

This month: Sad news, the passing of a beloved IPS member.

Also, some Palm Facts, Palm Art, and information for the 2022 IPS Biennial meeting.

### Passing of Ralph Velez

We are deeply saddened to inform you that Ralph Velez, one of our longest-serving members, passed away on April 24th, 2018, in a hospice in Orange County, California, after a long illness.

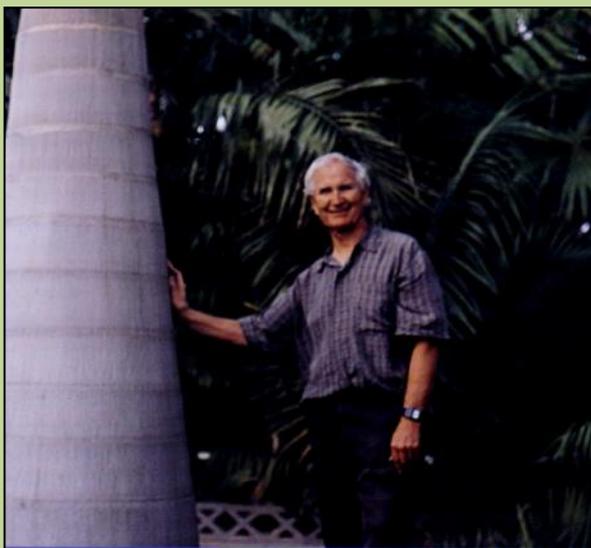
Ralph Velez was born in New York City and lived in Southern California most of his life; his garden attracted the attention of many plant enthusiasts because he had more than 300 species of palms! He devoted his life to growing palms in a temperate climate.

He will always be remembered for his lifelong enthusiasm for palm growing and as one of the Palm Society of Southern California's founding members.

Interview of Ralph by Don Tollefson back in 1994 published in *Principes* (now *Palms*): *Principes* 38(2): 81-87.

You may also read more about his astonishing garden in the book "[A Man's Garden](#)" by Warren Schultz (2001).

**Right:** Ralph Velez next to one of his *Roystonea oleracea*. Photo © Warren Schultz published in the book "A Man's Garden" (2001).



## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE IPS 2022 BIENNIAL MEETING

Members and interested parties,

Biennial organization is constantly underway within the IPS board, planning for the present and for the future. Registrations for the 2018 IPS Biennial Meeting in Colombia are now complete, and the itinerary and years of planning offer yet another amazing experience for participants. The board is currently finalizing the location of the 2020 biennial so that the team can move forward with the organization of the event. The IPS Biennial Guidelines recommend a 4-year program for the delivery of biennial meetings, so it is now time to call for submissions and suggestions for the 2022 IPS Biennial Meeting. Submissions are to be addressed to the Biennial Committee chair David Tanswell ([david.tanswell@hotmail.com](mailto:david.tanswell@hotmail.com)) and received by 10th May 2018. This is to allow time for liaison between the submitters and the committee prior to presentation at the next IPS Board of Directors meeting in Colombia on Saturday 26th May 2018.

Here are some criteria for submissions for IPS Biennial Meetings extracted from the Biennial Guidelines which are available to any submitter/proposer on request:

The primary goal is to produce IPS Biennials that:

- Recognize that IPS Biennial Meetings are the only IPS social event for IPS members;
- Recognize that IPS Biennial Meetings are the single most important source of funding for the IPS;
- Most importantly, provide rewarding and memorable experiences for all attendees.

Submissions for hosting an IPS Biennial may be made by a Chapter or Affiliate of the IPS, by an individual who is an IPS member, or by an individual or organization in writing

Submission shall provide a brief history of the proposer or proposing group, size, and background for qualification for hosting an international event.

Submission shall contain a brief description inclusive of the location, theme, palm species, gardens, and other sites that characterize the Biennial and the Pre-/Post-Biennial tour(s) for the event and indicate accessibility by air.

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Submissions should list the ability and/or capability of the hosting body and that of the proposed site to accommodate the IPS (e.g., provide transportation, shelter, food, and accommodations for group gatherings). The accommodations must be for a minimum one-hundred fifty (150) guests and a specification of the maximum number of people that could be sufficiently handled by the hosting group and facilities

Submissions should also tentatively list the tour sites and what can be expected in terms of species for viewing or other attractions. Any major limiting or restricting factors should also be listed for ease of viewing and safety considerations.

Submissions should suggest possible Pre- and Post-Biennial tour destinations

Don't consider these criteria too daunting. If you have an idea but have difficulty putting a submission together, contact David Tanswell (email: david.tanswell@hotmail.com) to discuss.

**“While the trunk diameter of most trees grows larger as the tree ages and grows, the palm tree's trunk does not. The palm tree simply grows taller.”**

Whether you are new to palms or are a renowned super botanist, learning “Palm Tree Facts” is never boring. To know which is the tallest palm (*Ceroxylon quindiuense* as high as 60 m or 200 feet), or proudly knowing the source of rattan furniture (Calamoidae subfamily) and vegetable ivory (from *Phytelephas* and related genera), palms are always be a fun topic to talk about with the people that you know.

On the next page, we share some “palmfacts” links.

Rattans are widely used for baskets and furniture, here  
“The Nest - Rattan Lounge Chair” [Photo](#) (right side) © [WWF](#) / Per Brolund.



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In Hunker.com, you'll find some "Palm Tree Facts for Kids." You probably know them already, but it will be fun to read them again!

[Palm Tree Facts for Kids](#) by Michele M. Howard

[Description of Palm Trees](#) by Ethan Shaw

[Life Cycle of a Palm Tree](#) by Barbara Fahs

[Should I cut back my palm plant?](#) By Jacob Wright

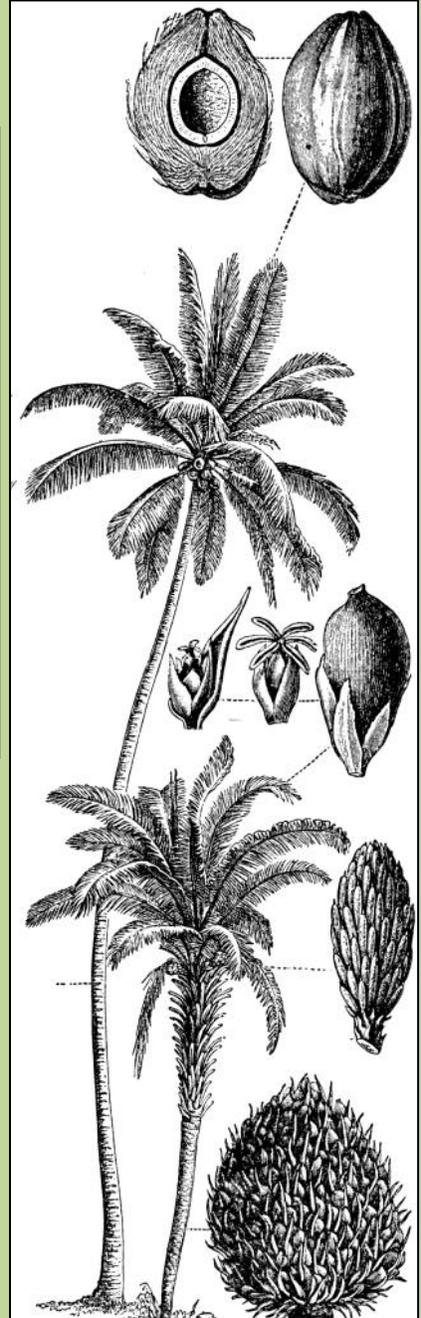
**Photos:** Vegetable ivory artifacts made of *Phytelphas* sp. in an exhibit at the Naples Botanical Garden, Florida  
Photos by Daniel Meza.



## PalmARTS!

You might check the [ClipArt ETC website](#) you are interested in learning numbers in Spanish, or getting some nice palm clip art!

ClipArt ETC produced by [Educational Technology Clearinghouse](#) as part of [University of South Florida](#).



Images:

[Cocos nucifera](#) and [Elaeis qui-neensis](#) (above right), "[Bilingual Palm Tree Counting Card 2](#)" (above left), "[Chamaedorea glaucifolia](#)" (left), native to Mexico.



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IPS 2018 Biennial

**SAVE THE DATE!**

May 26 – June 2

IPS 2018 Bienal

**¡GUARDE LA FECHA!**

26 mayo al 2 junio

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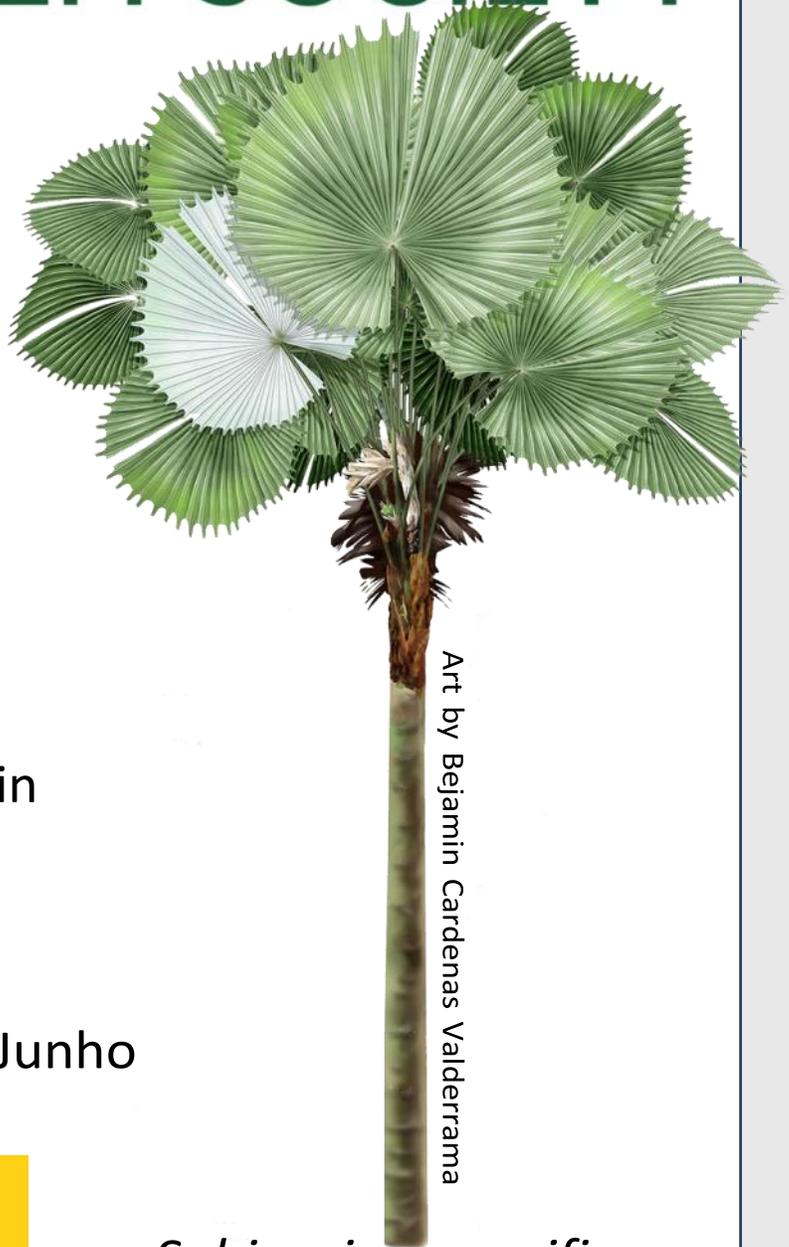
**GARDEZ LA DATE!**

26 Mai jusqu'à 2 Juin

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**RESERVA A DATA!**

26 de Maio a 2 de Junho



Art by Benjamin Cardenas Valderrama

*Sabinaria magnifica*

## Colombia

**Armenia**

**Ladrilleros**

**Buenaventura**

**Cali**

**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, present 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 Palms 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](http://www.palmtalk.org)**

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**Botanical Garden Palm Trees, Osaka, Japan**

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