

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

LAST CALL

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.

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. See the separate Biennial *Supplement to Palms* for Biennial registration forms, itinerary details and other supplemental information for the 2014 Biennial

IPS Endowment Fund Applications Due for 2014 Grants

The 2013 grant awards by the IPS Endowment Fund will be decided at the upcoming IPS Board of Directors meeting on October 12, 2013. Those awards will be announced shortly thereafter. Grant funds awarded for 2013 will be available to grantees shortly before year-end 2013.

It is now time for prospective applicants to send in their 2014 Endowment Fund Applications, even though the 2013 grants have not yet been made.

Applications for 2014 consideration must be received by December 31st, 2013, for consideration of 2014 IPS Endowment Fund grants. The 2014 grants will be awarded at the IPS Board Meeting to be held in May 2014. Grant funds awarded for 2014 will be available to grantees as soon after the 2014 Board meeting as is feasible.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain, prior to December 31st, 2013. Proposals should be sent in MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as email attachments to jim.cain@cain-barnes.com. If the documents exceed 9MB in size, please also copy them to jimmydcain@aol.com with at least a note to jim.cain@cain-barnes.com advising that this was done. Emails totaling up to 16MB (including attachments) will be accepted at that address.

Proposals should include the following information, along with any other information that applicants think might increase their chances for favorable review of their proposals:

- A Narrative Proposal Section, with a clear description of the project to be funded. This should include adequate detail for independent scientific reviewers to assess the feasibility and desirability of the project work. This should also address the desired project timetable in a general way, again to provide clarity to the reviewers.
- A clear and readable budget for the full project, as well as how much of the funding is requested from the IPS and how much of the total project funding is expected to be obtained from other sources. Please also state whether or not “partial funding” of the IPS amount would be acceptable (and still allow the project to be undertaken)
- To maximize the impact of these grants, the IPS asks that the grant proposers request

funding only for direct project costs. The IPS grants may not be used to pay any indirect costs charged by the grant applicants’ institutions – that is, money to cover general G&A and/or any other “overhead” expenses are not to be included in the applicant’s Requests for Funding. The IPS will provide a letter to this effect to recipients’ institutions, upon request.

- Current Curriculum Vitae of the applicant and other key researchers involved in the project. This information should also provide proper contact information for the application [postal address, email address(es), telephone(s) and fax numbers.]
- A statement as to who should receive the Grant payment, if the application is successful (*i.e.*, the individual, the individual’s university or employer, etc. The applicant should provide clear payment instructions (including payee address).

If there are questions on the above, please contact Jim Cain via mobile telephone at +1 (832) 215-5551 or at the given email addresses.

The IPS grants approximately US\$20,000 to US\$25,000 of awards in a given year, if suitable applications are received requesting this amount. Typically, individual awards of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are made, although larger grants can sometimes be awarded if merited. Applications must be accompanied by a statement on the acceptability of “partial funding.” Without such a clear statement, the IPS may be forced to turn down such an application if the entire requested amount cannot be awarded.

Send comments, corrections and other events to:
Jim Cain, Supplement Editor for Palms,
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NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

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. Since 1984 there has also been established a Publication Fund which, since 1987, has published eight original books.

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

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 August 25th BPACS outing featured a visit to the old City Botanic Gardens followed by a nice lunch.. There were plenty of things to see there, ranging from very old, historic plantings to very recent plantings.

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. The September 24th meeting will feature a presentation by John Keenan on “Phalaenopsis: Their culture and the Taiwan Phalaenopsis Orchid Connection.”

The October meeting is scheduled for October 22nd, when Patrick Handley of Waterscapes Australia will give a presentation

on water gardens. To see more of this company, visit: www.waterscapesaustralia.com.au.

On November 26th, guest speakers will be Neil and Helen Curran who will speak on Australia's Top End, from Darwin to Katherine. Their presentation will focus on gardens there, the street plantings and the plants growing in this very different part of Australia.

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, <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.

The Cannington Annual Show is held at the Cannington Exhibition Centre at Station Street and Albany Hwy, on November 16th and 17th. Entry is free and it is well attended by the general public. People can admire the palms and cycads on display and also have the opportunity to buy rare and exotic plants.

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://nzpalmandcycad.com>.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The PNWP&EPS "South of the Fraser" tour was on July 28th, with the Burnabee Swinging 60's blue bus again called into action. The tour commenced at TKY Nursery in Richmond with some brisk purchasing of *Roscoea*, unusual hardy ginger relatives. The first garden visited was that of former Society president Nick Parker and his wife Janis, with its stunning exotic garden featuring cactus and succulents as well as palms. The participants were treated to a hot lunch in the shade of a large *Albizia julibrissin*. The second garden visited was the award winning garden of Bill and Carla Bischoff, featuring varied plantings. Bill and Carla were fantastic hosts with encyclopedic knowledge, particularly on their specialties of cyclamen and orchids. The last garden visited was Charlie Warburton's, another past president and current plant sale and membership coordinator. The emphasis here was on palms, including the largest *Washingtonia filifera* in Canada.

On August 18th, Boyd and Dorit Mason's garden was the perfect setting for the Society Barbecue, complemented by the wide variety of curries, pulled pork and other exotic delights. Unsurprisingly, attendance was high. With the lush subtropical garden and stunning cuisine, Boyd and his family have set a barbecue standard that will be difficult to match.

The *Vancouver Sun* newspaper version of Steve Whysall's "In the Garden" article featuring Cary and Rudi Pinkowski's West Vancouver Garden appeared on August 30th. To view the extensive online version, see the website link, <http://www.hardypalm.com/news.php> in "news."

The September 23rd meeting will feature Sean Rafferty's presentation on Rhododendrons and companion plants. Sean spent 5 weeks in China during May and June of 2012 in Guizhou and Guanxi provinces examining new species. He will show pictures and share his stories of the many varieties (some new) that he saw.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on November 25th and will feature election of the 2014 executive as well as "the year in photos" based on photo contest results

Hardy Palm International (HPI) is now being published twice a year, in April and October, rather than quarterly as in past years.

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

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 (ABEPLYC) [Spanish Palm Society]

The General Assembly of ABEPLYC was held July 6th, 2013 at the Cullera Botanic Garden. Prior to normal issues before the Assembly, ABEPLYC honored our previous President, Dr. Tomás Font, and awarded him the title of ABEPLYC's Honorary President. ABEPLYC was very pleased to thank him for his great enthusiasm and his contributions to make people love palms and their prodigious world. Fifteen years ago, Tomás was a founder of ABEPLYC, and he has been an IPS member for 12 years and has attended four Biennials, to date. He has a vast knowledge of palms and has one of the most interesting private palm collections in Europe. Tomás was presented with a hand-painted *Phoenix canariensis*.

New officers were elected, and they are:

- **President:** Patricio Hinojosa
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- **Secretary:** Paco Marti
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- **Treasurer:** Javier Martinez
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Advisory Council:

Eduardo Lopez
Antonio Gomez
Santiago Garcia

Carlos Albalat
Antonio J. Gonzalez
Pascual Crespo
Vicente Lorente.

Light refreshments were served and ABEPYC members walked across to Patricio Hinojosa's garden, viewing his wonderful *Bismarckia nobilis*, as well as Patricio's tropical plants collection. In conclusion, our Treasurer Javier, who is a very good chef, prepared a typical Valencian Paella that was delight for all the ABEPYC members and partners.

For information on ABEPYC, or to subscribe to the Spanish Society Palm Magazine *Espadice*, email to Secretary Francisco Martí <pacomarti.maseta@yahoo.es> or email President Patricio Hinojosa <info@botanico.tropical.com> or visit <http://abepyc.com/> or <http://abepyc.blogspot.com/> websites.

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

For twelve days in the autumn of 2013, some Fous de Palmier members visited 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 stayed in Miami Beach and visited the most beautiful public and private gardens from Palm Beach to Key West, via Fort Lauderdale, Miami and Coconut Grove. This offered an excellent opportunity to preview many areas to be visited during the 2014 IPS Biennial in Florida in May.

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 Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) gathered for a presentation "People and Places of Thailand," given by Dan Ashley & Tim Brian on August 23rd at the University of Hawaii at Hilo Room UCB 114. This was a tour of Thailand's beautiful palms, people and places with these two HIPS members who attended the International Palm Society's 2012 Biennial. Dan created a video using photos he took of national parks, botanical gardens, nature preserves and remote sites containing rare palms growing in native habitat. Tim's slide presentation focused on the Nong Nooch Tropical Gardens and Resort. Its landscape design, incredible plants and theme gardens, include one of the most extensive palm collections in the world.

After the presentations, the rest of the meeting was devoted to palm cultivation questions from members and the general public, who were invited to the event. The evening also included a silent auction and door prizes of some beautiful and unusual palm species from Thailand.

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 <http://www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com>, the HIPS website.

Palm Society of Southern California

The next PSSC meeting will be held on September 21st, 2013, in the Point Loma district of coastal San Diego, featuring two great gardens near each other. Both are established gardens where many unusual and rare species will be seen. There will be an auction and raffle at the second garden. This will be a Potluck meeting, so members should bring a dish to share with others at the Willoughby garden.

The first garden will be at the home of John Collom at 4370 Santa Monica Ave, San Diego, 92107. John's garden is about twenty years old and has both mature palms and cycads. It is unique in that the garden is all you see from the street with his home well back in the rear of the property. He has attractive *Hedyscepe*, *Roystonea*, *Pritchardia* and a very nice *Livistona*

saribus. There are also numerous cycads, some mature and in cone. His garden demonstrates what a little planning and time can provide.

The second September garden visited will be at the home of Dennis and Laura Willoughby at 4438 Pescadero Ave, San Diego 92107. Dennis started his garden in 1990 and he now has about 260 species of palms. Make sure you get a look at his *Acanthophoenix rubra*, which is thirty feet tall, the *Dypsis bejofo* which is one of the biggest around, and his *Arenga hookeriana* with its very large leaves! Dennis has some palms that even stump the experts and no one is quite sure what they are.

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/>.

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://azpalmcycad.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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Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society had informative presentations at our last three monthly meetings. In July, Craig Morrell (Horticulturalist at Pinecrest Garden) presented "Fixing palm culture problems in ground and containers." In August, Carl Lewis (Director of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden) presented "David Fairchild's Chen Ho Expedition." In September, Paul Craft (Founder of the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society and Past President of the International Palm Society) presented "2012 IPS Biennial in Thailand."

Our 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 our website at www.palmbeachpalmcycadsociety.com.

Membership includes our monthly newsletter which features a palm or cycad with detailed information on growing in Palm Beach County. Our last three newsletters featured *Zamia splendens*, *Copernicia alba*, and *Encephalartos kisambo*. Membership also includes participation in our annual December palm & cycad give-away.

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

Despite threatening storm clouds overhead, about 40 CFPACS members met for a first-hand look at Walt and Cathy Darnall's Lake Placid 5+ acreage on June 8th. The group's last visit was in 2003, so this was a rare occasion to see what one man, toiling virtually alone in a relatively hostile-to-palms environment, has accomplished in a decade. We saw what survived the 2009-2010 deep freeze and the plantings of an upbeat, optimistic grower striving (and succeeding) to make his place look like a state park.

IPS Director Norman Bezona of Hawaii was a welcome visitor. He had just returned from an exploratory trip to Trinidad and Tobago to review a possible pre-Biennial excursion.

The black skies finally opened up just as our plant auction began, but Auctioneer Phil Stager stood undeterred in the pouring rain touting plants, explaining them and extorting ever higher prices from an appreciative crowd huddled – and dry – in Walt and Cathy's big double garage.

CFPACS will meet again on September 14th, starting at Faith Bishock's place in Hidden River east of Sarasota, then moving to Cathy and Joe Presley's farm about 10 minutes away. Faith grows many rare and unusual palms. Conversely, at five years old, the Presley place is a work in progress. Along with palms – particularly variegated *Rhapis* – they raise Zebus, the small

version of India's hump backed sacred cows – standing only 40" at the shoulder and considered the world's oldest domesticated cattle. Catherine says Zebus are especially well suited to hot climates, eat much less than western cattle and are perfect lawn mowers for their little farm. Only *Acrocomia* grows in the Presley pasture because Zebus will eat other palms and bamboo.

Find directions and more on future meetings at <http://www.cfpacs.org/palmateer/>.

Our Seed Bank is still going strong, thanks to generous members who collect and donate seeds from their own trees and to Dottie Kellogg who coordinates the entire effort. To see the latest seed offerings and to purchase, send an email to seedbank.seedbank7@gmail.com. Prices are moderate and all proceeds go either toward palm plantings in schools and parks, or to grants for selected plant research. Available seeds are also posted on the CFPACS website, www.CFPACS.org.

We invite all US and foreign palm and cycad fanciers to join CFPACS. Membership is still a bargain at US\$15/per year for USA, US\$20/per year foreign members and includes access to our outstanding quarterly publication, The *Palmateer*. Dues can be paid by sending name, postal address and email address via PayPal at www.cfpacs.org – or send your check (US dollars with name, postal address, email address) to: Treasurer – 1008 Little Fawn Dr, Apopka FL 32712.

The CFPACS 2013 officers are:

- President: Lucinda McCartney
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- 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. 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

To obtain 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

On August 17th, the Palm Society of South Texas held its first-ever society meeting in northern Texas. Matthew Nichols invited the society to his unique palm garden in Dallas and PSST was excited to accept. Matthew's garden is truly amazing for this latitude! His garden is a fine example of what you can do with hardy palms, cycads, cactus and yuccas. Matthew provided all the delicious BBQ chicken, numerous side dishes and beverages for the meeting. Thanks to Tony Cerbone and Jim James

for support, for leading the palm tour and for being the ambassadors of North Texas palms!

Following this garden tour, traveling routes were coordinated to allow members to see the three large *Jubaea* and one *Chamaerops* brought in for a private garden and then to Tony Cerbone's garden, yet another amazing palm garden in Dallas. Tony was one of the first palm lovers to start planting palms in Dallas and his garden is rather mature and unique, with many spectacular palms.

Additional meetings scheduled for 2013 include:

- September 21st: Kathy & Danny Payton — Harlingen
- October 19th: 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 Asociación 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

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