

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

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**Palm and Cycad Society of Australia, Inc.**

The Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, Inc. (PACSOA) is a group of affiliated, semi-autonomous, regional Palm and/or Cycad Societies headed by a Board presently based in Brisbane, Queensland. The Societies adopted the present structure in 1984. At that time there was established the quarterly Magazine of the Palm & Cycad Society of Australia, now *Palms & Cycads*, publishing articles of both non-technical and technical content of interest to the palm and/or cycad enthusiast; and a Bookstore which offers substantial discounts on retail prices of palm and cycad books and publications, most of which are unobtainable elsewhere in Australia. Since 1984 there has also been established a Publication Fund which, since 1987, has published eight original books.

The PACSOA 2013 Palm Sale and Show was held on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Auditorium of Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens in Brisbane. This event is Australia's largest annual palm exhibit with numerous species available for viewing and, in many cases, purchase. Cultivation advice is also provided

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below. PACSOA branches are:

- Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of W.A., Inc.

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For more information on PACSOA, you may also write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064 or visit the website, [www.pacsoa.org.au](http://www.pacsoa.org.au).

**Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society,  
Branch of PACSOA**

The Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society (BPACS) comprises members living in metro Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and northern New South Wales. Officers are:

- President: Michael Green
- Secretary & Treasurer: Carmen Forster
- Editor: Daryl O'Connor
- Patron: Mr. Ross McKinnon AM

Meetings are now held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7:30 pm.

The 2012 year-end BPACS Christmas Party BBQ and Garden Tour were held on December 9<sup>th</sup> at David Tanswell's place in Bardon. A cool day greeted the group which made for comfortable viewing of David's impressive tropical themed garden. There was a BBQ, with BPACS providing salads, breads and soft drinks. The event also featured a plant raffle, swap and sale.

The meeting originally set for January was postponed until February 6<sup>th</sup> (after several other scheduling attempts) due to flooding in the Milton area of Queensland from ex-tropical cyclone Oswald. following heat wave conditions at the end of December. Raffle plants included *Areca catechu* (dwarf form), *Zamia standleyii* and *Calyptrocalyx pachystachys*.

Field Trips are typically organized for February, April, June, August, October and December. Outings include national parks to view palms or cycads in habitat, and trips to nurseries and to Queensland's best private gardens, with a major field trip once per year. The BPACS outing on April 22<sup>nd</sup> is to Alma Park Zoo in Dakabin, followed by a visit to Rob's Rare Palms.

Members receive the monthly newsletter covering past and upcoming events. Annual BPACS membership is Aus\$15. To join or for other BPACS details, write Secretary, PACSOA – BPACS, P. O. Box 1134, Milton, 4064, Australia, or contact Michael Green via email at <[cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au](mailto:cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au)>.

## **Tropical Garden Society of Sydney**

The Tropical Garden Society Sydney meets at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall in Five Dock. Visitors are welcome at our informal meetings and light refreshments are served.

The first meeting of 2013 was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, with guest speaker Anthony Grassi presenting on the many *Plumeria* cultivars.

On February 26<sup>th</sup>, Fred Moody gave the second half of his presentation about his recent trip to Thailand, then Vietnam.

Membership is Aus\$20.00 per year (Family Aus\$25). The 20-page magazine, *Tropica*, is filled with articles and color photographs. *Tropica* is published 3 times a year, alternating with a *Newsletter* with meeting details.

If you wish a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, visit the website, [www.sydneytropical.org/](http://www.sydneytropical.org/) or email to President Fred Moody <[moody\\_fred@hotmail.com](mailto:moody_fred@hotmail.com)> or to <[sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au)>.

## **Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia**

For information on the Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia, write The Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, South Australia 5082, Australia.

## **The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay**

For information on the Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) and PACSOM events, write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or email the new PACSOM President Margaret Bazley, <[bazleym@dodo.com.au](mailto:bazleym@dodo.com.au)>.

## **Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News**

The Palm and Cycad Society of Western Australia conducts monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the South Perth Rotary Club in Sandgate Street, Como. Meetings start at 7:30pm. At the meetings, members discuss palms and cycads and other related issues, with guest speakers covering a variety of subjects.

For more information on PACSOWA, send an email to George Sevastos (President) at <[george@pacsowa.com.au](mailto:george@pacsowa.com.au)> or visit the PACSOWA website [www.pacsowa.com.au](http://www.pacsowa.com.au).

## **New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society**

The PACSONZ Annual Sale will take place on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm, at the Auckland Botanic Gardens. There will be many bargains amongst palms, cycads and subtropical plants.

For more information on the PACSONZ, visit the website at <http://nzpalmandcycad.com>.

PACSONZ news items are typically extracted either from the PACSONZ website or from internet postings on the NZ Society mail server. To subscribe, send an email to <[nzpalmcycad-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com](mailto:nzpalmcycad-subscribe@yahoogleroups.com)>.

## **Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News**

The 2013 PNWP&EPS executives are:

- President: John Brimacombe
- VP (Vancouver Island): Jeff St. Gelais
- Secretary: Edith Camm
- Treasurer / Subscriptions: Frank Hunaus
- Webmasters: John Brimacombe & Charlie Warburton\
- Membership Director: Charlie Warburton
- Speakers Director: Ron Perozny

PNWP&EPS collaborates or sponsors three different venues to assist members in obtaining rare or exotic palms and other species.

- Members may order plants until April 14<sup>th</sup> via Phoenix Perennials from Cistus Nurseries in Oregon, who carries an extensive catalogue of rare species, cultivars, and hardy selections. Because of shipping and border issues, PNWP&EPS is unable to import them directly, but Phoenix Perennials in Richmond BC can do so and their web site has the required ordering information.
- Another ordering method will be for members to be sent a link to photos of specimens and prices, place an order via email, and pickup at the main PNWP&EPS plant sale. The offered plant range should be expanded to include some very hardy selections and *Sabal* palm cultivars from North Carolina.
- Thirdly, members should plan to attend the Main PNWP&EPS Plant Sale on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at Phoenix Perennials in Richmond, BD. This sale should offer a wide selection from a variety of growers.

The North Vancouver Community Arts Council will be holding Art in the Garden Tour 2013. This popular mix of performing and visual arts set in elegant gardens makes for an excellent date out.

The next general meeting will be on March 25<sup>th</sup>, when Steve Whysall and Rudi Pinkowski will speak on "The Awesome Flora of South Africa", developed after their recent African tour.

Other meetings scheduled for 2013 are:

- March 25, 2013: General Meeting
- May 27, 2013: General Meeting
- September 23, 2013: General Meeting
- November 25, 2013: General Meeting

**Hardy Palm International (HPI)** is now being published twice a year, in April and October, rather than quarterly as in past years. These new issues will be at 40 pages instead of 32. The fee structure has been revised to an annual Canadian membership of Can\$28, USA membership of US\$28 and membership outside of North America to be US\$29.

For more on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, email Nick Parker, <[nickparker@eastlink.ca](mailto:nickparker@eastlink.ca)> or see the society website at <http://www.hardypalm.com/>

### European Palm Society

Tony King has announced that all archived issues of EPS journal *Chamaerops* are available on the website. All issues are in pdf format so members can download and enjoy them at their leisure. *Chamaerops* will continue with new issues online.

For more information on the European Palm Society, contact EPS Secretary Tony King <[tony@aking88.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:tony@aking88.wanadoo.co.uk)>, or visit the new website [www.palmsociety.org.uk](http://www.palmsociety.org.uk).

### Association Chambeyronia

Contact Secretary Jean-Pierre Canel <[jpcan@canl.nc](mailto:jpcan@canl.nc)> or President Jean Pierson <[pierson@socatrans.nc](mailto:pierson@socatrans.nc)> for more information on Association Chambeyronia, the New Caledonia Palm Association.

### Asociación Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas (ABEPYC) [Spanish Palm Society]

On March 1<sup>st</sup>, there was a tour of Valencia Botanical for ABEPYC members only. Additional details on the event can be found in the society's website.

For information on ABEPYC, or to subscribe to the Spanish Society Palm Magazine *Espadice*, email to Secretary Francisco Martí <[pacomarti.maseta@yahoo.es](mailto:pacomarti.maseta@yahoo.es)>, the President Tomás Font <[tomas.font70@gmail.com](mailto:tomas.font70@gmail.com)> or visit their websites <http://abepyc.com/> or <http://abepyc.blogspot.com/>.

### Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

The 2013 Fous de Palmiers officers are:

- President: Pierre-Olivier Albano
- VP: Sophie Barbaux, in charge of media relations
- VP: Sébastien Rassart, in charge of web site coordination
- Treasurer: Gérald Martinez
- Assistant Treasurer: Ghislain Nicaise
- Secretary: Ruddy Benezet in charge of opinion poll activity
- Assistant secretary: Benjamin Rassart, regional activities

A public information meeting on palm pests was held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Puget-sur-Argens, with the participation of Michel Ferry, researcher at INRA and Mrs. Anne Roberti, researcher at the PACA FREDON. Insects causing particular damage are the butterfly *Paysandisia archon* and the beetle *Rhynchophorus ferrugineus* (called the Red Palm Weevil). Originally from Uruguay and central Argentina, this butterfly species was accidentally introduced into southern Europe, where it is spreading rapidly and is devastating and destroying thousands of palm trees in Mediterranean Europe.

The Red Palm Weevil was originally harmful to palms in Asia and Melanesia. It reached the Middle East and the Mediterranean basin in the mid-1980s, Spain in 1994, and southeast France in 2006. It continues to spread rapidly, posing major problems. The researchers are asking all palm growers to be on the lookout for these pests and to report their presence.

Each year the Fous General Assembly gathers members from throughout France. The General Assembly 2013 will be held on April 13 and 14 in Montpellier. For more on the program see the Fous website.

In 2013, the Fous de Palmiers will participate with a stand in many horticultural events. The next such event will be on April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> in Redon.

In the autumn of 2013, some Fous members will leave for 12 days to discover Florida, the US “Sunshine State”, the state of the continental USA which has, in its southern part, a heavenly atmosphere for many species of palms. The group will stay in Miami Beach and go to discover the most beautiful public and private gardens from Palm Beach to Key West, via Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Coconut Grove. This will offer an excellent opportunity to preview many areas to be visited during the 2014 IPS Biennial in Florida. If you are interested in participating, contact Steve Swinscoe.

Another Fous expedition will be held in Cuba on June 1-12, 2013. With 12 days / 10 nights in eastern Cuba, this journey will take members from Santiago to Baracoa via Guardalavaca. The period was chosen by our palm expert Cuban guide because it is the period in which to enjoy the best vegetation and growing conditions. If interested, contact: Gerald Martinez

For more information concerning Fous de Palmiers, please contact President Pierre-Olivier Albano <[poalbano@yahoo.fr](mailto:poalbano@yahoo.fr)>, Secretary Ruddy Benezet <[ruddy.benezet@gmail.com](mailto:ruddy.benezet@gmail.com)>, or Fous' IPS correspondent Thierry Benezech <[thierry.benezech@wanadoo.fr](mailto:thierry.benezech@wanadoo.fr)> or visit the Fous website <http://www.fousdepalmiers.fr>.

### South African Palm Society

For information about the South African Palm Society (SAPS,) contact the President, Neels van Niekerk <[neels@eject.co.za](mailto:neels@eject.co.za)>.

### News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

The Palmeraie Union advises on their website news of interest about palms on Madagascar – an island only some 400 miles to the northwest of La Réunion. In October 2012, the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) completed the update of its Red List of Threatened Species. It has, on this occasion, sounded an alarm about the palm situation in Madagascar. The Big Island has a great floristic richness and incredible endemism, especially in palms the vast majority of species existing nowhere else in natural habitat. The Palm Specialist Group of the Species Survival Commission (SSC) recently focused on the situation in Madagascar and determined that 83% of the palms of Madagascar are now threatened with extinction. According to Jane Smart, Director, World Conservation Group of

the IUCN Biodiversity “figures for the palms of Madagascar are truly terrifying, especially because the palm loss undermines the exceptional biodiversity of the island and also its population. We cannot close our eyes to such a situation.” The main causes of this situation are the critical clearing of land for agriculture and forestry.

For more information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Thierry Hubert at <[palmxeraie.union@wanadoo.fr](mailto:palmxeraie.union@wanadoo.fr)> or email to Nicole Ludwig at <[nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr](mailto:nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr)>.

### Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS)

The HIPS Annual BBQ and Auctions was held on February 8th, 2013, at the new location of Aunty Sally's Lu'au Hale, 799 Piilani Street in Hilo. Following dinner, officers were elected for 2013:

- **President:** Tim Brian (333-5626)  
<[begteb@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:begteb@hawaii.rr.com)>
- **Vice Pres. East:** Charlie Maas (345-1395)  
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- **Secretary:** Ken McGilvray (982-4302)  
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- **Treasurer:** Bob Gibbens (333-5626)  
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- **Membership:** Grace Kissell (963-6707)  
<[gr@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:gr@hawaii.rr.com)>

The next HIPS event will be a Palm and Cycad Gardens tour on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the University of Hawaii Hilo Molecular Sequencing Lab.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Tim Brian <[begteb@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:begteb@hawaii.rr.com)>, Secretary Ken McGilvray <[knmcg@hotmail.com](mailto:knmcg@hotmail.com)> or Treasurer Bob Gibbens <[begteb@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:begteb@hawaii.rr.com)> or visit <http://www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com>.

### Palm Society of Southern California

The PSSC is having its next meeting on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013, at two San Diego gardens in Encinitas, in “North County” not far from the Orange County border. These two gardens are about ten minutes apart. Both are interesting with lots of palm trees with many unusual and rare species to be seen. There will be an auction and raffle at the second garden. This will be a POTLUCK meeting, so members are encouraged to bring a dish to share with others at the Riedler garden. There will be chairs for the general

meeting. Members are encouraged to bring plants for the auction and raffle

Garden number one on the March tour will be at the home of Aaron and Sonya Bagley, 1010 San Andrade Dr., Encinitas, CA 92024. Their garden was started in 2008 and has over 100 palm different species of including *Dypsis marojejyi*, *Dypsis heteromorpha*, *Dypsis ambositrae*, *Dypsis robusta* crossed with an unknown palm, *Basselinia pancheri* and many other New Caledonia palms. There are also many species of cycads, succulents and bromeliads. The house is on a 6100 square foot lot and is built on very hard sandstone with little soil. About fifty yards of soil were brought in to create mounds and raised beds. The garden is about a mile and a half from the coast and on a hill so it has a very good micro-climate and only a rare frost. As this winter has been fairly cold, there is some limited plant damage.

Garden number two on the March tour is at the home of Mark and Val Riedler, 3236 Brookside Lane, Encinitas, CA 92024. This garden was started in late 2003 and also has many palms, cycads, aloes and bromeliads. The lot is basically clay but 3 feet of sandy loam was imported when the house was built. This garden is 6 miles from the coast and saw a low temperature of at least 27°F (-3°C) in early January. This garden was last viewed by the PSSC members in July 2008.

PSSC meetings are generally held on the 3rd Saturday of alternate months. For more on the Palm Society of Southern California visit <http://www.palmssc.org/> or contact any of the following:

- **President:** David Paul Bleistein  
< dbleistein@rosen-law.com >
- **Membership Chair:** Don Martin  
< donpalms101@yahoo.com >
- **Treasurer:** Alan Brickley  
< alanbrickley@hotmail.com >

### **The Palm Society of Maui**

For further information on the *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (email to Sunya at [evitaazul@yahoo.com](mailto:evitaazul@yahoo.com) or telephone to cell phone 808-280-5051.)

### **Arizona Palm & Cycad Society**

For more information on the Arizona Palm and Cycad Society, please see the Society website, <http://azpalmandcycad.org> or send an

email to either Vice President Monte Crawford < [montecrawford@hotmail.com](mailto:montecrawford@hotmail.com) > or President Nick Argys < [argyfam@msn.com](mailto:argyfam@msn.com) >.

### **Northern California Chapter, IPS**

If you are a member of the International Palm Society and wish to be added to the Palm Society of Northern California Chapter mailing list, send an email to the secretary < [Edith@PalmPaintings.com](mailto:Edith@PalmPaintings.com) > or write Edith Bergstrom (Secretary) at P.O. Box 126, Palo Alto, CA 94302. Include your mailing address, phone number and email address. There is no additional fee for Northern California Society membership. You are also encouraged to visit the Northern California Chapter website at their new website <http://www.palmsnc.org/>.

### **Gulf Coast Chapter of the IPS**

Annual dues the Gulf Coast Chapter (GCC) of the IPS are US\$15 for individuals or US\$20 for households, with new members joining after May given a 50% discount. For more information on the Gulf Coast Chapter, contact any of the following:

- **President:** Joe Taverniti  
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- **Vice Pres. (Pensacola):** Larry Morris  
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### **Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society**

The Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mount's Botanical Garden building, West Palm Beach, FL. Each meeting features a notable speaker, a palm & cycad auction, refreshments, socializing and camaraderie. Membership signup is available at the door.

Officers and Executive for 2013 are:

- **President:** Tom Ramiccio  
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- **Vice President:** Don Bittel  
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- **Secretary:** Ruth Lynch  
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- **Director:** Tom Whistler  
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- **Immediate Past President:** Betty Ahlborn  
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Additional Appointees for 2013 are:

- **Newsletter Editor and Librarian:**  
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- **Refreshment Chairman:** Ruth Lynch  
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The 2013 Annual Spring Palm and Cycad Sale will be at Mounts Botanical Garden on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Members and guests are invited to “Come find that perfect palm or cycad for your garden and to purchase a top rated fertilizer for all your plants.”

PBP&CS meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Mount's Botanical Garden building. Each meeting features a notable speaker, a palm & cycad auction, refreshments, socializing and camaraderie. Membership signup is available at the door.

Chad Husby of Montgomery Botanical Center was the speaker for March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. His lecture was on “Current Research with *Zamia Species*”.

- On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Jeff Searle will talk on “Palms of Madagascar”
- On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Doyle Cochran will speak on “Palms & Cycads of Cuba”
- Details on additional future meetings will be posted on the PBP&CS website.

For more on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact any of the above officers or see [www.palmbeachpalmcycadsociety.com/](http://www.palmbeachpalmcycadsociety.com/).

## Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

For more information on the Southwest Florida Palm & Cycad Society, email Geri Prall at < [SW\\_FL\\_PalmCycad@hotmail.com](mailto:SW_FL_PalmCycad@hotmail.com) >.

## South Florida Palm Society News

Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings, which are free and open to the public. Regular meetings are held in the Garden House of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of every even-numbered month.

The South Florida Palm Society will host the 2014 IPS Biennial. More information will be forthcoming on this event in future *Supplements*.

For more on the South Florida Palm Society, send an email to President Ken Johnson < [kenjohnsonpalms@earthlink.net](mailto:kenjohnsonpalms@earthlink.net) > or to Corresponding Secretary Louis Sgueros at < [nickelsonk@bellsouth.net](mailto:nickelsonk@bellsouth.net) > with your snail mail address.

## News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society is off to a fast start with a lively new board, expanded *Palmateer* quarterly and a full calendar of sales and garden tours for 2013.

*Palmateer* is going online. John Kennedy has returned as *Palmateer* editor after a three year hiatus and, with technical expertise from Webmaster Frankie Ramos, is overseeing its historic conversion to an online publication. Beginning with the 27-page March issue, members and non-members will be able to read the *Palmateer* on the CFPACS website: [www.CFPACS.org](http://www.CFPACS.org). It can be viewed online or downloaded and printed.

Dottie Kellogg is the new Seed Bank Coordinator and she will be posting regular offerings of seeds collected by CFPACS members and friends. Email Dottie at < [seedbank.seedbank7@gmail.com](mailto:seedbank.seedbank7@gmail.com) > to receive information on the latest offerings. CFPACS members pay modest posted prices (plus shipping); non-members are charged at plus 10%. All proceeds go toward schools and parks palm plantings or selected plant research grants.

All USA and foreign palm fanciers are welcome to join CFPACS. Membership is still a bargain at \$15/per year for USA, \$20/per year for non-US based members. Dues can be paid by sending name, postal address and email address

via PayPal at [www.cfpacs.org](http://www.cfpacs.org) – or send your check (U.S. dollars with name, postal address, email address) to: Membership Chair, 5942 Ehren Cutoff, Land O’Lakes FL 34639. Reminder to present members: 2013 dues are payable now. Send your check or PayPal contribution quickly to avoid being dropped from the roster and/or losing your valuable CFPACS benefits. Email Karen Barrese <[membership@cfpacs.org](mailto:membership@cfpacs.org)> for more details.

On the morning of March 23<sup>rd</sup>, CFPACS will have a rare opportunity to visit the iconic – but very private – Michael property on Earring Point. This beautiful waterfront site is studded with mature palms dating back to the mid to late 1950s. Last seen by CFPACS members 11 years ago, the trees have since gained giant status and steadily provide seed for the CFPACS Seed Bank. Among the species on site are *Corypha umbraculifera*, *Bismarckia nobilis*, *Copernicia macroglossa* and *Attalea speciosa*.

On that same afternoon, the three-acre property of Ron Eward and Fiona Pearce will be open to the CFPACS membership. This is a newer garden, started in the late 1990s on the bank of Goat Creek in a genuine Central Florida climate. It will be interesting to see what species survived the infamous Florida winter of 2010 / 2011. Rob Branch will discuss Florida’s latest pest menace, spiraling whitefly (and what to do about it). There will be a plant auction and sale. See PalmTalk for the latest information and directions to the gardens or email Susie Dow at <[susan.boldone.dow@gmail.com](mailto:susan.boldone.dow@gmail.com)>. Members, guests and non-members are welcome, but only CFPACS members may bid on auction plants.

Plans for the June, October and December garden tours are still being fine tuned. Check the CFPACS website and PalmTalk for up to date information. Each tour will include an auction of rare or hard to find plants donated by members, as well as a wide variety of palms and cycads for sale by trusted vendors.

To assist the constitutional officers, the CFPACS Board has appointed several members to head new committees. The entire 2013 slate is:

- President: Lucinda McCartney <[president@cfpacs.org](mailto:president@cfpacs.org)>
- East Vice President: Janice Broda <[eastvp@cfpacs.org](mailto:eastvp@cfpacs.org)>
- Central Vice President: Ron Hart <[centralvp@cfpacs.org](mailto:centralvp@cfpacs.org)>
- West Vice President: Mike Evans <[westvp@cfpacs.org](mailto:westvp@cfpacs.org)>

- Secretary: Chuck Grieneisen <[secretary@cfpacs.org](mailto:secretary@cfpacs.org)>
- **Palmateer** Editor: John Kennedy <[palmateer@cfpacs.org](mailto:palmateer@cfpacs.org)>
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### **Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society**

Membership is \$15 per calendar year and includes a subscription to the *ET CETERAS* quarterly newsletter. This color newsletter contains articles of interest to local palm and cycad enthusiasts. Membership fees may be paid by check or money order made payable to “Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society” and mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

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### **Florida First Coast Chapter**

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### **Southeastern Palm Society**

The Fall 2012 Show and Sale was held on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 am at Longleaf Botanical Garden at Lagarde Park, Anniston, Alabama.

The Spring 2013 meeting has been scheduled to be on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Riverbanks Botanical Garden, at 500 Wildlife Parkway, Colombia, South Carolina 20210. The event also featured the Society's annual plant auction. Riverbanks Zoo and Garden. See the SEPS website for more on this event.

For details on any of the above meetings, or to obtain more information on SEPS or the quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) *Southeastern Palms*, visit the SEPS website at [www.sepalms.org](http://www.sepalms.org) or email Will Taylor at <[tnpalmdude@aol.com](mailto:tnpalmdude@aol.com)>.

### **News from the Palm Society of South Texas**

A warm, dry and breezy January 12<sup>th</sup> welcomed more than 40 PSST members to the home and gardens of Paul and Kooki Crerar in Alamo, Texas. The hosts provided a barbecued brisket and sausage lunch under shade trees near a large pond filled with koi. The host-provided foods were complemented by salads, side dishes, and desserts brought by members. The day was perfect in spite of the cold, wet weather during the prior week. Paul then conducted a tour of his spacious grounds which include groves of palm trees, tropical plants, a large nursery, and an extensive vegetable garden. Several members filled containers with fresh vegetables to take home. Everyone was impressed with Paul and Kooki's gardens and nursery.

Mary Barkkari, the Rio Grande Valley vice-chairman, organized a terrific two-part meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup>. The day began with lunch at the Harlingen Country Club where the 56 members and guests enjoyed a nice lunch. The Country Club itself is beautifully landscaped with many species of mature palms. After lunch, the members moved to the home of PSST member Rick Schwab on the east side of Harlingen. Spectacular! Amazing! Incredible! These were some of the adjectives overheard as members arrived and began the tour of his yard and gardens. There were literally hundreds of palms of all sizes, along with other tropical plants, on the large estate. Several members bought small palms and others promised to return in a few days when Rick would have more time.

The next meeting will be on March 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Glenn and Rose Mary Head in Arroyo City. This meeting will include the spring auction.

Information on future 2013 meetings is provided on the PSST website. To join the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST), please see the

PSST online membership form and other information on [www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org](http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org).

*[The above PSST information was taken from the online meeting summaries on the PSST website, with appreciation to PSST for the use of this information.]*

### **Asociación de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador**

For more on Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador contact their President, Rodrigo Avila <[rodrigo@bismarckia.com](mailto:rodrigo@bismarckia.com)>.

### **French Antilles IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm**

Ti-Palm regularly organizes garden visits and jungle hikes looking for endemic palms of the Lesser Antilles and French Guyana.

There is a chat at Fous de Palmiers website (<http://fousdepalmiers.fr/html/forum/viewforum.php?f=30>) Membership fee: 10€. See more at <http://tipalm.fr/pages/association.html>. You may also email Président: Pierre-Olivier Albano, <[contact@tipalm.fr](mailto:contact@tipalm.fr)>.

### **Asociación Venezolana de Palmas**

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