

NEWSLETTER

Our Mission Statement

The International Palm Society, Inc. is operated solely and exclusively for scientific and/or educational purposes related to the study of palms, their propagation, culture, conservation, care, and development.

PASS THE MU SHU PLEASE!

With inexpensive Chinese take out boxes, potting soil, and some colorful palm seeds, the Hawai'i Island Palm Society uses these give-aways at their public outreach events in an effort to inspire palm tree appreciation in a younger generation. With palm ID tags and planting instructions, kids are encouraged to clean the seed and find out more about their palm on-line. Only time will tell how effective this is, but so far the kids just love them.

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Wishing all IPS Members a Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year



Jim and Liz Cain, Rio Biennial, 2010
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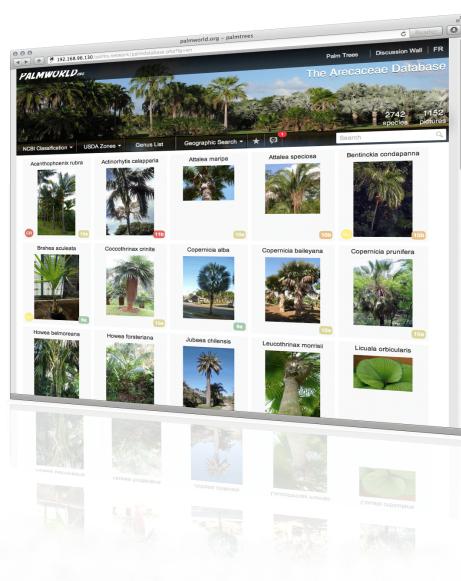
Remembering Jim Cain

"I valued Jim's contribution to the IPS most highly - he was a real stalwart. He was always so clear-thinking and positive. He was throughout immensely supportive of our journal and of us editors... He was also a wonderful friend - just excellent company." -- *John Dransfield* "To say Jim was a mainstay could not begin to describe all the good he represented. He gave unselfishly to family, friends and all of us in the IPS. We will miss you Jim." -- *Leland Lai* "I worked with Jim a great deal in the last several years and know of his dedication to the IPS and his striving for excellence in all his efforts for us. My memories will always be of a friend and highly regarded colleague." -- *Michael Merritt* "Jim was such a rock. He unabashedly loved the IPS and loved life. His smile and generosity were as big as all Texas. So sad to think he's gone." -- *Scott Zona*



Introducing Palmworld – a new web tool and app for palms

Palmworld is a new web site and app (iPhone, iPad, iPod; Android version coming soon) that provides expert information about all >2500 palm species within a single user-friendly and freely accessible interface. Users of Palmworld can search or browse all species of palm to find detailed information on distribution, morphology, habitat, taxonomy, cultivation and conservation, as well as almost 6000 high quality images, mostly taken in the wild. Palmworld has been built by French software developer and palm enthusiast Bertrand Duvall, in close collaboration with Bill Baker and Lauren Gardiner at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and Ben Clark at the University of Oxford. The information presented by Palmworld is



based extensively on data supplied by Kew from Palmweb (www.palmweb.org; a palm biodiversity information portal) and eMonocot (www.emonocot.org), and from Kew's palm image library. These data are augmented with additional content from sources such as Wikipedia and IUCN, and additional images have been generously supplied by numerous individuals. Further submissions of images, which are fully credited, are welcomed – contact info@palmworld.org. Palmworld puts the world of palms at your finger tips – download the app from the App Store or explore the web site at www.palmworld.org.



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