

Also note new e-mail addresses for HIPS Secretary Patty Ferrazi <pferazzi@gmail.com> and HIPS Treasurer Mike Merritt <merrittm00132@yahoo.com>

### **Palm Society of Southern California**

The Palm Society of Southern California held their May meeting in conjunction with the annual Quail Garden Palm Sale at Quail Garden, Encinitas, California.

In general, PSSC meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every other month in rotation:

- July 2009: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- Sept. 2009: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Nov. 2009: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Jan 2010: Annual Banquet
- March 2010: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- May 2010: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- July 2010: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Sept. 2010: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Nov. 2010: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties

The above PSSC news items were extracted from postings on the website [www.palmssc.org](http://www.palmssc.org).

### **Northern California Chapter, IPS**

If you are a member of the International Palm Society and wish to be added to the Palm Society of Northern California Chapter mailing list, send an e-mail to the secretary <Edith@PalmPaintings.com> or write Edith Bergstrom (Secretary) at P.O. Box 126, Palo Alto, CA 94302. Include your mailing address, phone number and e-mail address. There is no additional fee for Northern California Society membership. You are also encouraged to visit the Northern California Chapter website at their new website <http://www.palmsnc.org/>.

### **Arizona Palm & Cycad Society**

The Arizona Palm and Cycad Society met on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the home of Monte and Cynthia Crawford in Apache Junction, Arizona. John Lavranos was guest speaker. John is a preeminent botanical explorer and adventurer of the later part of the 20th century. He has described several African *Encephalartos* and many succulents. His slide show spanned nearly 50 years of his travels, with topics including African cycads, arborescent aloes and xerophytic *Dracaena*. This gathering was open to all members of the Arizona Palm and Cycad Society who are currently paid as of 2009 dues as well as members of the National Cycad Society. As usual, food and drink were served.

For more information on the Arizona Palm and Cycad Society, please see the Society website, <http://azpalmcycad.org> or send an e-mail to either Vice President Monte Crawford <montecrawford@hotmail.com> or President Nick Argys <argyfam@msn.com>. An alternate contact is Mark Kiah <Tiki1@cox.net>.

## **Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News**

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter or about their *Fan & Feather* newsletter, see the chapter website at [www.gulfcoastpalms.com](http://www.gulfcoastpalms.com) or contact chapter President, Joe Taverniti, 1110 Bauer Road, Pensacola, FL 32506 or e-mail to Ann Adams at <Annierick7@aol.com>. Dues for the local chapter should be sent to Maxwell Stewart, 2557 West Road, Mobile, AL 36693.

## **Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society**

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad society held their annual Spring Sale on April 4 & 5 at Caloosa Park in West Boynton Beach.

For more on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact President Betty Ahlborn, or e-mail Secretary Ruth Sallenbach <diznee920@aol.com> or Membership Chair Susan Cioci <d.cioci@att.net>

## **South Florida Palm Society News**

The South Florida Palm Society's Spring Sale took place March 14 & 15 at the Montgomery Botanical Center on Old Cutler Road in Coral Gables.

Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings, which are free and open to the public. Regular meetings are held in the Garden House at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of every even-numbered month. Send an e-mail with your snail mail address to Corresp. Secretary Louis Sgueros at <nickelsonk@bellsouth.net>.

## **News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society**

Some 21 CFPACS members made the trip down to Miami to join with about 30 South Florida Palm Society members for a joint meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup> at Montgomery Botanical Center (MBC) and St. Thomas the Apostle Church. The day began at MBC with members planting a population of *Roystonea oleracea* grown from seed collected during MBC fieldwork in Trinidad and Tobago in 2007. After the palm planting, members had a tour of the MBC palm collection led by MBC executive director Dr. Patrick Griffith. The time at MBC concluded with a barbecue prepared by SFPS members.

After lunch, several members continued on to St. Thomas the Apostle Church. The 22-acre church campus has several acres of gardens landscaped with ponds, waterfalls and tropical

plants, and is populated with rare and exotic birds. Members of both societies enjoyed meeting together for this very full day.

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) will hold their Summer 2009 meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> to see the late Dr. U.A. Young's garden in Tampa and Dorothy Kellog's garden in Odessa. Dr. Young's garden is one of the great private palm and cycad collections in Florida with many specimens dating back to the 1960s. This is an opportunity to see many mature palms and cycads that have survived long-term in Central Florida. In the afternoon, the meeting will move to visit Dorothy Kellog's, a 2-plus acre garden that includes many aroids and bromeliads in addition to palms and cycads. Dorothy began collecting plants in the 1960s and her garden has been through a fire and several freezes. In addition to the surviving mature palms and cycads there are many new species planted in the last few years

CFPACS recently announced that Dave Floyd has been awarded the CFPACS 2009 HomeTown Grant. The site of Dave's project is the DeLaura Middle School in Satellite Beach, home to over 700 students. The school has started a garden club to involve students with the landscape, and is committed to revitalizing and maintaining the new plantings. Work has already begun to clear and prepare areas for the new palms. CFPACS is excited about this opportunity to show how palms can really beautify a landscape, especially in a setting that has so much exposure to the local community.

CFPACS also maintains a vigorous online seed bank. To order seeds send an e-mail to [seedbank@cfpacs.org](mailto:seedbank@cfpacs.org). Minimum order is \$5 plus postage. All seeds are donated, not purchased. Species are correctly identified, as far as is known. All proceeds benefit the CFPACS chapter.

CFPACS has initiated an E-News, with the premiere issue in early March 2009. Future issues of this new CFPACS e-Publication will be sent to members in April, July and October (in-between *Palmateer* issues). Information in this write-up was largely taken from CFPACS E-News.

For more on CFPACS, see the website at [www.cfpacs.com](http://www.cfpacs.com) or e-mail CFPACS President Bob Johnson at <TropicalBob@earthlink.net>

## Florida First Coast Chapter

For information regarding the Florida First Coast Chapter, please contact Bruce Latimer by e-mail at <latz2@comcast.net>.

## Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

Membership is \$15 per calendar year and includes a subscription to *ET CETERAS*, the Society's quarterly newsletter. This color newsletter contains articles of interest to palm and cycad enthusiasts and the activities of the local Society. Membership fees may be paid by check or money order made payable to "Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society", and mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

For more information on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact: President Rod Gates <rodpgates@cs.com>, Vice President Jayanne Crawley, <southlands tropicals@yahoo.com> or Kathryn Ostadal, <kathryn\_o@cox.net>.

## Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

For more information on the Southwest Florida Palm & Cycad Society, e-mail Geri Prall at <SW\_FL\_PalmCycad@hotmail.com>.

## Southeastern Palm Society

The Spring 2009 SEPS meeting was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the J.C. Raulston Arboretum, Raleigh, NC. The meeting kicked off Saturday morning at the Ruby C. McSwain Education Center with a presentation called "North Carolina Palms" by Gary Hollar of Gary's Nursery in New Bern. Gary has grown palms commercially since the late 1970s, and is a great source of sensible advice on selecting and planting palms in home and commercial landscapes. There was a break for lunch and our spring plant sale followed. After lunch, Mark Weathington, assistant director and curator of collections (and host of the meeting) led a tour of the arboretum. The 8-acre property claims the most diverse collection of cold-hardy temperate zone plants in the southeastern United States and includes over 5,000 plant species and cultivars. There are collections from Asia, southwestern United States, Southeastern natives, vast perennial borders, model townhouse gardens, magnolias, conifers, a tropical foliage garden, broad-leaved evergreens, a spring garden, palms

and more. Visit the arboretum online at [www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum](http://www.ncsu.edu/jcraulstonarboretum).

In the afternoon, SPS member C. J. Dykes opened his garden in nearby Cary. His garden boasts over a dozen palm species and a good assortment of hardy bananas and gingers, all displayed in an English cottage styled garden. Raleigh's Pullen Park and Jaycee Park are nearby and are the home of some lovely old specimens of needle palms (*Rhapidophyllum hystrix*), Birmingham palmettos (*Sabal palmetto*) and windmill palms (*Trachycarpus fortunei*).

SEPS plans to hold the following additional meetings in 2009.

- July 25, 2009, Summer Meeting: at the garden of Ed Bellinger, Fayetteville, GA, with visits to Nearly Native Nursery in Fayetteville and the garden of Bill Huie in Tyrone
- September 19, 2009, Fall Meeting: University of Tennessee Gardens, Knoxville, TN
- November 21, 2009, Southeastern Citrus Expo: Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, Charleston, South Carolina,

The quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) is *Southeastern Palms*. The journal is included with membership. A detailed membership roster was provided with the Winter 2008 issue (Vol. 16-4.)

Southeastern Palm Society membership dues are \$20 for one calendar year (\$25 outside the US, Canada and Mexico, payable in US funds.) For more information, visit the SEPS website at [www.sepalms.org](http://www.sepalms.org) or contact Will Taylor, Memberships, <tnpalmduke@aol.com>.

[Above information taken from SEPS website and *Southeastern Palms* journal by Supplement Editor]

## News from the Palm Society of South Texas

The March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, PSST meeting was hosted by Robert and Perla Robles of Brownsville at their home and garden. They have a beautiful estate in the heart of Brownsville. The gardens were designed by landscape architect & PSST member Scott Pajeski. The gardens have extensive sun and shade patio areas and border a beautiful resaca. As usual the Robles catered a great lunch that members enjoyed on the patios. After the lunch and a short society meeting, our members went to view the work that has started on the Brownsville Botanical Gardens. Robert Robles and Romeo Montalvo (with others), have been

extensively involved in getting this project off the ground. We look forward to seeing the gardens when totally complete.

The April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was hosted by Morris and Amanda Clint at their home and garden in Brownsville. This was also the PSST Spring Palm Auction. This was the first time PSST had visited this garden. Following the luncheon prepared by the Clints, a short society meeting was held and then we conducted the first PSST auction of the year. There was a good turn out. Members generously donated to the auction and made it a big success. After the auction, all continued to enjoy the gardens and wonderful South Texas spring weather

PSST met on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the Port Royal Resort in Port Aransas, Texas. PSST had met at this resort a couple of years ago when we celebrated our 10th anniversary as an organization. This month there was a wide representation from throughout Texas, with members attending from Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Houston, the Rio Grande Valley and of course nearby Corpus Christi. After lunch, there was a short society meeting covering the treasury report as well as future meetings.

Additional PSST meetings scheduled for 2009 in South Texas locations are:

- June 20, 2009 – Curtis and Martha Attaway, Aransas Pass
- July 2009 – Romeo and Linda Montalvo, Brownsville
- August 15, 2009 – multi-hosted, Corpus Christi
- September 2009 – Glenn and Rose Mary Head, Arroyo City
- October 24, 2009 – Jerry Seymore, Houston
- November 2009 – Bob and Sandra Tumberlinson, San Benito

Details on meetings will be on the PSST website.

The PSST journal is published three times a year by editor Richard Travis of San Antonio, who has served in this post since 1998. His book *Palms for South Texas* is available at lulu.com.

To join the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST), please send your check, in U.S. funds, for \$20.00, made payable to “John Dillard – PSST.” Send the payment to John at 7317 Pepper Ridge Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78413. See the on-line membership form for more information.

See also [www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org](http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org).

[Above PSST information was taken from John Volk's on-line meeting summaries and other information on the PSST website, with appreciation to John and the PSST for the use of this information.]

### **Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News**

For information on the Houston Chapter, e-mail local president, Paul Norris, <poollovers@comcast.net.>

### **La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]**

The 2009 officers for Amigos de las Palmas are:

- Santiago Orts, President, <sorts@huertodelcura.com>
- Custodio Mendoza, Vice President
- José Soriano, Treasurer
- Jose Graña, Secretary
- Vicente Caballer, Editor

For information on the Spanish Palm Society, La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas, or to subscribe to *Espadice*, e-mail Santiago Orts, <sorts@huertodelcura.com.>

### **Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador**

For more on Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador contact their President, Rodrigo Avila <rodrigo@bismarckia.com>.

### **New IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm**

“Ti-Palm” (which means “Little Palm” in French Créole) is the latest official IPS Affiliate. Ti-Palm covers the French territories of Tropical America, including the French Antilles (Guadeloupe archipelago, Martinique island, the French part of St Martin island, St Barthélemy island) and French Guiana in South America.

*Tahina spectabilis* is probably the most incredible botanical discovery of recent years. It was discovered in the north of Madagascar (in the region of Analalava) in 2006 by Xavier Metz. Two years later, this new palm was officially described and introduced on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The characteristics of this particular plant justified the creation of a new palm genus. Its dimensions are impressive, with adults reaching 15 meters (~50 feet) in height, with leaf spread being some 5 meters (16 feet) in diameter. The inflorescence is also massive, attaining 6–8 meters (20–26 feet) of top. Being monocarpic, it will flower and fruit after many

years of growth, then die. Some 92 specimens have been located in its natural habitat.

A distribution program for its seeds is in place and the first *Tahina spectabilis* was planted in Guadeloupe on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

In April 2009, the botanical garden of Beauvallon in Basse Terre, Guadeloupe, was made open to the public. The ancient garden park of the house Montbazin has a wide variety of palms, but also many different other tropical plants. The owner, Dr. LUBIN arranged a great garden tour for Ti-Palm on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Ti-Palm members visited the magnificent garden on Thierry Moulun in Saint François, Guadeloupe, with more than 50 species of palms. The gardens are only six years old, letting us imagine the convincing potential of this superb garden

Information about the activities of Ti-Palm is sent to members via e-mailings (in French.) There is a chat at “Fous de Palmiers” website (<http://fousdepalmiers.fr/html/forum/viewforum.php?f=30>) Membership fee: 10€. See more at <http://tipalm.fr/pages/association.html>. You may also e-mail Président: Pierre-Olivier ALBANO, <contact@tipalm.fr >

### **Asociación Venezolana de Palmas**

Nineteen people attended the Avepalmas May 24<sup>th</sup>, excursion to Barlovento. Members left the Caracas Botanic Garden at 8 a.m. and stopped in Tacarigua where German Navarro and others were waiting for the group. The 19 of us then traveled to the fertile nursery Vivero Paparo, property of German Navarro, who has spent 25 years developing his nursery that is within 1.5 km (0.9 miles) of the sea. There are numerous plants here including rare palms.

Counted in the disaster on December 16, 1999, when the dam broke at El Guapo, German’s whole farm like many others in Barlovento were flooded and suffered much damage.

German works in rural tourism and has promoted the name “Paparo Aventuras” where they are horses and other attractions for people who want to escape the city to enjoy nature. The roads are quite good in Barlovento, traffic is heavy but we moved quickly to Capayán of Anis Rose Nursery, which is in a beautiful valley.

Capayán is the only place in Venezuela where he grew the famous fruit *Cola acuminata*. As it was a sunny day the temperature was high. An automatic watering system creates an environment with fog for the propagation of staked plants. Next to a large tank, we saw a beautiful specimen of *Bismarckia nobilis*. Near the house with the pool are rare species of palms, plus an interesting collection of *Zamia*.

Anis Rosa accompanied us to the third nursery, which was Yaguapita of Juan Carballo, also a member of Avepalmas. He has 18 acres with a unique collection of heliconias of all kinds plus many palms including the native *Attalea butyracea* (the “Palma blessed” of Miranda State). Juan has learned to propagate the famous red palm *Cyrtostachys renda*, not by seed, but by division.

For more about AVEPALMAS, see the website [www.avepalmas.org](http://www.avepalmas.org).

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