



THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

The IPS is traveling again... and you are invited!

The International Palm Society midterm meeting will convene in Tampa/Sarasota, Florida beginning with a banquet on the evening of October 31, 2021. The itinerary will furnish plenty of oohs and ahhs as we tour public and private gardens, happily mingle, eat, and drink merrily. Of course, palms will be at the forefront, however this will be a marvelous opportunity to view a broad collection of tropical plants. I am especially excited to see one of the finest private aroid collections in the United States. This tour is sure to sell out so please consider registering soon. (See p. 2 for itinerary and registration link.)



Photo courtesy of Rob Branch

IPS Midterm Meeting in Tampa/Sarasota, Florida, USA

The IPS Midterm Meeting is, at its heart, a business meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 3, but there are garden tours before and after the meeting. IPS members are welcome to attend. Register today!

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THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY 2021 MID YEAR MEETING ITINERARY *TENTATIVE*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31:

- Arrival in Tampa (TPA). Night at Hyatt Place in St. Petersburg.
- 5:00 Departure for The Hangar Restaurant for our Welcome Dinner.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1:

- Breakfast buffet at Hyatt Place
- 9:00 Departure for the Gizella Kopsick Arboretum.
- 11:00 Departure for the Sunken Gardens for tours and boxed lunch in the garden.
- Departure for Hyatt Place.
- Free time to visit the St Pete Pier and other local sites.
- 6:00 Departure for Red Mesa Cantina Restaurant.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2:

- Breakfast buffet at Hyatt Place.
- 8:00 Check out of Hyatt Place and depart for Sarasota
- Arrival at Selby Gardens for tours and box lunch in the gardens.
- 1:00 Depart for Libby Besse's garden.
- 3:00 Depart for Zota Beach Hotel.
- 6:00 Zota Sand Garden Beach BBQ.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3:

- 6:30 to 8:00 Zota breakfast buffet.
- 8:00 Depart for Crosley Estate for Board Meeting.
- 5:00 Depart for Zota Beach Resort.
- Shopping and Restaurants are available nearby at St. Armand's Circle.
- Dinner on our own.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4:

- 6:30 to 8:00 Zota breakfast buffet.
- 9:00 Departure for Faith Bishock's garden tour and box lunch in her garden.
- 12:30 Departure for Rob Branch's garden.
- 3:00 Depart for Zota Beach Hotel.
- 6:00 Farewell cocktail and dinner on Zota's Viento Terrace.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5:

- 6:30 to 8:00 Zota breakfast buffet.
- 8:00 Check out from Zota Beach Hotel.
- Bus transportation for the attendees to TPA.
- 10:00 Estimated arrival time at TPA.

Save the date!

The 2022 International Palm Society biennial will take place in Hawaii from Sunday, October 9 through Saturday October 15, 2022.



Biennial Memories

Australia, 1988: The late, great palm queen, Pauline Sullivan (in wheelchair), with fellow attendees in a forest of *Licuala ramsayi*. Photo courtesy of David Tanswell.



PIMBY – Eastern Himalayas by Haresh

Right from 1990, when I attended my first Biennial, fellow members have been asking about a Biennial in India. I felt India does not have the diversity and the number of species to justify a week-long IPS visit, but it does have a very wide variety of flora in climatic zones ranging from arid deserts, rain forests, to the Himalayan region. If there is anywhere in India where we could base an IPS trip, it is Kalimpong in the eastern Himalayas, in the Indian state of West Bengal. Kalimpong town and its suburban region have been well known for its flower nurseries nurtured by a year-round mild climate. This region of the Eastern Himalaya is home to several palm species.

While planning for the 2015 Sarawak/Singapore Biennial David Tanswell and I considered a four- or five-day pre- or post-tour with a small group to visit to the eastern Himalayas, with Kalimpong as a base to see some of the species in habitat. In 2014, I made a visit along with David, Philip Arrowsmith, and Rudy Meyer to explore the possibility. We had a great time in Kalimpong interacting with various plantsmen. We were also able to visit some palm habitats that were not very easy to access. Kalimpong still awaits the IPS for a visit, and in the meantime, here are some pictures of the palms from the Kalimpong region. Kalimpong is very close to the famous hill station of Darjeeling, which has the Lloyds Botanical Garden and is worth a day visit, as one can see some native palms growing within the precinct of the garden.

All photos by Ganesh Mani Pradhan, Kalimpong, eastern Himalayas.



Caryota maxima

PIMBY – Eastern Himalayas



Calamus leptospadix

Phoenix rupicola
(the cliff date palm)



PIMBY – Eastern Himalayas



*Trachycarpus
latisectus*



Pinanga gracilis

PIMBY – Eastern Himalayas

Wallichia disticha



Phoenix sylvestris

Celebrate 65!

Your participation in the 65th anniversary campaign will allow the IPS many more years of research, education, and conservation. Fundraising for this endeavor will close on September 1, 2021. And then we can look forward to our 70th anniversary in 2026.

The Dent Smith Founder's Society*

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Palm Research, Education & Conservation

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Parting Shot

Gregg Hamann ventured to the Marquesas Islands and happily discovered this noble palm standing sentry in front of his quarters: *Pelagadoxa henryana*, fruiting

