



THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER

International Palm Society's Hawaiian Islands Biennial

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The International Palm Society is first and foremost bound by our mission of research, education, and conservation. However, after these achievements, we love to travel. In fact, just over half a century ago (51 years to be exact), famed *Principes* (now *PALMS*) editor Dr. Harold Moore embarked on an epic sabbatical that included Ghana, Gabon, Nigeria, Ethiopia, French Somaliland (now Djibouti), Madagascar, Reunion, Thailand, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Australia, Fiji, and Samoa! We are envious of palm travel on such a global scale, but even a single destination, especially if it offers fabulous tropical plants, will satisfy our itch to travel and learn about palms.

In October, our membership will be treated to an extraordinary array of rare and seldom-seen palm species, perfectly grown in Hawaii. This edition of the newsletter will simply let the pictures do the talking. On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I sincerely hope that you will join us for the International Palm Society's 32nd biennial in Hawaii.

Here is a small sampling of amazing PRIVATE gardens we shall visit:

FLORIBUNDA

Biennial participants from 2004 are still raving over the visit to Floribunda. Jeff and Suchin Marcus have created arguably the finest exemplar of *ex situ* conservation in a private setting anywhere in the world. According to Jeff, "Hawaii provides a growing environment like no other; for many of the Madagascan and New Caledonian species, conditions produce a more robust specimen than in their natural habitat. Come see *Basselinia*, *Dypsis*, *Dictyocaryum*, *Geonoma*, and many others grown to maximum potential."

All photographs are by Suchin Marcus, and the trim gentleman providing scale is none other than Jeff.

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Manicaria saccifera (seen on the Colombia biennial) and "its glorious salmon to red new leaf."



Basselinia tomentosa (will be seen on an upcoming New Caledonia Biennial)

Johannesteijsmannia magnifica (also seen in cultivation on the Kuching, Sarawak Biennial)



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Lanonia dasyantha



Licuala maculata, "the not so famous other mottled *Licuala* from Sarawak" (seen on the Kuching Sarawak Biennial). Please note the fruits collected in net on lower left.



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MOANI-LUNDKVIST GARDEN

Bo-Göran Lundkvist, a past-President of the IPS (2008–2012), has created not one, but two magnum opuses in Hawaii. The garden he established in Leilani Estates about 25 years ago, is now marvelously managed by new owners Bob Carrere and Andy Pesce. Here we shall see forests of rare palms, all of course perfectly grown. Your editor is especially looking forward to experiencing the perfusion of palms on "Licuala Lane." Photos by Kim Cyr.



Satranala decussilvae, with *Marojejya darianii* in background.



Tall *Pigafetta elata*

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The stilt roots of the *Versaffeltia splendida*. Bo provides scale. (Please see "Parting Shot" below for an ethnobotanical photo.)

Garden supervisor, Merlyn, keeping a watchful eye.



Bo and Bob dwarfed by an allée of impressive *Roystonea oleracea*.

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ANDERSEN GARDEN & NURSERY

Jerry and Cindy Andersen are renowned for their meticulous gardens and nurseries in both Hawaii (Leilani Estates) and Southern California. We are also grateful that Cindy has generously donated her time and local knowledge to our Biennial planning committee. Photos by Cindy Andersen.



Lemurophoenix halleuxii



Euterpe catinga

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Dypsis prestoniana

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Dypsis "orange crush"



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DEAN OUER GARDEN (possible free day option)

A very colorful collection of palms: *Dictyocaryum lamarkianum* and *Cyrtostachys renda*. Photo by Dean Ouer.



***Pritchardia* in Hawaii by Donald R. Hodel**

Pritchardia* in Hawaii: *Pritchardia flynnii

Pritchardia flynnii, endemic to the island of Kaua'i, occurs in wet to very wet forest on unusually steep slopes and sometimes near vertical cliffs on the eastern and southeastern faces of Wai'ale'ale, reputed to be the world's wettest place with annual rainfall over 400 inches (1016 cm), and Kāhili ridge to the south, as illustrated here. This *loulou* is noted for its undulating leaf blades, green above and silvery grayish white below with stiff segment tips, inflorescences that nearly equal the leaf blades, and small, shiny, purplish black, ellipsoid fruits. © 2006 D. R. Hodel.



Parting Shot

Gregg Hamann sent this photo and caption from Seychelles: "Never thought I'd see a roof thatched with *Versaffeltia splendida*!"

