

**FROM THE INTERNATIONAL  
PALM SOCIETY**

**LAST CALL for Nominations for  
IPS Directors for 2000-2004 Term**

As indicated in the last two issues, the International Palm Society is soliciting nominations for the Board of Directors for the directors' term 2000 to 2004. The elections will be in the summer of 2000, but nominations must be in by received by December 15<sup>th</sup> to allow for ballot distribution, return and verification. **Absolutely no new nominees will be considered after December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999.** If interested in nominating someone (or in being nominated) to the Board need to contact Libby Besse, <LibBesse@aol.com>, head of the Nominating Committee or the Administrative Secretary, Lynn McKamey <scubamom@scubamom.com>. For details on job duties and other aspects of IPS Director duties, please see the January or April 1999 issues of *PALMS*.

**New Caledonia Video**

The Year 2000 Biennial Meeting of the IPS will be held October 8-14, 2000, in New Caledonia. This event will be hosted by *Chambeyronia*, the New Caledonian IPS affiliate. There will be a post-biennial trip to northern Queensland immediately thereafter; hosted by the Far North Queensland Palm and Cycad Association, also an IPS affiliate. A travel video on New Caledonia is available for circulation to the various chapters. Please contact Jim Cain by email at <[palm\\_dude@pobox.com](mailto:palm_dude@pobox.com)> if your group is interested in obtaining loan of this video (the one shown to the Board in Thailand). It is available for standard US televisions or in PAL format.

**IPS 2000 Biennial  
New Caledonia**

Dear IPS Members

It is with great pleasure that we can give all of you a bit of a foretaste of what excitement will be in store for those of you who will travel to New Caledonia for the Biennial 2000.

You will be presented with an unique opportunity to see the wonderful flora and especially the palms of New Caledonia. Additionally, you will also get to know the wonderful people and their culture, you will enjoy their fine hospitality and you will see some of the most stunning land- and seascapes. Let the colorful palms of New Caledonia be the reason for traveling to this far away place and then they become the key and guide to the country and it's people.

The following is a rough synopsis of the full and final program that will be printed in the first 2000 issue in of *Palms*, along with full Biennial registration information. Some itinerary details are subject to change as well as final schedule for the primary Board of Directors meeting, which may occur just prior to listed events.

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> of October 2000.**

Arrival of the delegates in Noumea, Registration and settling into the Hotel. Afternoon will see us visiting the famous Cultural Center Jean-Marie Tjibaou, which is probably one of the really great Architectural Masterpiece of this Century. Within these astonishing structures, we'll be able to learn a lot about the ethnic background of the people of New Caledonia that gives this island its unique flavor. In one of its lecture theater we will have our first conference speaker followed by a traditional folkloric presentation by the country's foremost dancing group.

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2000**

In the morning we'll be leaving our Hotel by bus and we travel to the island interior. We will be seeing *Basselinias* among harsh mountainsides full of nickel ore and working mines. This area is also very rich in other interesting plants that will delight any plant lover. Lunch and more speakers will be enjoyed in Poe.

At night, on the way to our hotel, we will be treated to dinner and a light and sound spectacle under the imposing crowns of a group of *Roystoneas* over 50m tall. The Hotel Complex where we spend the night is on the beach.

## **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2000**

This day we have a long bus journey, crossing the island's mountainous spine and eventually coming to our Club Med Hotel in Hienghene. Along the route, we will have many stops to see palms and other interesting sights and we'll have a traditional Lunch presented to us by the local Kanak tribe of Mou. The land and seascapes along the eastern side of the island are extraordinary and will delight everybody. That night at the Club Med, we'll have a Melanesian dance performance. After dinner, we'll enjoy conference activities with speakers and slides (details to be provided later).

## **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> of October 2000**

After an early start, we'll be traveling about 1hr 1/2 to Tao. This trip involves crossing a river and being transferred to smaller vehicles to get us to the foot of Mt. Panier, New Caledonia's highest mountain. From a specially prepared area it is proposed that we be flown up the mountainside by helicopters and deposited at a height of about 600-m. From that height, we will descend walking along a marked path to an elevation of 300 meters. This will enable us not only to see 11 different species of indigenous palms but also what is probably the most dense and diverse strip of vegetation in the whole island. This day excursion will, no doubt, be the very highlight of a week of activities and pleasures.

Back on firm ground in Tao, we'll board the buses and proceed on our long journey back to Noumea.

## **Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> of October 2000**

This will basically be a free day but diverse activities to choose from will be organized. At night there will be dinner at the hotel with more conference activity.

## **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2000**

Most of the day will be passed in the National Park of "Riviere Bleu" which is located about two hours bus drive from Noumea. We will be seeing there not only 7 native species of palms but also a great variety of interesting plants, from *Araucarias* to *Nepenthes*. Lunch will be in form of a French "Pique-nique". Then we

return to our Hotel for a Farewell Dinner and a last night in Noumea.

## **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2000**

Departure from the Airport to the Post-Biennial Trip destination of Cairns in Northern Queensland or home or wherever you decide to go after the main Biennial.

## **Summary**

A Biennial destination unlike anything else we have experienced on any previous meetings. There is everything in New Caledonia to delight and satisfy not only participants' fascination for palms but also their interest and love of all plants. Beautiful sea and landscapes will please the eyes and the heart and for those of us who love and enjoy gastronomic delights, another dimension is added to next years Biennial which perhaps never before has been presented in such a delightful way.

Hope to see you there.

Philippe Cherrier, President  
*Association Chambeyronia*  
New Caledonia

Rolf Kyburz, Vice President,  
International Palm Society

*Editor's Note: Rolf recently toured New Caledonia reviewing Biennial sites and proposed schedule with Philippe and other members of Association Chambeyronia.*

## **Year 2002 and 2004 Biennials**

The Biennial 2002 will be in France with Post Tour visits to Spain and Italy. The Board voted to have our Biennial 2004 in Hawaii with a Post Tour to Fiji.

Notice to Members: A **1999 IPS Membership Roster** will not be prepared and sent to members this year. The decision was made by the Board of Directors to go to every other year for generation of the full Roster. However, a summary of information on new members for 1999 will be included in a future **Supplement to Palms**. New members in 1999 and 2000 (prior to issuance of **2000 Membership Roster**) will be sent the 1998 edition, as long as supplies last.

## 1999 Board of Directors Meeting

The International Palm Society Board of Directors Meeting was held in Miami in June 1999. Phil Bergman provided a good synopsis of the society's business sessions in the *President's Note* of the July 1999 issue of *Palms*. For more information and good photographs, take a visit on the IPS website to <http://www.palms.org/activity/miami/>

### Online "Shopping Cart" (update)

The IPS online "Shopping Cart" is going strong. Special sets of back issues arranged by Lynn McKamey have been added, with custom shopping cart buttons, to <http://www.palms.org/principes/index.html>. All shopping cart buttons now reflect realistic shipping charges. A recent shopping cart recap follows:

August 1999	credit card	other*
memberships	22	4
books	11	2
back issues	4	
fast ship	2	
renewals	1	

\$1,650.50      \$283.90

Total for August =      \$1,934.40

September 1999	credit card	other*
memberships	14	5
books	8	2
back issues	8	2
fast ship	1	1
renewals	8	0

\$1,221.15      \$302.90

Total for September =      \$1,524.05

October 1999	credit card	other
memberships	17	1
books	5	
back issues	2	
fast ship	3	
renewals	3	

\$1,339.80      \$99.00

Total for October =      \$1,438.80

If you have any questions about the Shopping Cart that you cannot get answered by just visiting the <http://www.palms.org> site, contact:

Jana Meiser, IPS webmaster

## Updates from [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org)

Since the June meeting in Miami, a number of pages have been added or revised in the "News and Activities" area of [palms.org](http://www.palms.org). I have also updated the home page to headline these new items. Visit us!

An informal summary of the June '99 IPS Directors meeting in Miami is given on the [www.palms.org/activity/miami/index/](http://www.palms.org/activity/miami/index/) page. Larry Noblick helped me get the palm photo captions right, and I hope the Fairchild palms are correctly identified as well. The finer details of business discussed at the meeting is covered online in [www.palms.org/activity/letter.htm](http://www.palms.org/activity/letter.htm) (the July president's letter from *Palms*).

I also posted the information from the January *Palms* about directors nominations to [www.palms.org/activity/nominate.htm](http://www.palms.org/activity/nominate.htm) which also includes a discussion of duties. Remember, nominations will formally close on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

I hope to receive help from various chapters on the [www.palms.org/news.htm](http://www.palms.org/news.htm) page. It's a calendar, which will hopefully develop into a list of special events that chapters have already established. Why wait for even numbered years for members to gather at biennials? The 21st Annual Palm Show and Sale at Fairchild Tropical Gardens (FTG) in Miami was the first chapter event listed, and I hope more chapters have special annual events that may be posted in our new calendar.

There are also new pages on our journal [www.palms.org/principes/1999/index.htm](http://www.palms.org/principes/1999/index.htm). The Table of Contents for 1999 issues are now posted online, with a prominently displayed "Join the IPS" shopping cart button at the top for encouraging new memberships.

[www.palms.org/principes/1999/palmseeds.htm](http://www.palms.org/principes/1999/palmseeds.htm), "A Practical Guide to Germinating Seeds", was created to show visitors the excellent information in our journal. Such online articles will enhance visibility in the Internet search engines. (Such pages also assist answers to questions like, "I have palm seeds. How do I grow them?")

[www.palms.org/principes/subscribe.htm](http://www.palms.org/principes/subscribe.htm) "Join the IPS" page also has a new button for "Renew for 2000". Don't get caught with your dues unpaid next year.

The guestbook gets new entries regularly. [www.palms.org/forum/guestbook.html](http://www.palms.org/forum/guestbook.html) is a great place to find new people, possibly in your locale, who are interested in palms. If you feel like trying something new to boost membership, make a visit to the guestbook where you will find someone to write.

Some of you may also not have noticed that the Affiliate and Chapter News from these Supplement to Palm issues are also being put online. Check them out at [www.palms.org/chapters/activity.htm](http://www.palms.org/chapters/activity.htm).

See also related article about our Shopping Cart. I hope everyone enjoys the new additions to the site. Send me your comments and suggestions.

Jana Meiser, IPS webmaster

### **Changes in Officers for the IPS**

Lynn McKamey has resigned as Administrative Secretary of the IPS. Libby Besse has taken Lynn's place in this position. Lynn continues to be actively involved on the IPS Executive Committee and will also help Libby as a "consultant" for awhile. Please direct any administrative IPS business of the Society to Libby at <[libbesse@aol.com](mailto:libbesse@aol.com)>. Additional contact information can be found in your latest *Roster* or at <http://www.palms.org> online.

Effective December 31st, Dr. Natalie Uhl is stepping down as Co-Editor of Palms, but will remain active as Associate Editor. Dr. Scott Zona is stepping up to take Natalie's place as Co-Editor with Dr. John Dransfield. John wrote, "Natalie has co-edited the journal with me for the past twenty years, taking the brunt of the editorial logistic duties, especially the complex procedures of accessioning papers, distributing them to the Co-Editor and the reviewers and taking most of the responsibility for the assembling of the individual volumes. She has enjoyed doing this but now wants time for other palm work." All members of the IPS owe Natalie a big "Thank you!" for her efforts.

### **XXI IUFRO World Congress, 7-12 August 2000 Kuala Lumpur**

The International Union of Forestry Research Organizations (IUFRO), a renowned international body in forestry

research, has entrusted Malaysia to host the prestigious XXI IUFRO World Congress to be held on August 7-12, in the year 2000, at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur. This Congress will see the convergence of 3,000 foreign and local participants, making it the largest scientific congress on forestry to be held in Malaysia, the first developing country ever to host the Congress in the 100 years history of IUFRO.

The theme of the Congress, "Forests and Society: The Role of Research" was chosen to reflect the increasing importance of research and development in sustainable forest management. The Congress, with the support of the Malaysian Government, will be organized by the Organizing Committee headed by Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM).

IUFRO is a non-profit and non-governmental international scientific body, established in 1892. Among the tasks undertaken by IUFRO have been to promote international co-ordination and co-operation in research and development on various aspects of forest science. IUFRO has 676 member organizations from 105 countries.

The Registration Package will be ready to distribute by year-end, with registrations requested in the first quarter of 2000.

For further information, please contact:

The Congress Secretariat

Tel: 03-6372135 / 630 2153

E-mail: [iufroxxi@frim.gov.my](mailto:iufroxxi@frim.gov.my)

Website: <http://frim.gov.my/iufro.html>.

Additional detailed information (including registration costs) provided by the Chairman, Dr. Abdul Rahim Nik is also available from IPS Corresponding Secretary Jim Cain <[palm\\_dude@pobox.com](mailto:palm_dude@pobox.com)> or the IPS Assistant Corresponding Secretary Don Kurth <[DonKurth@aol.com](mailto:DonKurth@aol.com)>.

### **NEWS FROM AFFILIATES, CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS**

#### **Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA)**

The Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA) and the South Queensland Group (SQG) will held their

Annual Show and Sale 2000 on the weekend of February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2000. The SQG intends to arrange social events (and perhaps garden tours) for interstate and foreign members in attendance. If you intend to attend, be sure and contact the Southern Queensland Group as early as possible to assist in their planning.

The April-June 1999 issue of the *Palms and Cycads* magazine featured a palm travelogue on the Mascarene Islands (by John and Jeanne Price), a recap of Australian commercial *Phoenix dactylifera* production (by David Tanswell), a tribute to Liberty Hyde Bailey and his contributions (by John Price), an interesting article on toxicity of *Cycas thourasii* in Madagascar (by Tony Huntington) and other features of interest to PACSOA members. The July-September issue focused on the various species of the genus *Livistona*.

For information on *Palms and Cycads Magazine* or Bookstore matters send an email to <[pacsoal@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pacsoal@ozemail.com.au)>. For PACSOA Seed Bank information, send an email to Rudy Meyer or Cheryl Basic at <[pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au)>. For more about membership or general inquiries contact Greg Cuffe by email at <[pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au)>. Also check out the PACSOA website at [www.pacsoa.org.au](http://www.pacsoa.org.au). Information on individual PACSOA branches can also be obtained from the *IPS Membership Roster*. Additional information is given in news from some individual branches below.

### **News from the Sydney Branch (PACSOA) IPS Chapter**

The Sydney Branch of PACSOA met on July 20<sup>th</sup> to hear a presentation by John and Judy Reid about their recent trip to Bhutan. The 1999 Christmas Party will be held at the Reid's home on December 11<sup>th</sup>. John and Judy's house was featured in a recent National Trusts magazine. It is a beautiful place.

On September 21<sup>st</sup>, Peter Byrne shared his experiences of the recent Sydney PACSOA excursion to North Queensland. The presentation featured a 20-minute video, with pictures of many palms and

cycads in habitat, as well as many in palm gardens and nurseries.

The November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting featured Mike Kvauka on mixing "Cordylines and other tropical plants with your palms". Mike has the Palm Fascinations Nursery in Nambour in Queensland and his garden has been featured in the Open Gardens Scheme.

For more information about the Sydney Branch, contact Ian Edwards (at <[ianse@ozemail.com.au](mailto:ianse@ozemail.com.au)>). Further information is given in the latest *IPS Membership Roster*.

### **Southern Queensland Group, PACSOA**

The SQG Outing for June was to the garden of Greg and Carlien Smith at Bulimba. About 20 people turned out on a cool but sunny day to "see how many palms could be squeezed onto a 16 perch block". Much interest was generated by *Clinostigma harlandii*, *Verschaffeltia splendida*, *Drymophloeus beguenii*, *Salacca magnifica* and *Arenga hookeriana*.

The September SQG meeting featured a presentation by Lou Randall on his very recent trip to North America, including the Cycads '99 conference, a tour of Mexico, and visits to Fairchild Tropical Garden and the Montgomery Botanical Center.

For information on the Southern Queensland branch of PACSOA, write the Secretary, PACSOA - S.Q.G., P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, Queensland 4060, Australia, or email to either Nick Craig <[racraig@ats.com.au](mailto:racraig@ats.com.au)>, Greg Smith <[gbs@gil.com.au](mailto:gbs@gil.com.au)> or Michael Gray <[mikeg@dstc.edu.au](mailto:mikeg@dstc.edu.au)>.

### **Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA**

The Sunshine Coast Group of PACSOA met on August 10<sup>th</sup> at the Nambour Band Hall to discuss palm and cycad horticulture. Topics were taken from the April 1999 Horticultural Issue of *Palms (formerly Principes)*. Rob Kelly spoke on "Container and Indoor Culture", Ran McCart addressed "Landscaping Issues", and Max Pedley spoke on the article "Palms in Subtropic Climates".

The Sunshine Coast Group met on October 12<sup>th</sup> to hear Lou Randall (a long-time director of PACSOA) who gave a presentation on his recent summer trip to Florida to attend Cycad'99 and an associated expedition to Mexico. Stan Walkley, local Vice-President, accompanied Lou on the trip. Stan has served for many years on the PACSOA and also previously on the IPS Board of Directors.. Door prize was the cycad *Zamia fischeri*. First Raffle Prize was a nice *Chamaedorea stolonifera* donated by Stan.

The August Garden Visit enjoyed the Gamble's comprehensive collection of palms and other subtropical plants, where understory planting was particularly featured. A nice *Pigafetta filaris* continues to thrive. The October outing was to Wally Lenko's garden (near Timbeerwah Hall on the Cooroy Noosa Road). We were surprised to see the tropical Seychelles palm *Phoenicophorium borsigianum* growing well at over 26 degrees south. Also of note were wide variations in the leaf appearance of a number of *Rhapis* palms grown from the seed of a single plant.

For more on the Sunshine Coast Branch, email to John and Jeanne Price <pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au> or write the Secretary, Palm & Cycad Society - Sunshine Coast Group, P. O. Box 1007, Nambour, QLD 4560, Australia

### **North Queensland Palm Society, PACSOA Branch News**

For information on the North Queensland Palm Society, write the Secretary, North Queensland Palm Society, P. O. Box 1731, Aitkenvale, Queensland 4814, Australia.

### **South Australian Branch, PACSOA**

The last 1998 meeting of the Palm and Cycad Society of South Australia consisted of visits to various sites north of Adelaide and concluded with the Breakup show at the home of Joyce and Phil Kaddatz in Lyndoch. The main square in nearby Feeling contains several palms planted between 1905 and 1912, including a very large *Jubaea chilensis* with a hollowed-out

area just under the crown, which was very full and appeared healthy. The Kaddatz' home, a charming old cottage fronted by some magnificent old *Phoenix canariensis*, set on an acre of land. Good weather and stimulating company also contributed to an excellent meeting.

PACSOSA met on February 28<sup>th</sup> at the Waite Arboretum. In addition to the Annual General Meeting business, the society held a work day to replace some plants lost to vandalism and neglect and also to plant some new species. New species added on the day included *Archontophoenix alexandraea*, *A. cunninghamiana*, *A. purpurea*, *Chamaedorea seifrizii*, *Phoenix canariensis*, *P. lourelii*, *P. pusilla* and *Syagrus romanzoffiana*. Additions or replacements to existing species in the garden included *Bismarckia nobilis*, *Dypsis decaryii*, *D. leptocheilos*, *Livistona australis*, *Ravenea rivularis*, and several small *Cycas*.

New officers are Max Bawden (President), Ivan Iljesen (Treasurer), Greg Lane and Heinz-Dieter Froehlingsdorf (Secretaries). Anthony Brady, branch founder and first president, was inducted as an Honorary Member.

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, approximately fifteen PACSOSA members and guests met at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens to tour the plants are review garden needs. The conservatory is dedicated to tropical and subtropical Australian and South East Asian plants, with a wide variety of plantings. Some of the *Caryotas* there were already flowering well down their stems. The *Licuala grandis* and *Wodyetia bifurcata* were particularly attractive.

On October 15<sup>th</sup>, PACSOSA visited several gardens and nurseries, first stopping at Palm World in Blair Athol. Next stop was the Cavan Palm Garden, then off to Engel's Nursery. Final tour stop was at the Burnside Memorial Hospital gardens.

South Australia suffered through a very dry winter, so plants needed much watering help to come through healthy. The 1999 Breakup show will be held at the home of James in Craigmore. Craigmore is a northern suburb of Adelaide located on the

raised footslopes and plains and is subject to fairly regular frosts and cold gully winds.

For more information, write the Secretary, Palm and Cycad Society of South Australia, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, S. A., 5082, Australia

### News from Western Australia

The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) held their Annual General Meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Cliff Britto continues as President. Other new officers are Norm Patterson (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President), Ken Lee (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Gascoyne Palm Coordinator), Barry Shelton (Secretary and Editor) and Karel Hartlieb (Treasurer). *Dictyosperma album*, *Dypsis leptocheilos*, *Wallichia disticha*, *Ravenia rivularis* and other plants were available for the raffle.

The August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting featured a slide show by Rose Marie and Tony Bowyer on the parks and gardens of Hong Kong. August raffle plants included *Caryota ochlandra*, *Hyophorbe vaughanii*, *Zamia muricata*, *Encephalartos lebomboensis* and other palms and cycads.

Norm Patterson and George Sevastos gave a presentation on "Palms of Australia" at the September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. These include about 60 species of 22 genera, including *Archontophoenix*, *Carpentaria*, *Caryota*, *Livistona*, *Licuala*, *Laccospadix*, *Linospadix*, *Wodyetia*, *Normanbya* and *Howea*. Raffle plants included *Wodyetia bifurcata*, *Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*, *Rhapis excelsa*, numerous *Chamaedorea* seedlings and some cycads,

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, Rose Marie and Tony Bowyer gave a talk on their recent trip to Lord Howe Island. George Sevastos gave a short talk on the Needle Palm, *Rhapidophyllum hystrix*, a cold-tolerant native of the southern United States.

The six volunteers at the June 27<sup>th</sup> Gascoyne Park "busy bee" planted nine of the 15 *Ravenia xerophila* obtained by Ken Lee from Alan Lane. Nine people worked on July 25<sup>th</sup> doing many needed maintenance tasks, with planting of a few *Chamaedorea costaricana*, *Dypsis lutescens* and *Howea forsteriana*. The October 2<sup>nd</sup> work day saw the planting of four *Phoenix roebellenii*, fertilizing and digging out weed

grasses. The next "busy bee" was scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup>.

A PACSOWA show and sale was held on September 25-27 at the Canning Agricultural Society Hall. The event was a moderate success, drawing several new members. Well over a dozen volunteers participated in the event.

The PACSOWA Christmas Party will be held on December 4<sup>th</sup> at the home of Bruce Burges in Forrestfield.

For more information on PACSOWA, contact President Cliff Britto at <kender@nw.com.au> or email to Darryl Hardie at <dhardie@agric.wa.gov.au>.

### Far North Queensland

The August 1999 issue of *Wodyetia*, the quarterly newsletter of the Far North Queensland Palm and Cycad Association (FNQPACA), featured an article by former IPS director Dick Phillips on *The Genus Balaka in Fiji*, as well as several other interesting items.

Plan to attend the Year 2000 Post Biennial Tour in Far North Queensland to be hosted by the FNQPACA. As Julie Rogers pointed out in a recent email "Cairns is roughly the same latitude as Tahiti and boasts a warm tropical climate for most of the year. The city is surrounded by two World Heritage listed areas, the Great Barrier Reef and World Heritage rainforest." Association *Chambeyronia* in New Caledonia is hosting the main Biennial meeting in October 2000, to be followed by the events in Far North Queensland.

FNQPACA held a field trip on April 11<sup>th</sup> to the property of George "Peter" and Glen Gummow (now bought by the McBride family). The tour centered on the house situated on roughly one hectare of land. The house and adjacent old 2-hectare nursery property are surrounded by undisturbed rainforest. Giant tree ferns form a ceiling of beautiful crenellate leaves over the gully near the house. The *Phoenicophorum borsigianum*, at least six meters (19 feet) tall, still have entire leaves. A few *Ptychosperma* sp. and the cycad *Lepidozamia hopei* also grow well in the gully. *Normanbya normanbya*, *Licuala ramsayi* and numerous gingers dot the

slopes, with the distinctive heads of *Dypsis madagasariensis* rising above the tree fern canopy. *Bowenia spectabilis* is an intrinsic part of the forest regime here, with the silvery under-leaves of *Johannesjeijssmanina magnifica* prominent beneath two large seeding *Arenga pinnata*. The bottom paddock featured nice plants of *Latania loddigesii*, *Encephalartos gratus*, and a *Livistona* sp. "Victoria River" with deeply segmented light green leaves.

After exhausting the Gummow property, the group moved a few kilometers to the home of Gus Cresswell, where stands of native *Licuala ramsayi* grow in small tracts of untouched rainforest near the house. Gus has a "black pig" *Pigafetta filaris* of twenty-six meter (85 feet) height. Specimens of *Roystonea* sp. and *Livistona* ssp. Also grace the garden. The tour gathered at nearby Richard Trapnell's Rosebud Farm for lunch and slide show. Richie showed slides of a recent trip to Hawaii. This was followed by a tour of the extensive in-ground collection. This featured, amongst others, *Areca macrocalyx* var. "Maria", *Borassus flabellifer*, *Wodyetia* X *Veitchia joannis*, *Pinanga scortechinii*, *P. densiflora*, *Geonoma cueata*, *Dypsis* sp. aff. *Paludosa*, *Satakentia liukuensis*, *Arenga pinnata*, *Pigafetta filaris* and *Phoenicophorum borsigianum*.

There was also a field trip on August 25<sup>th</sup> to Mt. Lewis, with visiting members of the Sydney PACCSOA group. This outstanding rainforest habitat is reasonably accessible in good weather by 4WD vehicles. A striking feature of many of the plants on Mt. Lewis is their spectacular red/bronze new growth – in particular, *Eleocarpus ferruginea*, *Aceratum ferrugineum* and *Carnarvonina araliifolia* var. *montana*. It is also the home to *Archontophoenix purpurea*, the Alexandra Palm with distinctive purplish crownshaft and leaf undersides. *Orania appendiculata* is common, as is a non-suckering *Laccospadix australasica*. A very unusual "walking stick palm", *Linospadix apetiolata*, is found in the higher altitudes. It is often referred to as the "cabbage palm" because it tends to cluster into a clump at the base, usually sending up only one walking

stick per clump. Tree ferns abound, as do many other interesting plants. A detailed description of the botanical significance of Mt. Lewis was reprinted in the August issue of *Wodyetia*, which yielded these details.

FNQPACA held their fourth 1999 bimonthly meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Flecker Botanic Gardens Restaurant.

Officers for 1999 include Bruce Sinclair (President), Rob Northey (Vice-President), Wally Smith (Treasurer), Julie Rogers (Secretary), Ivan Noziac (Public Relations Officer), Doug and Peg Falconer (Events Coordinators) and Michael Edwards (Editor). For more information on the FNQPACA, send Julie an email at <ccp@internethnorth.com.au>.

## Pacific Northwest Chapter News

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society August 8<sup>th</sup> excursion to Saltspring Island was a success, with members and guests the lower mainland, Vancouver Island and the state of Washington. Joe Clemente met the group with his 17-year old macaw. Many palms and other exotics lined Joe's property. The next stop was Grace Point, where resident society member Bruce McDonald provided a tour. The final stop was the beachfront home and garden of Bob McGinn, with one of the mildest climates on the island. The lush plantings were enjoyed by all.

Society elections will be held at the General Meeting for November 29<sup>th</sup> at VanDusen Gardens in Vancouver. Meetings slated there for 2000 include March 27<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, September 25<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup>. A plant sale (under the boardwalk at VanDusen) is planned for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

For more information on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, email Richard Woo <rwoo@sprint.ca>, Jim Reynolds <Jim\_Reynolds@davis.ca> or Michael Ferguson <michaelferguson@home.com> or see the webpage at <http://home.sprynet.com/~akerleys/homepage.htm>

## News from New Caledonia

The *Association Chambeyronia* will host the main International Palm Society Biennial events in New Caledonia for the year 2000, tentatively planned to begin on



or about October 6<sup>th</sup>. More details are given elsewhere in this issue of *Palms*.

For more on *Association Chambeyronia* or the upcoming biennial events, see *The Membership Roster* or contact President Philippe Cherrier <philpalm@offratel.nc> or Gilles Pierson <g.pierson@bci.nc>.

### *Fous de Palmiers*

#### **The French Palm Society First Semester 1999 News**

The new year began with the publication of our magazine, *Le Palmier* n° 19. It included a general interest article on palms, a description of a visit to the Lakeside Palmetum (in Oakland, California), a travelogue to the African country of Benin, a presentation on the Thailand Biennial and a detailed account about palms grown in southwestern-most France, as well as news of the *Fous de Palmiers* association. We also published two issues of our bulletin, *Entre Deux Palmiers*, in March and May.

The semester was rich with the presence of Fous at plant fairs across the country, including Sausset Les Pins, near Marseille and Le Pradet on the Côte d'Azur in March, in Jacou, near Montpellier in April and the beginning of May in Uzès, near Nîmes, where our vice president Jacques Deleuze gave a conference on the genus *Trachycarpus*. Also in May we had stands in both Brest and Quimper in Brittany and outside of Paris at the annual plant show at the Château de Courson, where our members Suzanne Marnier-Lapostolle, Frank Picard and Jean-Pierre Demoly gave a conference presenting the fabulous garden of the Villa Les Cedres in St. Jean Cap Ferrat, that we visit every year.

Garden visits were popular, beginning with a "Naudin Day" on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Collioure, near the French/Spanish border south of Perpignan. This day was organized to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the death of Charles Naudin, famous French botanist who created a plant introduction garden in Collioure and later directed the Villa Thuret garden in Antibes. He introduced innumerable plants into cultivation and promoted palms. As a matter of fact, he is considered the "father" of *Jubaea* in France, since he imported

seeds from Chile and distributed young plants throughout the country. Many of the century-old specimens we admire today can be attributed to him. Members visited the garden in Collioure and attended conferences, including one given by Catherine Ducatillon, director of the Villa Thuret collection, that retraced the life and career of Naudin.

On March 27 a visit to the date palm groves of Bordighera, just beyond the French/Italian border on the Italian Riviera was organized. This grove is the northernmost concentration of date palms (*Phoenix dactylifera*) in Europe, growing at a latitude further north than New York City. Bordighera has a tradition of frond weaving for Palm Sunday celebrations and this weaving was demonstrated to the public.

Patrice Fauchier and Jacques Deleuze were featured speakers the weekend of April 17-18 at the Natural History Museum in La Rochelle on the middle Atlantic coast, organized by Dominique Mathis of the Parks Department of that city. It was an opportunity for the members of that region to get together and promote palms. This was the preamble to a month-long exhibition in June devoted to the palm explorer Alcide d'Orbigny in the orangerie of the museum.

On April 29 Pierre Bianchi gave a conference on palms for Mediterranean gardens in the seaside town of St. Cyprien, near Perpignan. This town is to be commended for its efforts in planting palms throughout its parks and green areas.

From May 10 through October 10 the city of Paris organized an exposition on palms entitled "Palmiers – Entre Soleil et Ombre" (Palms – Between Sun and Shade) to celebrate the bicentennial of the Serres d'Auteuil, the greenhouses located in the western part of the capital that house a fine collection of plants. There will be more on this show in future news.

We organized a vote by mail permitting more Fous than ever to participate and elect members of the new Board of Directors. There were 20 candidates for 14 positions. Among those elected were four new members to the Board, Patrice Fauchier, Leon Rogez, Jan Duclos-Maïm and Robert Leroy. The new board met for the first time at the plant show at the Château de Gaujac in southwestern France, near Biarritz. The

Board elected new officers, including Leon Rogez as treasurer and Patrice Fauchier as assistant secretary to work with Daniel Jacquemin, while Jacques Deleuze assumed the duties of assistant treasurer, in addition to his role as vice president.

This year we celebrated our tenth anniversary and invited John Dransfield and his wife Jatmi from London to join us for the celebration. The weekend of May 29-30 more than fifty Fous from all over France gathered at Gaujac. On Saturday members visited the plant fair and attended a travelogue by Leon Rogez on the palms of Equator while John presented a conference on the palms of Madagascar, simultaneously translated into French by Jacques. Later Saturday afternoon a caravan of 25 cars left to visit the garden of Dominique and Philippe Cadilhac before enjoying cocktails in the garden of Claudine and Steve Swinscoe, followed by a gourmet dinner in Aire sur l'Adour, in this corner of France renowned for its fine cuisine. On Sunday, our General Assembly was held. Three new correspondents were designated – Jean Gourier for Brittany, Guillermo Wieland for Paris and northern France and Robert Leroy for the Val de Loire. Following the meeting we enjoyed lunch together in the town of Amou nearby and admired the *Trachycarpus* palm grove there.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, members of the Languedoc region were invited to visit the lovely gardens of André Martin in Sète, overlooking the Mediterranean and Bruno Lac, west of Beziers, with a view of the vineyards below. Both are *Jubaea* fans and have fine specimens in their collections.

A group of 14 Fous visited South Florida from June 16-26. The dates were chosen to coincide with the IPS Board of Directors interim meeting in Miami, where Jacques Deleuze represented us. We were hosted by the Palm Beach, Broward County and South Florida IPS chapters (as well as the Keys group) and visited some of the finest private and public gardens and nurseries from Palm Beach to Key West. At Flamingo Gardens we planted a palm in memory of Sandy Haller, former president of the Broward chapter, who had helped organize our previous visit to Florida. We enjoyed a delightful dinner at Fairchild Tropical Garden along with IPS directors

and members from around the world, and we enticed those present with our plans for the European Biennial in 2002. The South Florida chapter, in addition to the visits they organized, treated us to great meals in the homes of John Demott and Steve Stern and an airboat ride in the Everglades. We wrapped up our Florida trip with an excursion to Key West, where we saw native palms in habitat on the way down. The warm welcome we received wherever we went makes us anxious to return.

Our website, created by Jean-Claude Van Caeyzele, now includes an index of titles of articles that have appeared in our magazine, *Le Palmier*, since the association was founded in 1989. Please note our new, simplified address and give our site a visit:

<http://www.chez.com/palmiers>

We'll have more for you in the next edition of Palms on the Biennial for the year 2002 we're planning here in Europe, based in France with a Post-Biennial Tour to Spain and Italy.

Steve Swinscoe  
President, Fous de Palmiers

If you would like to learn more about *Fous de Palmiers*, visit their website or send a message to Steve at [manatte@libertysurf.fr](mailto:manatte@libertysurf.fr) or write to Steve Swinscoe at his address in the IPS roster.

## European Palm Society

Issue No 34 of the European Palm Society journal *Chamaerops* has more articles than any previous issue, with many great photographs, all in color. Articles include features on "*Growing palms on a Gulf Stream Coast*" (very mild, but very windy), "Everything you need to know about Nikau palms [*Rhopalostylus*]", "A little known botanic garden in Spain", "Two for the Price of One" – a dissertation on one seed producing 2 plants, a "palm and cycad hunt in Mexico", a thought-provoking article on "Root Control Bags and their value for palm growers", and finally, an article concerning palms as houseplants.

Contact Martin Gibbons at < [martin@palmcentre.co.uk](mailto:martin@palmcentre.co.uk) > or visit the EPS website at <http://www.palmcentre.co.uk> for more information about the European Palm Society.

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### 1999 News from New Zealand

The Palm and Cycad Society of New Zealand held their annual Palm Sunday Show and Sale on March 28<sup>th</sup> at the Waitemata Athletics Stadium in Henderson. The show was a resounding success and returned a profit of about NZ\$2,500 to the society. Thanks to Kevin Johnston who handled all the exhibitor registrations, to Graeme Leper and Peter Sinclair for organizing and placing signage, to Sandra Hayes, Colin Moselen and Gary Coleman for a society display and for providing society information. Appreciation also to all members who donated plants or just came along and helped out during the day.

At the April meeting, John Pettit gave a slide presentation from a trip to Barcelona featuring the gardens of Antoni Gaudy. He also gave a fresh account of a recent trip to the Chatham Islands.

In May, Trevor Clark's presentation on his return to Fiji after 25 years gave members a better understanding of what Fiji offers the palm and cycad enthusiast. Trevor also entertained the group with anecdotes from a South American trip.

The P&CSNZ held their Annual General Meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Patsy Jones and Peter Nicholas presented a slide presentation on their trip to Bali. The presentation featured, among other delights, the garden of the Bali Hyatt designed by the well-known landscape architect Michael White.

New officers were elected at the June 1999 meeting of the Palm and Cycad Society of New Zealand. After several more years of good work running the society, Kevin Johnston has passed the presidential role on to John Pettit, although Kevin does remain very active as magazine editor. Tony

Murrell is Vice President, Peter McKee is Secretary and Gordon Oswin is Treasurer. This represents nearly a total turnover of the major positions within the society, although there is more continuity in the committee membership and in other lesser positions. Gary Coleman continues as seedbank coordinator, and in the winter months sent out seeds of eight cycad species or varieties, and of 32 different palms. He is also active in our cycad pollen bank. The sales table at meetings has been reorganized more formally both in the sense of having designated people to run it, and by purchasing a trestle table for displaying the plants. All we have to do now is to remember to bring it each month! A major step forward has also been taken in moving to color covers for our magazine, beginning with the Spring 1999 edition.

Alan Booth spoke to the July meeting on "the Palms of Northland". Most of his talk was devoted to specimens being grown for display purposes, or for sale in the case of one of the larger producers of landscape grade palms in New Zealand, at 5 nurseries, counting his own place, in the nearly subtropical areas 300 to 350 kilometers north of Auckland. For me, one of the most interesting photographs was of a towering *Hedyscepe canterburyana* tucked away in the little East Coast harbor settlement of Totara North. Alan guessed that this would be one of the oldest *Hedyscepes* outside of Lord Howe Island, presumably grown from seed brought across the Tasman Sea by one of the early sailing ships trading in the region.

A meeting with a difference followed in August. Barry Hall, owner of Del Costa Palms spoke to us: "You're the first group that's ever asked me to talk about this" he said with a slight air of amazement. Experienced or not, he was fluent and interesting on his trade of shifting full sized palms. He got into the trade, which is relatively recent in New Zealand, after he had moved a *Trachycarpus* in front of his newly built home in Tauranga. Someone passing by saw what had been done and asked him to shift some more to help landscape some new homes, and he began to

amass expertise and professionalism without any intention of setting out down this path originally. The expertise even extends now to what to do when a 70-ton crane collapses onto a new palm transporting truck! So far his biggest job has involved moving 60 fully-grown *Phoenix canariensis* plants and hundreds of *Trachycarpus* palms onto one of the more ambitious golf courses built recently near Auckland. He has even developed his own device for cleaning *Trachycarpus* trunks.

In September and November, Dick Endt gave a two-part account of his travels earlier this year. The first talk showed slides mostly from Fiji, Hawaii, California and Florida. The second focussed more on places he visited in the South of France, Italy, England and the Netherlands. The high quality of the plants produced in the Dutch indoor plant trade, and the huge extent of the covered sales and production areas of the biggest Dutch facility impressed us all. Dick also had interesting observations about his sense that neither Fairchild Tropical Garden in Florida, nor some of the great temperate tree collections of southern England, have yet fully recovered from their respective major storms in the 1990s or 1980s – at least as judged against his memories of first visiting them. In October we had "Kevin pretends to be Allan", in which Kevin Johnston showed various slides gathered by Allan Baggett on his overseas treks.

Another change this year has been to have short talks supplementing the main speaker at some meetings. These are intended to help newer members by examining the basics of commonly encountered palms of northern New Zealand. A particularly useful one was given by Steve Dodds in September focussed on examples of *Chamaerops humilis* to be found around Auckland.

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### South Africa Palm Society

The South African Palm Society (SAPS) held their 1999 Congress and Annual General Meeting (AGM) on May 2 at Aventura Eiland Resort in the district of Letsitele. Approximately fifty members and guests attended the general meeting. Cyril Manthe and Errol Harrison, founder members of SAPS were in attendance and appreciate for their long-serving dedication was noted.

Troos van der Merwe reported that the Palmetum had a good year. Disa Estates has installed an irrigation system and a lot of bush has been cleared. SAPS is looking to convert the silted-up dam to a marsh/swamp with palms suitable for such conditions. Troos invited all members to become more involved.

Fertilizer day and spring planting was held at the Hectorspruit Palmetum on July 17<sup>th</sup>, followed by a barbecue.

A barbecue was held at the home of Johan van Rensen on October 9<sup>th</sup>, to "toast the *Sirocco* with a glass of *Pastise*". This was in honor of visiting members of the French Palm Society, **Fous de Palmiers**. The French tour moved on to Durban, where another barbecue of SAPS members and the Fous was held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the home of SAPS President Peter Wunderlin.

SAPS booths were planned for the Nelspruit and Lowveld Botanical Garden shows in early October. Membership forms and other educational information were to be available.

Volume 16, No. 2, of the *Palm Enthusiast* included several interesting articles with a number of quality photographs. Peter Wunderlin gave a "tour" of the "*Singapore Botanical Garden*", with lovely photographs of beautiful palms. Pramond Dharmasakti wrote on "*Hard Bread Dates Breeding*". Piet Vorster reviewed *The Palms and Cycads of Thailand*, edited by Don Hodel and published by Kampon Tansacha of Nong Nooch Tropical Garden. Adrian H. van Rensen wrote about "*The Caryota gigas* of Nan". Mike Dahmer described his

adventures "On the Road to Dingo". Numerous interesting short articles were included in the issue.

SAPS now has a new website. The address is <http://www.sapalm.co.za>. Peter Wunderlin, SAPS President, writes "We just started this new website and a lot more will go in there over the next few months."

The Year 2000 SAPS Congress and AGM was tentatively set for Hectorspruit on April 29- May 1, 2000.

For information about the SAPS, visit their website or contact the new Secretary, Louise van Rensen, telephone +27 12 3762733 business and +27 12 3762413 home. Her email address is [sapalm@lantic.net](mailto:sapalm@lantic.net).

### **Southern California Chapter News**

The society's *Palm Journal* continues to concentrate on specific palm genera. Focus in May issue was the genus *Dictyosperma*, July was *Butia*, September was *Pinanga* and November will be the genus *Latania*. Lesser-known genera are also reviewed in each issue. May featured *Areca*, with *Linospadix* in July, *Jubaeopsis* in September, and with *Medemia* to be discussed in November.

At least 120 members attended the Southern California chapter's July 24<sup>th</sup> meeting at the garden of Ralph Velez. Ralph has many mature specimens of exotic palms and other interesting plants. The garden tour was followed by a slide presentation by Ralph on the IPS 1998 Biennial in Thailand. There was also a short 10-minute workshop on "palm plant parts". The meeting ended with the usual auction of rare and exotic palms. The society auctioned 193 palms and generated \$4,135 in sales.

The chapter's September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Balboa Park, San Diego. The meeting convened in Palm Canyon, which features many fabulous palms in a beautiful setting. The Palm Canyon tour was followed by a presentation on "The Palms of Montgomery Botanical Center" by Phil Bergman, who reflected on the summer IPS Board meeting in Miami. A 20-minute workshop was held on "soils", followed by the palm auction and raffle.

The November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Lotusland estate of Madame

Ganna Walska, with tours beginning at 1 p.m. The Friends of Ventura College Palm Garden will hold a sale at the college growing area that morning.

The Southern California Palm Society annual banquet will be held on January 22, 2000, at Sam's Seafood Restaurant in Huntington Beach. The day will start with a tour of Steve and Glenda Snyder's garden, then the luncheon banquet. This will be followed by a slide presentation on the "*Palms of New Caledonia*" by Don Hodel.

The Southern California has begun a Palmetum in a ¼ acre island in Mile Square Park, Fountain Valley. This was arranged largely through the efforts of Ralph Velez and Tim Miller, head of the Orange County Parks and Harbors.

For more information on the Southern California Chapter of the IPS, see the chapter website on <http://palms.org/socal/>

### **Northern California Chapter**

For more information about the Northern California Chapter, contact Dan Sekella, <[sekella@pacbell.net](mailto:sekella@pacbell.net)>.

### **Gulf Coast Chapter**

The Fall Meeting of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the IPS was held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the home of Maxwell Stewart in Mobile, Alabama. This meeting saw the retirement of two chapter officers, Bonnie and Erwin Ruhland, who have been among the chapter's more active members. They have decided to tour the country in their motor home for several years. They will be missed. Maxwell gave a demonstration of his "Super Heater" designed for quick-response outdoor freeze protection in the Mobile climate.

For information about the Gulf Coast Chapter and the *Fan and Feather* newsletter, write to Secretary/Treasurer Bonny Ruhland, 436 Ft. Pickens Road, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561 or send an email to editor Bill Watkins at <[watkinsw@aol.com](mailto:watkinsw@aol.com)>.

### **South Florida Chapter News**

The South Florida Chapter of the IPS and Fairchild Tropical Garden co-sponsored a talk on August 23<sup>rd</sup> entitled "*Australian*

*Palms: An Artist's Perspective*" by Lucy Smith, who described one of her illustration projects. Lucy is an Australian botanical illustrator who has traveled to remote areas of Australia for her work's inspiration.

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, a Garden and Nursery Tour was held at Jesse Durko's Nursery. After touring the garden and nursery, guests enjoyed Chef Ron Schaff's delicious barbecue. An auction of donated palms was held.

The Chapter held a general meeting at Fairchild Tropical Garden on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Michael Ferrero, Palms Curator at Nong Nooch Gardens, spoke on "*Putting Names to Faces – Understanding the Genus Calyptrocalyx in New Guinea*".

The South Florida Fall Sale was held on November 6 and 7 at Fairchild. Details will follow in the next issue of *Palms*.

The chapter's next meeting is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> at Fairchild Tropical Garden.

For more information on the South Florida Chapter, contact Bill Olson, email <wolson@gzinc.com>, 30150 SW 170 Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030 USA, telephone (305) 245-6331.

### **Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society Chapter News**

The Palm Beach Chapter met on August 4<sup>th</sup> to hear Chris Dalzell from South Africa, who gave a presentation on the Durban Botanical Gardens, where he has served as Curator since 1996. Chris covered the history of the Durban collections as well as the Garden's conservation policy and activities. August also marked the tenth anniversary of the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society.

The chapter held their Annual Picnic on September 4<sup>th</sup> at Ruth Sallenbach's home and magnificent garden in Lake Worth. It was a rare chance for the one hundred or so members and guests to see Ruth's five acres of palms and cycads. Several of the Florida IPS chapters were represented. Mark Clay conducted tours of the property. Members brought covered dishes for the picnic. An auction featuring palms, cycads and other

plants took in \$1,800 for the PBPCS treasury. Door prizes were also given.

The chapter met on October 6<sup>th</sup> to hear Michael Ferrero, Palms Curator at Nong Nooch Gardens in Thailand. Michael spoke on "*Palms of New Guinea with Prospects for Worldwide Horticulture*". Michael has traveled much of New Guinea so this was a presentation not to be missed. Some genera covered include *Areca*, *Caryota*, *Dryophloeus*, *Ptychosperma*, *Gronophyllum*, *Calyptrocalyx*, *Sommieria*, *Heterospatha*, *Livistona* and *Licuala*.

The chapter's Fall Palm and Cycad Sale was held at Morikami Park in Delray Beach on October 9-10. The sale featured palm fertilizer, T-shirts and books, as well as an incredible array of palms and cycads.

The November 3<sup>rd</sup> general meeting featured an exciting presentation on "*Palms of Ecuador*" by Chris Migliaccio, Associate Professor of Natural Science at Miami-Dade County Community College. Chris, an IPS member since 1985, has kept his eyes open for palms on his five trips to Ecuador as a leader for science training workshops.

The Palm Beach Annual Holiday Party will be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact Paul Craft (see Membership Roster or email to: <palmnut@gate.net>).

### **News from Central Florida**

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society IPS Chapter held a joint meeting with the Palm Beach Chapter at Lake Worth at Ruth Sallenbach's home and magnificent garden in Lake Worth on September 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a rare chance for the one hundred or so attendees to see Ruth's five acres of palms and cycads.

Candidates for chapter officer positions for year 2000 are Neil Yorio (President), Ray Hernandez (West Vice President), Eric Schmidt (Central Vice President), Charlene Palm (East Vice President), Mike Merritt (Treasurer) and Chuck Grieneisen (Secretary). Tom Broome will remain on the board since he will be Immediate Past President. John Kennedy is editor of *The Palmateer* newsletter.



The CFPACS has planned a Florida West Coast meeting on November 13-14, with organization details by John Bishock.

Interested persons should contact Neil Yorio < neil.yorio-1@ksc.nasa.gov> for further information on the CFPACS.

### **Florida First Coast Chapter News**

The Florida First Coast Chapter met on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of new members Chuck and Russell Glasheen. Their place is the former home of long-time members Walter and Janet Rogers. There are numerous mature and beautiful palms there.

For information about the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS, please email: Doug Howk at < [dhowk@cybermax.net](mailto:dhowk@cybermax.net) >. Doug has taken the position of Secretary, replacing Joel Timyan who has gone off to Duke University.

### **Broward County, Florida, News**

The Broward County chapter held their 6<sup>th</sup> annual "Worlds Largest Plant Auction" on August 26<sup>th</sup> at the Broward County Cooperative Extension Service office in Davie. It was a great chance for members old and new to gather, discuss palms and take home a few favorite plants. Rare palms available included *Iguanura* ssp., *Licuala mapu*, *Pinanga ezregia*, *P. "Sierra Madre"* and many others.

The Broward County Fall Show and Sale was held at Flamingo Gardens on September 25-26. Twenty-five vendors from throughout Florida were on hand. Exotic palms and cycads from around the world were available. Adult admission was \$5.

For information on the Broward County Chapter, contact Charlene Grall, (see Membership Roster or email to: < [grall@oj.rsmas.miami.edu](mailto:grall@oj.rsmas.miami.edu) >.

### **News from the Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida**

The SW Florida chapter had a great turnout for the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting held at the Sam & Hattie Lou Smith's Orange River Farm in Buckingham. The group thoroughly enjoyed the tour of the Smith's palm collection growing under a canopy of

oaks filled with bromeliad, orchids, staghorn ferns, and aroids. After the tour, a short business meeting was held. Since there were no new nominations, the slate of officers renewed for another year. Scott Weaver volunteered to be the new editor of the newsletter. Bob Petersen will be representing the chapter as secretary for PASCOF and Geri Prall serving as PASCOF Treasurer.

On November 13th, some members joined the French exotic plant group *Manureva* for the Central Florida chapter's fall meeting. The meeting began at Selby Gardens in Sarasota where their fall sale was in progress. Then it was on to Siesta Key for a barbecue lunch and tour of the By & Libby Besse's outstanding rare cycad and palm collection.

The next scheduled meeting will be in February 2000. Members and guests are urged to visit <http://www.plantapalm.com/southwestfl>, the chapter website for the latest information.

Geri Prall, Palm Tree Gardens

For more information on the Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida chapter of the IPS, contact Geri Prall < [palmtreegardens@juno.com](mailto:palmtreegardens@juno.com) >.

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

For further information on the new *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 893, Pai, Maui, HI 96779 (telephone 808-280-0788)

### **Island of Hawaii Chapter**

The Hawaii Island Palm Society took a field trip to the Four Seasons Resort, Kona, for the first Kona meeting of HIPS, which now has both Hilo and Kona Vice-Presidents, Ken Foster and Al Bredeson, respectively. The program featured Manuel Bianchi and Alain Rios, both from New Caledonia, who showed slides of New Caledonia palms. Alain is Past President of *Association Chambeyronia*, the New Caledonia IPS affiliate, which will host the Year 2000 IPS Biennial there.

On Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Panaewa Rainforest Zoo held a coming out party for the new white tiger cub. The Friends of the Zoo sponsored the event and invited the Palm Society, the Rhododendron Society and the Bamboo Society, all of which have plantings at the zoo. Jan Anderson, Alan Young and Dean Piercy transformed the small HIPS pavilion into a gorgeous display, and Jeff Smith cleaned up around the palms. Throughout the day, the team of volunteers (Jan, Matt Cummings, Grace Kissell, Randolph McCreight, Chuck Martin, Gaila Vidunas and Jane Whitefield) answered questions about palms, recruited new members, sold T-shirts, gave away palm seeds, handed out zoo palm maps and visited with members and other palm enthusiasts. Ken Foster led a tour of the palms at the zoo. Some of the standouts are the *Metroxylon amicarum*, a row of *Cyrtostachys renda*, *Wodyetia bifurcata* lining the drive into the zoo, *Mauritiella armata*, *Bismarckia nobilis*, and especially the *Marojejya darianii*.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, HIPS conducted a field trip to Floribunda Nursery in Hawaiian Acres. Floribunda is the property of Jeff Marcus, IPS Director and long-time palm conservationist. His garden featured many well-established, spectacular palms.

HIPS held a Hilo field trip on November 14<sup>th</sup> to view two beautiful gardens. The tour's first stop was at the home and garden of Robert G. Egge, a long time supporter of the Palm Society. Bob has owned his property since 1979, so most of the palms are mature. Members were able to see four mature *Pelagodoxa henryana*. From Bob's, the group proceeded to the garden on Paul Supp and Richard Myers.

The HIPS BBQ will be held on January 21<sup>st</sup> at Wailoa Park.

The Hawaii Island Palm Society will host the IPS Biennial in 2004, with a post-biennial trip to Fiji. If you would like information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Bo-Göran Lundkvist (email: <[flyg@ilhawaii.net](mailto:flyg@ilhawaii.net)>) or visit the chapter web page on the IPS Internet site at <http://palms.org/>.

## Louisiana Chapter News

The Fall Meeting of the Louisiana Chapter of the International Palm Society was held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Mark Schneider and Michelle Charvet in Kenner, Louisiana. Michelle is the manager of Charvet's Garden Center in Metairie.

The chapter also participated in the Fall Garden Festival at the New Orleans Botanical Garden on October 16-17<sup>th</sup>. Focus was on "palm education" for the public.

Information on the Louisiana Chapter can be obtained by contacting Joe Baucum by email at [theanchorage@worldnet.att.net](mailto:theanchorage@worldnet.att.net) or by telephone at (504) 689-4243.

## News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

Jeffrey and Tamar Myers of Rock Hill, SC Hill hosted the Summer 1999 meeting. The temperature that day was 104F, but an undaunted, sweaty group of palm lovers gathered for a wonderful meeting. A recent article in the Charlotte Observer on palms that mentioned SPEPS drew a large crowd despite the heat, with about 45 members attending from as far away as Texas, Virginia, and even Pennsylvania.

Tamar graciously threw open the gates of her courtyard garden for all to see. Stepping inside the courtyard is like moving south a full zone, and Tamar has filled her garden with many palms and subtropical plants, all elegantly placed for excellent viewing. Courtyard palms included *Jubaea chilensis*, *Butia capitata*, *Sabal* sp. "Riverside," *Sabal mexicana*, *Trithrinax campestris*, with a host of broadleaf evergreen plants.

At this meeting, the following officers were elected for the 1999-2000 year:

- President, Tom McClendon, GA
- Vice Pres.: Tamar Myers, SC
- Secretary: Gene Cooper, AL
- Treasurer: Bob Snyder, NC.

After the meeting, SPEPS held a special summer auction that included several large *Sabal* sp. "Riverside," *Rhapidophyllum hystrix*, *Syagrus romanzoffianum* "Uruguay," seedling *Trachycarpus takil* and *T. latisectus*, a lovely *Phoenix roebellenii* and a lovely mature Ichang Lemon.

Following the auction most of those attending headed over to the home of Jim Buddin to see his expanding grove of *Trachycarpus fortunei*. Starting with two palms (luckily, a male and a female) in 1964, Mr. Buddin now has dozens of *Trachycarpus* ranging in size from seedlings to specimens that tower nearly 30 feet tall.

The final stop was at the Pix Theatre, which boasts what may be the largest – oldest – and farthest inland – *Sabal palmettos* in the South. These large old Cabbage palms were planted in the 1940s on the north and south sides of the theatre. Those on the north side long ago succumbed to cold, but the palms on the south side have thrived. All now have trunks of about 15-18 feet, an impressive feat for a town only 25 miles from Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Fall 1999 meeting was held on October 9 in Anniston, AL and hosted by Hayes Jackson. The meeting started at the Anniston Museum of Natural History with a plant sale and tour of the museum and grounds. Hayes has been working diligently with the Museum curators to derive a garden with a wonderful array of cold hardy palms that is consistent with the educational mission of the Museum. The following is a list of the many species landscaped into the Museum grounds: *Butia capitata*, *B. bonnetii*, *B. arenicola*, *Chamaedorea radicalis*, *Chamaerops humilis*, *Guihaia argyrata*, *Jubaea chilensis*, *Butia x Jubaea* hybrid, *Nannorrhops ritchiana*, *Phoenix dactylifera*, *Rhapidophyllum hystrix*, *Sabal palmetto*, *S. mexicana*, *S. rosei*, *S. maritima*, *S. minor*, *Serenoa repens*, *Trachycarpus fortunei*, *T. fortunei x. martianus* hybrid, *Trithrinax campestris*, *Washingtonia filifera x robusta* hybrid; and a number of cycads. Prominently visible at the Museum parking lot entrance are two 4-foot *Trachycarpus fortunei* palms purchased using the Hometown Grant funds provided by SPEPS.

Following the Museum tour, the group traveled to the sprawling hillside estate of Hayes Jackson – known as the "Lost Palms Oasis." After lunch graciously provided by Hayes, a short business meeting was held. Joe LeVert presented the latest plans for the Palm Court at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens (BFCG) in Savannah, GA. Tom

McClendon asked for year 2000 Hometown Grant nominations.

The crowd quickly dispersed throughout the Lost Palms plantation. Here are a few statistics of Hayes Jackson's isolated bastion of tropical vegetation: 43 species of palms and cycads, 85 species and varieties of bamboo, almost 300 species/hybrids of cannas, and about 65 species/hybrids of gingers. It is hard to realize the incredible effort required to develop such an incredible vascular flora display in the central Alabama hill country.

After several hours of touring Hayes's garden, many members went to the home of Davie Hill in DeArmanville, just south of Anniston. Davie has an absolutely beautiful and immaculate garden surrounding his home. He has several dozen cold hardy palms, a large *Eucalyptus neglecta*, and many other exotics.

Approximately 65 SPEPS members and friends attended the fall meeting.

The Winter 2000 meeting will be at the BFCG in Savannah, GA on February 26th.

Visit the SPEPS website at <http://members.tripod.com/speps>. For more information on the SPEPS, contact **Rhapidophyllum** Editor Alan Bills <palmfreak@aol.com> or President Tom McClendon <tmccclendon@ccboe.net>.

The **Supplement to Palms (formerly Principes)** is always looking for additional news input from or about local palm enthusiasts around the world – whether or not associated local IPS affiliates exist. Items can be on any subject that will be of interest to members of the IPS. If you would like to contribute anything about palms or palm activities in your area (or elsewhere), please contact Jim Cain at [palm\\_dude@pobox.com](mailto:palm_dude@pobox.com) via email or send information by regular mail to Jim at 12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077, USA.

### Houston Area, Texas Chapter

The October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Houston Area Chapter of the IPS took place at the Houston Zoo, hosted by local member Joe

Flanagan, zoo veterinarian. The meeting featured Dr. Larry Noblick, who spoke on The Montgomery Botanical Center (formerly The Montgomery Foundation). Thanks to Grant Stephenson for underwriting Larry's visit.

The annual Members Only sale was held at the home of Horace Hobbs and Cynthia Ford. Time was found between the several hard rain showers to tour Horace's lovely palms and for members to purchase prizes of their own, although some guests continued the tour in the rain. All present were awarded seedlings of *Arenga caudata*, which has proved hardy in protected microclimates in the Houston area. Cynthia again served her famous homemade tamales and beans. Dinner was followed by an entertaining slide presentation by Horace on his recent two-week trip to Cuba with several other palm enthusiasts.

For more information, contact Randy DeLay, the Chapter President, by email at <[palmitas@swbell.net](mailto:palmitas@swbell.net)> or see the IPS *Membership Roster*.

**SAD NEWS from, South Texas** – Just prior to press time for this issue, PSST founder Bill Bittle passed away.

Bill Baker, current Chairman of PSST, writes "Palm lovers in Texas have lost a major supporter with the death of Bill Bittle. My only regret is that both of us weren't twenty years younger so we could have enjoyed one another's company for a lot longer! I guess that is greedy, but he was one of those neat teachers who made you learn when you were least expecting it. My sympathy is extended especially to Bob Harris and also to the other members of the Palm Society of South Texas who were much closer personal friends than I. On Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, instead of our regular monthly meeting there will be a Memorial Celebration of Bill's Life in Rockport, Texas."

The Memorial Celebration was a warm remembrance with many of Bill's friends and acquaintances participating.

## **Palm Society of South Texas**

The Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) August meeting at Lloyd Van Epps' home in McAllen, Texas drew excellent attendance in the 100+ heat.

The big event in August was the presentation of Bill Bittle's award of appreciation. Bill founded our group in 1996, and PSST continues to be a cohesive, dedicated, enthusiastic, friendly and fun group of people. PSST presented him with an engraved crystal flame, and you absolutely must visit the PSST to see how beautiful it is. [see related item on Bill.]

New member Mike Burnett is our new PSST photographer." Mike has quite an eye for good pictures and also has an awesome website of his own called "A Gulf Coast Garden." He lives in Houston and his website is <http://www.iconx.com>.

Approximately 35 members and guests attended the September 18th meeting at the home of Gunter and Gaby Schmidt, in Ingleside-on-the-Bay, Texas. Libby and By Besse from Sarasota Florida were honored guests. Libby was in the area discussing transfer of the IPS Administrative Secretary duties from Lynn McKamey of Gregory, who has served in that role for many years.

Our October 9th meeting was hosted by Jo and Teal Adkins, Beeville, Texas, and co-hosted by Mary and Sidney Ford of Weslaco. The Adkins garden is 30 years old and filled with intrigue. Pathways meander throughout the garden, creating a balance between design and wild abandon. The over 60 sizable palms planted there included species of *Sabal*, *Brahea*, *Rhapis*, *Chamaerops*, *Livistona*, *Rhapidophyllum* and *Washingtonia*.

The PSST Christmas Party will be held on December 11th at Ed Ladd and John Dillard's home in Corpus Christi. Early year 2000 meetings scheduled include: January 22nd at Ruth Merrill's, Bayview, Texas, and February 19th for a visit to the Moody Gardens in Galveston, Texas

For more, visit the PSST website <http://www.raingardens.com/psst.htm> which also has PSST meeting summaries.

Jana Meiser, PSST webmaster