

2014 BIENNIAL IN SOUTH FLORIDA:

People and Palms

The June and July issues of the Newsletter will be dedicated to the gathering of 128 members in Miami.

The first evening, after a presentation by Dr. John Dransfield about the discovery of *Guihaia argyrata*, Libby Besse was bestowed the Dent Smith Award for her many years of service to the IPS. The same award was given to Jim Cain in memoriam.

Los amigos at Highland Hammock State Park



Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden





The tall Sabal palmetto at Highland Hammock are possibly 200 years old; below, Pholidocarpus macrocarpus in Pinecrest Gardens.



Jeff and Andrea Searle welcomed the IPS to their nursery for a delicious barbecue.



Jeff Searle and Elena Beare exchange a smile in the lush Pinecrest Gardens.

“I’ve seen more of Florida on this trip than in all the 18 years I’ve lived here -- the *real* Florida.” -- Alexander Symington, Key West resident and IPS Member

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Top: one of several palm group tours at Fairchild Botanic Garden; Chihuly blown glass in the shadehouse. Lower photos, the delicious buffet dinner and the entertainment that followed. Invited onto the stage to learn the hula, guests enthusiastically accepted the offer.

Below left, a walk through the Everglades for an introduction to Sabal and biting insects; right, Keys coastline.



Jeffrey Brusseau, representando a la IPS, recibe de manos del Dr. Mauricio Krivoy el premio "La Palma Dorada" 2014, que otorga la Asociación Venezolana de Palmas. " Avepalmas" Centro Unesco. /// Jeffrey Brusseau, representing the IPS receives from Dr. Mauricio Krivoy the "La Palma Dorada" award 2014, given by the Venezuelan Association of Palms. "Avepalmas" Unesco Center.

At the end of the last evening, member Antonio Melia Simeon brandished his guitar, and the room joined him in a cheerful rendition of Cielito Lindo and other familiar songs.



Tony Cerbone created this video of special scenes from Cuba and Florida: [CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)



Look for more photos of palms and people in the next issue!

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