



THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY

OCTOBER 2017

NEWSLETTER

Greetings to the gardens of South Florida after the hurricane. I had the chance to revisit the Naples Botanical Garden in South Florida in early October and saw the hard work they have put into recovery just a few weeks after Hurricane Irma.

Any collaboration on content for the newsletter is welcome!

The Fate of Los Angeles' Palms



Palms are iconic in this city. Along with highways they have become a symbol of the city. In the past few years, in parks and public places, they have been affected by pests or diseases, and the city has opted to replace them with native plants, most of them more adapted to drought and local conditions (The only native palm to the state of California is the Californian Fan Palm, *Washingtonia filifera*.) The replacements also provide more shade.

Above: A row of *Washingtonia* palms, at Venice Beach, Los Angeles, USA. [Photo](#) by [Chris Goldberg](#) (CC BY-NC 2.0)

The Fate of Los Angeles' Palms (continued)

Right top: A row of *Washingtonia* palms, at the main entrance of Union Station, Los Angeles, California, USA. [Photo](#) by [dog97209](#) (CC BY-NC-ND 2.0)

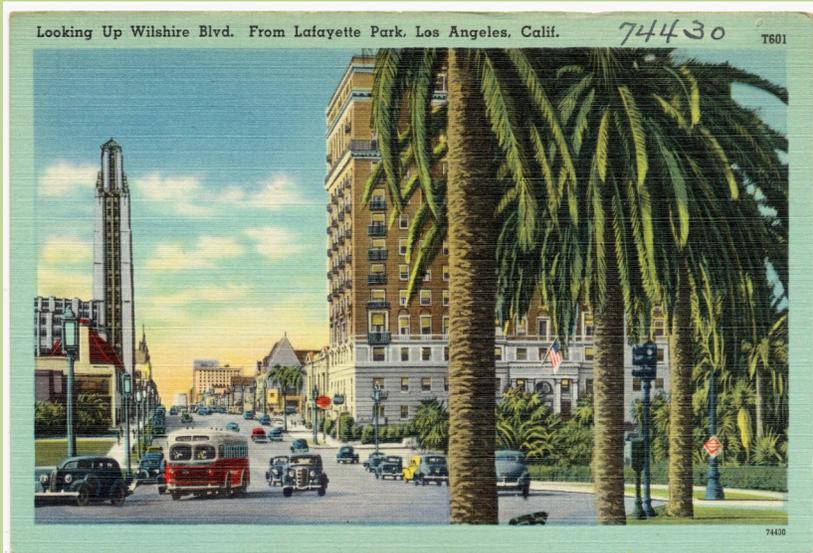
Right below: Looking up Wilshire Blvd. From Lafayette Park ca. 1930–1945. Los Angeles, Calif. [Image](#) by Tichnor Brothers, Publisher. (PUBLIC DOMAIN)

The rate of loss of palms is fast enough for the changes to be noticeable in the short term.

This section is based on the article: "[L.A.'s palm trees are dying and it's changing the city's famous skyline](#)" by Ally Levine. In it, there is interesting information about threads on palm trees.

Not everything is lost. Although the City of Los Angeles is refilling the empty spots left by dead palms with other species, there is not an active effort in the city to replace every single palm, and also, private homeowners continue planting and maintaining palm trees. Therefore, although the main landscape of Los Angeles will change over the next few years, palms won't disappear from the city scene.

Efforts to control the diseases and pests, such as the South American palm weevil (*Rhynchophorus palmarum*) will lead to better survival of palm trees.



South Florida Gardens After Irma

Hurricane Irma left behind damage to the botanical gardens of South Florida. Montgomery Botanic Center (MBC) published striking photos of the gardens after the powerful storm.

[Montgomery Botanic Center After Irma](#)

The Naples Botanical Garden (NBG) in South Florida also suffered from the impact of Hurricane Irma. There was a big effort in the garden, with collaboration from other gardens, to restore the living collection.



[Facebook Post: Collaborators of the NBG](#)

Read more: [Hurricane Irma took the best and biggest of Naples Botanical Garden.](#)



Above: "*Corypha taliera* after Hurricane Irma (top). This species is extinct in the wild, and fewer than two dozen survive in botanic gardens." "The same palm back in 2015 (above middle)" [Photos](#) by MBC ©. Left: *Corypha taliera* being replanted after the hurricane [Photo](#) by MBC ©.

South Florida Gardens After Irma (continued)

At Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden, the hurricane affected around 20% of the living collection, and volunteers were crucial to the recovery (as at NBG). As they described, “an army of 800 volunteers” and staff did the hard job after the hurricane.

Read more: [Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden will reopen after Irma](#), Miami Herald’s article by Carli Teproff.



Much of the impact on the gardens, even if the trees survive well, is the excessive sun exposure to understory plants. Most of the trees remained leafless after the storm, and the lack of shade damaged shade-loving plants.

Above: Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden after Hurricane Irma. [Photo](#) from Miami Herald Article ©.

[Public Information for Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden: Hurricane Irma Update](#)

DOES YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER/PALM SOCIETY HAVE AN EVENT? Let us know by advertising it here! Or share your experiences afterwards! Contact us and send us pictures!

In addition to renewing your International Palm Society membership online this year, keep in mind that the IPS also offers merchandise online that can help you show off your membership, express your palm passion, and help spread the word about our community of palm enthusiasts!!



How do you get your own IPS items that include jewelry, shirts, caps, mugs, glasses, and many other practical items? Simply follow the “caps, t-shirt, totes, and more!” link from the IPS homepage [IPS Home](#), or go directly to this link: [IPS CafePress](#).

Remember to support our organization by participating with us! You can contribute by participating in our Palm Talk forum, our Facebook group, or by writing an article for either the Palms journal or a note for IPS newsletter. You can also make an extra donation to the International Palm Society.



Let's keep this alive!

Visit the discussion board to ask questions about palms: www.palmtalk.org

Visit the new INTERACTIVE Facebook Group: International Palm Society

Follow us on Twitter: @IPS_PalmSociety; on Instagram: @thepalmsociety; or

Email address for contact: info@palms.org



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IPS 2018 Biennial
SAVE THE DATE!

May 26 – June 3*

IPS 2018 Bienal
¡GUARDE LA FECHA!

26 mayo al 3 junio*

IPS 2018 Biennial
GARDEZ LA DATE!

26 Mai jusqu'à 3 Juin*

IPS 2018 Bienal
RESERVA A DATA!

26 de Maio a 3 de Junho*

*Dates may adjust 1 day earlier or later



Sabinaria magnifica

Colombia

Armenia

Ladrilleros

Buenaventura

Cali



Art by Benjamin Cardenas Valderrama

IMPORTANT NOTICE!



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2018 IPS ENDOWMENT FUND APPLICATIONS due by December 31st, 2017

Applications must be received by **midnight December 31st, 2017 U.S. Eastern Standard time** for consideration for 2017 IPS Endowment Fund grants. Any late applications will not be accepted.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Cindy Adair, by midnight December 31st, 2017 EST. Proposals should be sent in MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as e-mail attachments to ssainpr@gmail.com. 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)

To maximize the impact of these grants, the IPS asks that the grant proposers request funding only for direct project costs. The IPS grants may not be used to pay any indirect costs charged by the grant applicants’ institutions – that is, money to cover general G&A and/or any other “overhead” expenses are not to be included in the applicant’s Requests for Funding. The IPS will provide a letter to this effect to recipients’ institutions, upon request.

Current Curriculum Vitae of the applicant and other key researchers involved in the project. This information should also provide proper contact information for the application including postal and email address(es), telephone and fax numbers.

A separate statement as to who should receive the Grant payment, if the application is successful (i.e., the individual, the individual’s university or employer, etc.). If a check sent via regular mail is requested, the applicant should provide clear payment instructions including payee address. Checks sent to a University are frequently misplaced.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! (continued)

2018 IPS ENDOWMENT FUND APPLICATIONS due by December 31st, 2017 (continued)

If the funds are to go through a department or other grant or fund, we need the name and description of the grant or department.

International wire transfers by US law require the following:

- 1. Country:**
- 2. Bank name:**
- 3. Bank ID (IBAN and SWIFT code):**
- 4. Bank address (city):**
- 5. Account-holder's name:**
- 6. Account number:**
- 7. Address associated with account (where is the bank statement sent?): This is required!!! Without it the bank cannot send money!**

Your application will not be forwarded for review until we have the answers to the 7 points above for international funds.

The IPS has historically granted approximately US \$10,000 to \$25,000 of awards each year. Typically, individual awards of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are made, although larger grants can sometimes be awarded if merited. Applications must be accompanied by a statement on the acceptability of "partial funding." Without such a clear statement, the IPS may be forced to turn down such an application if the entire requested amount cannot be awarded.

A single one-year IPS membership, new or renewal, will be included in the award. The principal investigator will receive the membership unless he or she opts to designate a coapplicant as the recipient.

We shall contact successful applicants for a very short midterm and summary final report by grantees (half to no more than one page with a photo, ideally written for the non-scientist.) We plan to use such reports for IPS publicity to encourage memberships and to inspire further donations for the IPS Endowment fund. Grantees will also be expected to submit an article for possible publication in the IPS journal, *PALMS*.

Applicants will be informed of Award decisions via email on or before midnight EST April 15, 2018.

Please send your Grant Application by midnight EST December 31, 2017 to:

ssainpr@gmail.com

Cindy Adair

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“Andrew plywood.” Hurricane Andrew’s 160+ mph winds drove a sheet of plywood through the trunk of a palm tree in Homestead, FL. (1992) [Photo](#): National Hurricane Center (PUBLIC DOMAIN)