

2014 IPS Biennial Meeting, South Florida

The next International Palm Society Biennial Meeting will be held in South Florida, scheduled for May 24-31, 2014. Attendees will see private and public gardens, as well as palms in their native habitat. There will be lectures from palm specialists, as well as a free day in Key West.

More on the 2014 Biennial, including Biennial registration and itinerary details, as well as possible Pre or Post Biennial Tours, will be provided on www.palms.org and in future *Supplements to Palms*, as details are finalized.

**Call for Nominations
for IPS Board of Directors
for 2014 – 2018 Term of Office**

It is time for the election of those IPS Directors who will serve for the years 2014 to 2018. **If there is anyone you know who can contribute to the goals of the International Palm Society and who is willing to dedicate the time necessary to serve as a Director, please submit his/her name for nomination.**

November 20, 2013 is the deadline for Administrative Secretary Larry Noblick to receive nominations – so election ballots can be mailed with the December 2013 issue of *Palms*. Completed original ballots must be returned to Larry no later than March 15th, 2014 to be counted. Elections results will be announced on the IPS website in April 2014 and published in the *Supplement to Palms*.

Nominating requirements: A candidate must have been a Member of the Society for two years before being nominated as a Director. Any IPS Member may propose a candidate for nomination by writing an email or letter to the Administrative Secretary. A second nomination in writing from another Member is also required. The proposed candidate must submit to the Secretary a written consent of willingness to serve if nominated and elected, which should include a willingness to attend board meetings during his or her tenure. The proposed candidate must also send the Secretary a short palm-related biography, which will be included on the ballot.

When the above conditions have been met, the Secretary will forward the proposed candidates' names to the Nominating Committee for consideration as nominees on the ballot.

Nominating Committee guidelines: Directors are elected for a four-year term with terms staggered so that approximately half the Directors will be installed at each Biennial meeting. The Nominating Committee will use the regional distribution of members as a guide for insuring appropriate global representation.

Duties and expectations of the IPS Directors: The IPS Board of Directors has general charge of the affairs and business of the Society as further stated in the Bylaws. Directors are expected to take an active role in the Board activities by serving on appropriate committees set up for specific tasks and concerns. The Board meets once a year, at the Biennial meeting and at an Interim Meeting.

An ability and willingness to travel to all (or most) of the annual Board Meetings at the Director's own expense is, by necessity, a strong consideration used by the Nominating Committee when selecting candidates. Directors are also expected to be accessible by email and be responsive in addressing the business of the Society.

Directors for the 2014–2018 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in May 2014 at the South Florida Biennial.

Questions concerning the nominating and election process may be sent to Elena Beare, Chair of the IPS Nominating Committee; or Larry Noblick, IPS Administrative Secretary. Email messages are preferred.

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The Nominating Committee for the upcoming election consists of the following Directors: Elena Beare, Norman Bezona, Jeffrey

Brusseau, John DeMott, Horace Hobbs, Kathryn Morgan and Grant Stephenson. Persons interested in either running for the IPS Board of Directors or in nominating another person may also contact any member of the Nominations Committee.

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

*Send comments, corrections and other events to:
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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 9th and 10th at the Auditorium of Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens in Brisbane. This event is Australia's largest annual palm exhibit with numerous species available. Cultivation advice was 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.

Key contact information is:

- For general inquiries, contact Will Kraa at <wkraa@bigpond.com.au>
- For Membership or Bookstore inquiries: Margaret Kraa <pacsoa@bigpond.com.au>

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.

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 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 7:30 pm.

The April 2013 BPACS outing featured a visit by approximately 25 members to the gardens of Lou Randall and Wal Donovan at Caboolture and Beerwah. It was a beautiful sunny day and there was a great turnout by members. Lou's spectacular property contains many rare and unusual plants, including palms, cycads and xerophytic species. Wal's garden, a mere three years young, contains some nice palms starting to get well-established. A big thank you to Lou and Tish, and Wal and Donna for opening up their gardens, plus a great morning tea and Sausage Sizzle lunch.

The May 29th meeting featured David Tanswell's travelogue on the recent IPS Biennial Post Tour to Vietnam. David has a wonderful collection of photos from the trip, with great stories behind most of them. BPACS held their usual raffle, with members asked to bring spare palms to donate to the raffle. The raffles help pay for the hall hire and other society expenses.

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 June 23rd outing will be a Rainforest Walk at Purlingbrook Falls, Springbrook – approximately a 90 minute drive from Brisbane GPO. Members will meet at the main National Park car park near the top of the falls. The walking track is moderate difficulty, so a good pair of walking shoes is required, as well as a bottle of drinking water. It is a well maintained track, but it does traverse the side of a gorge so the walk is not flat and requires some level of fitness. The main circuit takes approximately 2 hours to complete and winds underneath the waterfall, which is one of the

most spectacular falls in southeast Queensland with a 110-meter (361-foot) drop. There are many plants to be seen growing in habitat, including palms, cycads and other rainforest plants. The walk will be followed by lunch at a local café. This is a spectacular walk and well worth attending.

The August 2013 BPACS outing will feature the garden of Nick Craig in D'Aguilar, Queensland. The December 2013 Christmas Gathering will be a two-day event hosted by Rudy and Muriel Meyer (more details later.)

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>.

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.

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/ or email to President Fred Moody <moody_fred@hotmail.com> or to <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, <bazley@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.

The 2013 Society Auction was held on Tuesday, May 28th. The palm and cycad annual auction is held in May of every year. The auction provides a real chance for members to buy sought after rare palms and cycads.

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

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

For information on the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ,) visit the website at <http://nzpalmcycad.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@yahoogroups.com >.
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Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

PNWP&EPS held their main plant sale on May 18th, greatly assisted by event organizer Charlie Warburton. It was a cool and rainy day with diminished turnout, but a modest profit was obtained from the plant sales. Thanks to Gary Lewis of Phoenix Perennials for hosting the event.

The Art in the Garden Tour 2013 will be on May 25th and May 26th. North Vancouver members Rudi Pinkowski and Larry Wick hosted this popular mix of visual and performing arts set in specialty gardens.

The May 27th general meeting was held at VanDussen Gardens. Ron Long spoke on the unique plants of southern Oregon, a region where the special geological mix has caused the evolution of unusual plants, some new to science, others very rare. Members also saw the landscapes and fauna of this fascinating area, which is just a few hours' drive down I-5 from Vancouver.

Other meetings scheduled for 2013 are:

- 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> or see the society website at <http://www.hardypalm.com/>

European Palm Society

All archived issues of EPS journal *Chamaerops* are 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>, or visit the new website www.palmsociety.org.uk.

Association Chambeyronia

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

Asociacion Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas (ABEPMC) [Spanish Palm Society]

For information on ABEPMC, or to subscribe to the Spanish Society Palm Magazine *Espadice*, email to Secretary Francisco Martí <pacomarti.maseta@yahoo.es>, the President Tomás Font <tomas.font70@gmail.com> or visit their websites <http://abepmc.com/> or <http://abepmc.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

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>, Secretary Ruddy Benezet <ruddy.benezet@gmail.com>, or Fous' IPS correspondent Thierry Benezech <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>.

News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

The Palmeraie Union features on its website items of interest about palms on Madagascar – an island only some 400 miles to the northwest of La Réunion.

For more information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Thierry Hubert at <palmxeraie.union@wanadoo.fr> or email to Nicole Ludwig at <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)
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- **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)
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On Sunday, April 23rd, Dr. Don Hemmes, Professor Emeritus of Biology at UHH arranged for HIPS to tour the palm and cycad/bromeliad gardens at the University of Hawaii Hilo. In addition, Anne Viellet, Director at the Molecular Sequencing Lab at UHH, demonstrated how DNA is extracted from a living organism (in this case, a native *Pritchardia*), how the amount of DNA is increased through a PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction), and how the DNA is sequenced and then compared to other known sequences from other species of *Pritchardia*.

The gardens at the University were started by Hemmes in 1985 and have been awarded the Outstanding Urban Forestry Achievement Award from the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program in 1994 and the prestigious Betty Crocker Award from Scenic Hawai'i in 2012. On the cycad/bromeliad garden tour, members were able to see one of the largest cycad collections in Hilo including 40 species of Don's favorite genus, *Zamia*. The palm garden tour features palms from around the world, including several species of *Licuala*.

On Sunday, May 5th, HIPS held their Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo Plant Sale. HIPS had a booth, distributed membership information and gave away palm seeds.

June 23rd will see the First Annual HIPS Palm Sale and Ice Cream Social, which will be held at the Community Center, Leilani Estates.

HIPS is planning to have a float entry in the inaugural Hilo Pride Parade on July 6th. HIPS will also have a booth at the Pride Festival.

August 23rd will be the date for the IPS Biennial in Thailand Palm Slide Show by HIPS.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Tim Brian < begteb@hawaii.rr.com >, Treasurer Bob Gibbens < begteb@hawaii.rr.com > or Secretary Ken Mc Gilvray < knmcg@hotmail.com > or visit the HIPS website at <http://www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com>.

Palm Society of Southern California

The May 2013 PSSC meeting took place in the Bill Burke and Nancybell Coe garden in Santa Barbara. The site was formerly the home and garden of the Gunther Schwartz family. Since our visit seven years ago, the garden suffered fire damage and neglect before careful restoration by the present owners Bill and Nancybell. Gunther Schwartz would be delighted (in spirit) to have the PSSC return to his now carefully restored garden.

This Santa Barbara garden is known for its variety and for its outstanding succulent planting. Mr. Schwartz devoted 25 years creating his garden on a 2-acre site, and Mr. Burke and Ms. Coe are continuing that legacy.

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 Brickey
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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 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 > or President Nick Argys < 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> 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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- **Information Officer:** Tom Mignerey
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Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society had informative presentations at their last three monthly meetings. In March, Chad Husby of the Montgomery Botanical Center shared its efforts to conserve palms & cycads, and also recent of the garden's recent research on the genus *Zamia*. In April, Jeff Searle presented Palms of Madagascar. In May, Jeff Marcus' internet garden tour was played for the group.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. at the Mounts Botanical Garden building in West Palm Beach, FL. Each meeting features a notable speaker, a palm and cycad auction, refreshments, socializing and camaraderie. Membership signup is available at the door and on the society website www.palmbeachpalmcycadsociety.com.

Membership includes the monthly newsletter which features a palm or cycad with detailed information on growing in Palm Beach County. The last three newsletters featured *Dypsis concinna*, *Ptychosperma burretianum*, *Ptychosperma cuneatum*, and *Copernicia ekmanii*. Membership also includes participation in the annual December palm & cycad giveaway.

Contact info:

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Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

For more information on the Southwest Florida Palm & Cycad Society, email Geri Prall at <SW_FL_Palms@outlook.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> or to Corresponding Secretary Louis Sgueros at <nickelsonk@bellsouth.net> with your snail mail address.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The chapter met in early June 2013 at Walt and Cathy Darnall's Lake Placid garden in the center of the state. Because of numerous lakes in the region, microclimates allow the growing of tender palms usually seen only farther south. An auction of member-donated plants followed the tour. Phil Stager and Rick Nale served as Auctioneers.

June's tour of the Darnall property followed the first gathering of the year, in March, at the Michael place on Orchid Island north of Vero Beach and site of one of Florida's oldest palm collections. The Michaels began planting

unusual species in the mid 1950s; so much of what we saw were mature palms, many of which provide seeds for the Chapter's Seed Bank. That same afternoon, the group moved about 25 miles north to Goat Creek and the home of Ron Eward and Fiona Pearce just west of the Indian River lagoon. Their extensive garden dates back to 1998 and illustrates what can be done to a bare field in a relatively short period.

The September 14th meeting will visit two sites around Myakka City near Florida's west coast. IPS Director Faith Bishock will host the first stop, followed by a barbecue lunch and tour of the Presleys' nursery, garden and ranch.

The June issue of CFPACS's popular *Palmateer* is now online and can be seen at <http://cfpacs.org/palmateer>. This month, there are 33 must-read pages of interesting topics ranging from how palms are used in developing countries to news of the Thailand 2012 biennial. The *Palmateer* can also be downloaded and printed by those who prefer reading offline.

SEED BANK – New seeds arrive almost weekly and are added to the Seed Bank inventory. Email Coordinator Dottie Kellogg at seedbank.seedbank.cfpacs6@gmail.com to add your name to those receiving information on the latest seed offerings. All proceeds go toward palm plantings in schools and parks, as well as grants for selected plant research.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME – 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 foreign members. Dues can be paid by sending name, street address and email address via PayPal at www.cfpacs.org – or send your check (U.S. dollars with name, street address, email address) to: Treasurer – 1008 Little Fawn Dr, Apopka FL 32712.

The entire CFPACS 2013 slate of officers includes:

- President: Lucinda McCartney
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- Secretary: Chuck Grieneisen
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- *Palmateer* Editor: John Kennedy
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- Membership Chair: Karen Barrese
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- Meeting Coordinators: Susie Dow and Rob Branch, < susan@cfpacs.org >
- Webmaster: Frankie Ramos
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- Treasurer: Maryann Krysovitch
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- Past President: Dave Reid

In addition, the Chapter Advisory Council is:

- Ray Hernandez < Ray@cfpacs.org >
- Robert Blenker < BobB@cfpacs.org >
- Bob Johnson < BobJ@cfpacs.org >

For more information about Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society, its activities and membership benefits, see the website www.CFPACS.org or email Lucinda McCartney < president@cfpacs.org >

Lucinda McCartney, President

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.

For more on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact: President Rod Gates < rodpgates@cs.com >, V.P. Jayanne Crawley, < southlands_tropicals@yahoo.com > or Kathryn Morgan, < katgmorgan@yahoo.com >.

Southeastern Palm Society

The Spring 2013 meeting was held on March 2nd at Riverbanks Botanical Garden, Columbia, South Carolina. The event also featured the Society's annual plant auction. See the SEPS website for more on this event.

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 or email Will Taylor at < tnpalmdude@aol.com >.

Florida First Coast Chapter

For information regarding the Florida First 8th Coast Chapter, please contact Kyle Brown at < palmdoctor@aol.com >

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

PSST gathered in San Antonio on April 27th. Although PSST has a membership of 125 palm enthusiasts, only 17 attended the meeting in San Antonio, which was arranged by Jon and Suzie Watson. Members met at noon at Augie's Barbed Wire Smokehouse for a great barbecue lunch. Many said the ribs were the best they had ever eaten. After lunch, members walked across the parking lot to the Japanese/Chinese sunken gardens in Brackenridge Park. The 20-minute walking tour afforded views of many palms and other tropical plants and flowers along with a large pond filled with koi. The group then moved a few blocks to the San Antonio Botanical Gardens, directly to the beautiful palm exhibit. After touring the palm exhibit, members were free to roam other sections of the botanical gardens.

On May 18th, approximately 60 members and guests gathered at the beautiful home of Barry and Georgina Putegnat on a *resaca* in Brownsville. The generous hosts provided a delicious Mexican meal with an almost unbelievable number of side dishes. Luran Serafy brought dips and chips and three wonderful desserts, including fantastic *tres leches* cakes. After a short business meeting, one guest presented a short talk on palms for South Padre Island. Then members toured the spacious grounds, house, and guest house. Barry and Georgina lived in the guest house for 15 months while the main house was being completely remodeled. Landscaping is still an ongoing project—additional shrubs and flowers were to be planted the week following the meeting.

See the Society website for dedicated webpages on these meetings designed by John Volk, with complete meeting summaries by John Dillard and photographs by Ed Ladd.

The next meeting will be on June 5th hosted by Debbie Bick & Frank Raffaelli in Austin. Additional meetings scheduled for 2013 include:

- August 17th : Matthew Nichols – Dallas
- September TBA: Kathy & Danny Payton — Harlingen
- October 12th: John, Yong & Blake Volk - San Antonio
- November TBA: Olivers & Tumberlinsons - San Benito
- December TBA: Annual Christmas Party @ Romeo and Linda Montalvo - Brownsville

Additional information on these 2013 meetings will be 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 the Society website 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 >.

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 >.

Asociación Venezolana de Palmas

For information on AVEPALMAS, see the website www.avepalmas.org or send an email to avepalmas@cantv.net.