

**FROM THE INTERNATIONAL  
PALM SOCIETY**

**IPS Directors for 2000-2004 Term**

Although the deadline for voting in this election has passed by the time you receive this issue, results were not available at press time. See results in July on the IPS website at <http://www.palms.org/directors>.

**New Caledonia Biennial and  
Post-Biennial Tour to  
Far North Queensland**

Attendees to the Biennial must arrive in Nouméa, New Caledonia, no later than Noon, Sunday, October 8, 2000. The Biennial officially starts Sunday afternoon, October 8, and ends Friday, October 13, with attendees departing for home on Saturday, October 14 and Post Tour attendees departing for Cairns on Sunday, October 15. It is advisable for regular attendees to arrive on Saturday, October 7, to adjust from jet lag. However, it is imperative Directors and Officers arrive on October 6, to attend the primary Board Meeting to be held that Saturday morning.

For registration information, payment, schedules, refunds, etc., contact Rhonda Green, Allen Meeting Management, 810 East 10th Street, Lawrence, KS 66044 USA, Email: [rgreen@allenpress.com](mailto:rgreen@allenpress.com), phone (tollfree within US) 800- 627 0629 or (outside the USA) 785-843 1235, fax 1274,

With specific questions on the itinerary or individual needs, please contact Rhonda Green with Allen Meeting Management or Phil Bergman, President I.P.S., at telephone (619) 291 4605, fax (619) 574 1595, or [palmNcycad@aol.com](mailto:palmNcycad@aol.com) by email. Phil cannot do any bookings or reservations.

For information on discounted airfares or on arranging extra accommodations before or after the Events at designated or other hotels, contact Christina Grant, Universal Travel, telephone (within USA tollfree) 888- 890-4588 or (from any location) 858-278-8980; fax 858-278-5658, email <[cm@UniversalTravel88.com](mailto:cm@UniversalTravel88.com)>.

As mentioned in prior supplements, a New Caledonia video is available for circulation to chapters and affiliates. It is

available formatted either for US television or in PAL format. Contact Jim Cain 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).

**Year 2002 and 2004 Biennials**

The Biennial 2002 will be in France with Post-Biennial Tour visits to Spain and Italy. Contact Steve Swinscoe, President, *Fous de Palmiers* (the French Palm Society) by email at <[manatte@libertysurf.fr](mailto:manatte@libertysurf.fr)> for more early information.

The Biennial 2004 will be in Hawaii with a Post-Biennial Tour to Fiji. Contact Hawaii Island Chapter President Bo-Göran Lundkvist (email: <[flyg@ilhawaii.net](mailto:flyg@ilhawaii.net)>) for early information on this Biennial event.

More information will be provided on each of these events in future supplements.

**How are Life Membership  
Funds Used?**

Life Memberships dues received by the International Palm Society are allocated into two different IPS funds, as follows. \$250 is put in the General fund to offset estimated costs of membership maintenance and journals. The remainder of the Life Membership funds (at least 50%) are put into the Endowment Fund, the interest from which is used to fund grants supporting palm research and education.

In June 1999, the IPS Board also adopted the policy that Life Memberships can only be in the name of an individual and not a couple or a business. That was effective from that point forward, with earlier Life Memberships not affected.

**WWW.PALMS.ORG: Alive and Well**

Palms.org is alive and well, receiving more traffic than ever before. Last year the home page consistently received anywhere from 1100 to 1300 visits per week. In one week this April, the home page received more than 2500 visits, and it's just one of several weeks this year that has seen traffic in excess of 2000/week.

Things that are new at the website include the registration information for the biennial. One person has already signed up as a result. Most people will probably use

the insert from their March issue of *Palms* to register, but I thought it was great to get someone signed up before receiving *Palms*.

The other new feature is a new advertising policy offering more options, <http://www.palms.org/ads/newpolicy.htm> A rotating banner is now available at our image gallery page and our links page (the next two popular pages after the home page and message board). Shopping cart buttons are available for purchasing the ads. Phil Bergman is the first one to sign up.

Listed below are the shopping cart reports for February and March.

#### February Shopping Cart report

memberships	14 for \$894 +(1)\$45
books	5 for \$270
back issues	0 for \$0
fast ship	2 for \$89
renewals	4 for \$140
sampler sets	1 for \$108
Total for February	\$1,501

#### March Shopping Cart Report

memberships	23 for \$1,421 +(2)\$70
books	3 for \$175
back issues	1 for \$15
fast ship	9 for \$254
renewals	5 for \$175
sampler sets	2 for \$216
Total for March	\$2,326

Jana Meiser, IPS webmaster  
<http://www.palms.org>

### NEWS FROM AFFILIATES, CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

#### IPS Welcomes Palmeraie-Union from La Reunion as a new IPS Chapter

We are pleased to announce that the society Palmeraie-Union from La Réunion has become a chapter of the International Palm Society. Several of the officers from Palmeraie-Union were in Miami last June coincident with the IPS Board meeting. They met with Phil Bergman and expressed interest in affiliating with the I.P.S. In a letter dated April 11<sup>th</sup>, their President, Thierry Hubert, submitted information about their society and a copy of their By-Laws.

Palmeraie-Union currently has 60 members. Their three lead officers are IPS members and it is anticipated that many of the other local non-IPS members will join.

Palmeraie-Union has met the criteria for becoming a new Chapter of the IPS and the Board of Directors has (via email vote) granted their chapter affiliation.

#### IPS Welcomes Manureva as Affiliate

As a new chapter of the IPS, we would like to present briefly our Society.

Founder & President René Coativy  
Vice Presidents Raoul Braun  
Edouard Mazzola  
Henri Zissler  
Alain Jamet

Secretary (Alain's email is: [Howeah@aol.com](mailto:Howeah@aol.com))

Manureva was established in October 1997. Because of France's latitude (42°50 to 52°), we thought we should cover all exotic plants adaptable to our climates the main focus remaining palms and cycads.

We registered our 500th member late 1999. We produce 2 quarterly magazines: *Manureva* and the *trait d'union* (the link). Issue *Manureva* 9 (Feb 2000) featured *Serenoa repens* by Bernie Peterson, the *Macrozamia* genus by Roy Osborne and *Chamaedorea* 2 by Don Hodel among other topics. *Manureva* 10 (May 2000) features the genera *Caryota* and the *Dioon* cycads by Jeff Chemnick. *Manureva* operates a seed bank for palms and other exotics. In early May, *Manureva* hosted IPS Director and southern California Vice President Leland Lai and LA *Manureva* member Italo Insalata to visit several private and public gardens.

*Manureva* organizes private and public garden visits with an average attendance of 40-50 enthusiasts. We were out on April 8 and 15 and again on May 19 20 and 21. Among other sites we visited the Villa Thuret in Antibes where we could see a large *Nannorrhops ritchiana*, mature *Encephalartos longifolius*, *E. lehmanii*, *E. horridus* and *Ceratozamia mexicana*.

*Manureva* also participates in public plant sales to catch new members. We also organize trips abroad with the help of IPS members: California in 1998, central Florida in 1999, Malaysia, Australia and New Zealand are planned for the fall of 2000 thanks to Dr Rajanaidu, Mark Wuschke, Ian Edwards, John Pettit and Dick Endt.

If you need information, contact me via fax 33 4 94 64 74 71 or email [manurevah@aol.com](mailto:manurevah@aol.com).

René Coativy

Notice to Members: A **2000 IPS Membership Roster** will be prepared and sent to members later this year. Please let us know if any of your contact information has changed (address, telephone, fax or email). Be sure and let us know if your telephone or fax area code has changed since 1998.

All address corrections or additions (name, mailing address, telephone or fax numbers, e-mail address, must be received at Allen Press by September 1, 2000 to make the Roster print deadline.

This information can be sent by e-mail to: [palms@allenpress.com](mailto:palms@allenpress.com) or by regular mail to:

The International Palm Society  
PO Box 1897  
Lawrence, KS 66044-8897

You may also contact Jim Cain, IPS Corresponding Secretary, with this information at 12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX, USA, or by email to [palm\\_dude@pobox.com](mailto:palm_dude@pobox.com) or fax (713)-689-2490.

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

The January - March 2000 issue of *Palms & Cycads* featured a very nice article on the Farleigh Mill Palm Gardens, a success story of a palm garden initiated and maintained by a local society, the Palm and Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM), a branch of PACSOA. This garden was begun eleven years ago on one and a half acres of Farleigh Sugar Mill land and has come to epitomize the way in which a local group can make the general public more aware of palm variety and beauty. The society is indebted to the mill management for use of this land and beneficence in other ways. The gardens have come a long way since the initial plantings in October 1988 by about 20 PACSOM members. An early (1991) photograph is compared with a 1999 view of the same plot. Amazing! Perhaps members can check out this garden while visiting Australia for the 2000 Biennial Post-Tour.

The Year 2000 PACSOA and SQG sale was held on February 26-27, at the Mt Coot-Tha Botanical Garden in Brisbane. Approximately 1000 people attended.

On May 31<sup>st</sup>, the PACSOA Annual General Meeting will be held at the PACSOA offices in Moorooka.

For information on *Palms and Cycads Magazine* or Bookstore matters send an email to [pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pacsoa1@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). Additional information is given in news from some individual branches below.

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

The Southern Queensland Group's (SQG) April 30<sup>th</sup> Outing featured a visit to Rolf and Noorizah Kyburz' K-Palms nursery and garden in Browns Plains (Brisbane). Weather was ideal and some 35 members attended and were shown around by Rolf, who obtains seeds of palms and cycad from around the world, offering these seeds for sale. Rolf also sometimes offers seedlings and young plants. See <http://www.kpalms.com> for more information. [Rolf currently serves as a Director and as Vice President of the International Palm Society.]

May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting featured Rudy Meyer's recent trip to Borneo. Rudy's presentation features in-habitat slide of *Johannesteijsmannia* (including many of *J. Magnifica*), *Licualas*, *Pinangas*, *Iguanuras* and many other rarely seen palms. This meeting was combined with the PACSOA Executive Committee Annual General Meeting. Raffle plants for the May meeting, donated by Rudy Meyer and Greg Smith, included *Arenga porphyrocarpa*, *A. macrocalyx* "Maria" (red crown) and *Stangeria eriopus*. Seeds of several species were also available, donated by members.

Peter Heibloem is scheduled as the July meeting speaker. Peter will talk about private cycad gardens in South Africa he has had the opportunity to visit and photograph. Meetings are also scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> and November 20<sup>th</sup> with details to follow.

The Year 2001 Annual Palm and Cycad Sale and Show has been tentatively scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

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 Brett Northey <[Brett.Northey1@defence.gov.au](mailto:Brett.Northey1@defence.gov.au)>, Chris Gray <[chgray@ecn.net.au](mailto:chgray@ecn.net.au)> or Michael Gray <[mikeg@dstc.edu.au](mailto:mikeg@dstc.edu.au)>.

Chris adds in a recent email: "If anyone [going to the IPS Biennial] is staying in Brisbane to or from Cairns the SQG would only be too happy to show people around Brisbane." Just drop him an email.

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

The Sunshine Coast Group of PACSOA met on April 11<sup>th</sup>. John and Jeanne Price arranged a showing of a video (52 minutes) detailing the gardens and nursery stock of Tropical Coast Palms Nursery of Innisfil. The door prize was *Dypsis hildebrandtii* of which John Dransfield wrote "... one of the smallest palms of Madagascar and altogether a very pretty plant". The first raffle prize was *Dypsis sanctaemariae*, described by Dransfield as "a handsome palm of the undergrowth of wind-pruned coastal forest on white sand-raised beaches". Its conservation status is critical.

The Queensland Home Garden Expo will be held at the Nambour Showgrounds on July 14-16<sup>th</sup>. The Sunshine Coast Branch will have a 6-meter x 3-meter display area near the center.

The group held an open day garden visit to the garden of Teresa and Clayton York in Valdora on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

### **Far North Queensland**

The Far North Queensland Palm & Cycad Association (FNQP&CA) will host the Year 2000 Biennial Post-Tour of the International Palm Society. See details and registration information in the Biennial Supplement enclosed with the prior issue of *Palms* or check the IPS website <http://www.palms.org> for more. You may also inquire directly to Rob Northey of FNQP&CA at <[rob@cairns.net.au](mailto:rob@cairns.net.au)>.

The January/February issue of Wodyetia, newsletter of the FNQP&CA,

featured several interesting articles. Included were articles about palm travels in Madagascar, along the Amazon River, and to nearby Mt. Lewis (earlier group field trip). Also covered was a detailed description by Doug and Peg Falconer of the recent field trip near Miriwinini to the gardens of Di and Roger Phillips and to those of Raewyn and Albert (Butch) Van Montfrans. Over 30 members and guests attended.

For more information on the FNQPACA, send Julie Rodgers an email at <[ccp@internetnorth.com.au](mailto:ccp@internetnorth.com.au)>.

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

The Sydney Chapter of the IPS met on May 23<sup>rd</sup> to hear Greg Braun discuss bamboos suitable for your garden.

For more information about the Sydney Branch, contact Ian Edwards (at <[ianse@ozemail.com.au](mailto:ianse@ozemail.com.au)>).

### **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**

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) March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting featured a show and tell discussion of cycads, led by local expert Bill Gaynor. There are over 100 cycad species planted in the Perth area. About forty plants were brought in for discussion. In addition, George Sevastos gave a short talk on the rare and unusual *Ravenea xerophila* from the dry hills of southern Madagascar. Raffle prizes, donated by Ken Lee and Cliff Brito, included *Chamaedorea seifrizii*, *C. arenbergiana*, *Ravenea xerophila*, *Brahea armata* and a *Zamia neurophyllidia*.

The society met again on April 25<sup>th</sup> to hear Russell Dyer's presentation on landscaping your garden to create a tropical

paradise. The presentation was taken from Russell's Extension Course at the University of Western Australia. George Sevastos gave a short talk on how to check out books and periodicals from the PACSOWA Library. The library currently has *Palms* (formerly *Principes*) from the IPS, *The Palm Journal* from Southern California, *Chamaerops* from the European Palm Society, *The Palm Enthusiast* from South Africa and many other books and journals. Members were encouraged to make use of these resources.

The May 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting featured the May Palm and Cycad Auction, offering numerous palms and cycads.

PACSOWA's garden bus tour to various nurseries in the northern suburbs of Perth was held on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The first stop was a visit to Coast Road Palms in Beechboro, where PSCSOWA members were allowed to tour the huge private gardens, containing hundreds of large palms of many species. Tea, coffee and cakes were served before the members moved on to view *Cocos nucifera* in the front gardens, followed by a palm-filled private garden in Sorrento and lunch. The group then visited the magnificent Palm Lane Gardens in Wanneroo, where a raffle and sale of numerous palms and cycads ended the day.

The February 27<sup>th</sup> "busy bee" at Gascoyne Park drew nine working members, who pruned, sprayed and planted. Plantings included 16 *Ravenea xerophila*, 12 *Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*, 12 *Dypsis lastelliana*, 5 *Chamaedorea cataractarum*, one red-stemmed *Howea forsteriana*, three *Phoenix roebelenii* and five *Encephalartos septentrionalis*. Another workday was held on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a slightly smaller group. The garden was made ready for the Open Day and Sausage Sizzle on April 30<sup>th</sup>, which was held in perfect weather. About fifty members attended as well as about 30 members of the general public. The palm park started in 1990 and now consists of over 2000 palms of about 100 species, many of them now large.

PACSOWA generally meets monthly at the South Perth Rotary Hall, Sandgate Street, South Perth. For more information, contact President Cliff Britto at <kender@nw.com.au> or email to Darryl Hardie at <dhardie@agric.wa.gov.au>.

## Pacific Northwest Chapter News

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society officers are Rudi Pinkowski (President), Frank Hunaus (Subscriptions), Michael Ferguson (Editor and Production), Jim Reynolds (Editor, *Hardy Palm International*), and regional Vice Presidents: Jeff St. Gelais (Vancouver Island), Eric Visser (Washington), and Brenton Gauthier (Oregon).

Michael Ferguson reports that a *Jubaea chilensis* and two more *Chamaerops humilis* have been donated for public planting in the City of Vancouver. The Parks Board plans to plant these palms at English Bay in Vancouver's downtown area, where the society has been involved in the planting of nearly 100 palms.

Washington VP Eric Visser is working on a project that will see a public planting of exotic plants at Seattle's Pike Street Hill Climb. He has set up a message board to distribute information and recruit volunteers.

The Pacific Northwest P&EP Society has decided to move to an annual subscription format (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31). New subscribers who join mid-year will receive all previously published journals for that year. So no matter when you join, you will receive four journals for the calendar year. However, all subsequent renewals will be due on January 1st of each year. This will make life easier for everybody. General Meetings at VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver BC are planned for May 29, September 25 and November 27 (elections) 2000. All meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

Cary Pinkowshi will host a BBQ in West Vancouver on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. If interested, please email us for address or directions.

Michael Ferguson

For more information on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, email Michael Ferguson <michaelferguson@home.com> or see Chapter webpage at its new location of <http://www.palms.org/pacific>

## News from New Caledonia

The *Association Chambeironia* will host the main International Palm Society Biennial 2000 in New Caledonia in October. See details are elsewhere in this issue.

Here is a summary of earlier *Association Chambeironia* activities.

The first meeting of 1999 for *Chambeyronia* was held on the third of March. It was mainly to let our members know about a project of planting different species of New Caledonian palms at the entry of the "Parc de la rivière bleu". At the moment we can find there *Chambeyronia macrocarpa*, *Actinokentia divaricata*, *Basselinia gracilis*, *B. pancheri*, *Brongniartikentia vaginata*, *Burretikentia grandiflora*, *Campecarpus fulcitus* and *Cyphokentia macrostachya*. We would like to plant at least the following species, *Burretikentia vieillardii*, *B. hapala*, *B. koghiensis*, *Cyphophoenix elegans* and *C. nucele*, *Pritchardiopsis jeanneneyi* and *Cyphosperma balansae*. We are waiting to sign an agreement with the person in charge of that magnificent Parc.

We also asked our members, to come to a slide presentation, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March at Orstom Noumea. Chuck Hubbuch from Fairchild botanic garden was kind enough to offer us to admire 200 beautiful slides of palms from South America and from Fairchild. During his very short trip, we tried to show him as many species as we could, and he left us a bit tired but I'm sure he will remember the "Quad excursion" in Farino forest, looking for the *Cyphosperma balansae*. Thanks to him for sharing his time, knowledge and kindness with us, we certainly all had a great time.

Our meetings are hold every first Wednesday of each month. For any information about Chambeyronia, contact: President Philippe Cherrier, B.P 1323 - 98845 Noumea, New Caledonia, Fax (687) 28 84 83 Email: <philpalm@offratel.nc>.

### ***Fous de Palmiers*** **The French Palm Society News** **Second Semester 1999**

In July we sent out *Le Palmier* n° 20, just in time for vacation reading. The lead article was about the French artist Monet and his discovery of palms as a subject for his paintings when he traveled to the Italian Riviera in 1883-4. This article coincided with the Monet exhibition in London, a prelude to a similar exhibition planned in Genoa in 2002. Another exhaustive article treated the date palm, *Phoenix dactylifera*, while others dealt with specimens of the genus growing in Gascony and in Roussillon, near the French-Spanish border along the Mediterranean. This issue

included extensive news of the association as well as book reviews and regular features. The final two issues of our bulletin, *Entre Deux Palmiers* (to be replaced by another publication) put together by our secretary Daniel Jacquemin, were published in September and November.

After a summer lull, when many of our members travel to palmy places and visit with each other, activities resumed in the fall. The Fous met in Montpellier on September 18 to observe the collection of fruiting palms there while the annual visit to the wonderful garden of the Villa Les Cèdres in St. Jean-Cap Ferrat took place the following weekend, on September 23. There was a symposium concerning exotic plant collections in Paris on September 24-25. On September 26 Jean-Christophe Pintaud gave a conference on the palms of New Caledonia, the subject of the book he wrote together with Don Hodel, as part of the activities for the palm exhibition at the Serres d'Auteuil in Paris.

In October our secretary Daniel Jacquemin organized a trip to South Africa, with the help of members of the local IPS chapter, visiting palm collections and nurseries as well as palms in habitat. An article about this trip will appear in a future issue of our magazine.

We all know now that palms do not grow exclusively in southern France. As proof, Jacky Switalski welcomed members to an environmental fair at Noeux, near the Belgian border, on October 9-10 and showed the general public that the hardiest palms can thrive in unexpected places.

The last weekend in November many Fous got together in the seaside town of St. Cyprien, near the French-Spanish border along the Mediterranean, for an "open house" of the Parc des Capellans, a century-old park that has been completely rehabilitated by the city. It includes beautiful specimens of *Phoenix*, *Chamaerops*, *Trachycarpus*, *Butia*, *Jubaea* and *Washingtonia*. The city has plans to extend the collection and has already planted juvenile palms, notably of *Jubaea*, grown from seed harvested in the park. St. Cyprien is to be commended for its efforts in planting palms, including an avenue lined with *Phoenix dactylifera*. Our association actively encourages such efforts on the part of municipalities throughout the country.

At the opposite end of France, Fous de Palmiers crossed the French-Italian border

and met in San Remo, welcomed by Claudio Littardi for the "technical days", studying the history and tradition of palms on the Riviera and the Côte d'Azur, December 3-4. That same weekend near the French-Spanish border members visited the municipal gardens of the city of Perpignan, December 4 while, that same Saturday and a week later, December 11, the Fous and the general public were invited to participate in botanical "promenades" through the palm grove and parks of the city of Pau, in the foothills of the Pyrénées, organized by Michel Greco. Here, too, we were happy to see that the city of Pau is planting palms extensively, including young *Trachycarpus* to rejuvenate the spectacular, century-old palm grove made up of over 150 specimens of that hardy species, facing the snow-capped mountain peaks to the south. When visitors from northern France arrive in Pau by train, the first vision they have as they step out of the train station is "la palmeraie" of Pau!

Chantal and Pierre Bianchi invited Fous to their home on December 18 for a slide show and talk about the gardens of the island of Madera, that they visited during the fall. That same day, several hundred miles away, our vice-president Jacques Deleuze talked about "The Palms of Australia" in Nice, on the Riviera.

We wrapped up our tenth year with the publication of a special, full-color edition of our magazine, *Le Palmier* n° 21. The cover was a collage, made up of samples of the award-winning stamp collection of Samuel Fuchs; his stamps feature palms from around the world. There was no chapter news in this edition but more articles than ever before, responding to popular demand, concerning growing palms, the genus *Trachycarpus* to be found in gardens in all four corners of the country, a tour of France and its palms, another dealing with palms and cold protection and a travelogue of our summer trip to south Florida.

In this issue we announced a major change for the year 2000: our magazine becomes quarterly, with color inside and regular columns, plus an 8 page information bulletin named "*Cœur du Palmier*", literally "heart" of *Le Palmier* (the palm). We invite any IPS members who wish to receive a complimentary issue of the first edition of our new quarterly magazine, due out in March, to write to the address of the association. Requests will be honored on a

first come-first served basis: available copies will be limited!

On behalf of all the Fous we wish you a great year 2000 and urge you to plan ahead now to attend the European Biennial in 2002.

Steve Swinscoe  
President, Fous de Palmiers

For more about *Fous de Palmiers*, visit their website <http://www.chez.com/palmiers> or send an email to Steve at <manatte@libertysurf.fr>.

## European Palm Society

The European Palm Society is planning a summer excursion in the beautiful Ticino/Tessin of southern Switzerland for August 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. It will include visits to the fabulous palm gardens on the islands of Isola Madre and Isola di Brissago, a visit to Parco Botanica Gaborognio Eisenhut and the city park of Locarno and owner-guided tours of the best EPS-members gardens in the area (Fredy Ruthermann, Marco Pfister, Manfred Walder and Carl Schell). Besides the best *Trachycarpus fortunei* in the world, participants will get to see many well-grown mature palms such as *Jubaea*, *Brahea*, *Phoenix* and *Butia* species, as well as tree ferns, *Musa* and other exotic plants that have adapted to the benign southern Switzerland climate. All set in the stunning landscape around the Lago Maggiore just south of the Swiss Alps. There will be ample opportunity to enjoy other activities and local cuisine in the area. Cost will be £80 (Euro 130) per person, exclusive of transportation to the area. If interested, please contact Joerg Witticke, Am Eulenberg 13, D-06528 Beyernaumburg, Germany, phone/fax 49-3464-576913 or drop an email to Joerg at <joerg.witticke@t-online.de>

On another subject, the European Palm Society is the first Palm Society in the world to go fully on-line with their journal, according to President, Martin Gibbons.

Martin writes, in part: "From the current issue, our magazine, *Chamaerops*, is being published on the web. The EPS will still be publishing the 'hard copy' journal, and memberships will remain unaffected. However, consider the following that are exclusively offered on the net.

"Our magazine *Chamaerops* will be published on the Internet every quarter in full and glorious colour[sic]. Accessible to

all e-members via an individual password, you will be able to cut-and-paste to read later, or, more likely, read it online. It also means that there will be no problem with article length for contributors as we will be able to include short articles as well as long ones, definitely an advantage over printed copy. As each issue is superseded, it will go into the *Chamaerops* Archive, where along with all back issues (35 to date), it will be fully searchable using keywords. Thus you will be able to look up all references to a particular plant, or, say, all articles by a particular author. We are working on getting all back issues archived and more are being added all the time, though it may be some while before the archive is complete.

"Secondly, we will have a palm forum which all members are invited to join. Make contact with other enthusiasts, ask a question about palm cultivation, and generally chat about favourite[sic] subjects with other members right across Europe and the world. Also we will have a Buy & Sell spot where you will be able to offer or seek, free of charge, surplus seeds or anything else palm-related. Commercial advertising space is also available.

"There will be a FAQ (frequently asked questions) page where you can find out all about our Society, contact details, membership requirements, information about our get-togethers, etc.

"E-membership fees of £12 (\$19.50) per year provide access to all of this. You have the option to join the on-line society instead of, or as well as the regular one, thus, palm enthusiasts will be able to choose their mode of membership. For the time being, the Internet site will be in English only.

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Contact Martin Gibbons at < martin@palmcentre.co.uk > or visit the EPS website at <http://www.palmcentre.co.uk> for more information about the EPS.

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

The officers for the Palm & Cycad Society of New Zealand, from June 1999 onward, are as follows:

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For information about the Palm & Cycad Society of New Zealand or membership/subscription details, email Steve Dodds < [srdodds@ihug.co.nz](mailto:srdodds@ihug.co.nz) >.

### **South Africa Palm Society**

*Palm Enthusiast* Vol 17 No 1 was mailed about several months ago. We published this time a 48-page magazine with lots of color pictures in it. The magazine features a start of a new series we started about some Palm Gardens in South Africa. The first featured Garden is Dan Louws Garden with lots of big Seychellian Palms including a 3-meter *Lodociea*. Then we have an interesting story "The Mystique of Inkomba", which is about *Jubaeopsis caffra*. Also a story about a 3rd location. We present *Syagrus* sp. nova and *Syagrus yungasensis* and a follow up to a *Syagrus* collection trip some 7 years ago. Also included is the Dominican diary of Steve Trollip, covering a trip to the Dominican Republic.

The AGM was held in Hectorspruit from the 28 April to the 01. May. We had a few last minute cancellations due to an out of proportion article in a newspaper about Malaria in the Hectorspruit area. Most of the damage due to heavy floods earlier in the year has been repaired except some dirt roads that still need repairs. We had an interesting program with visits to several palm collections in the area.

We visited the new garden of James and Yvonne Warrington, who have moved house and have a much bigger garden now. Lots of the smaller plants were moved into the new garden. It is a very young place but already spot on. We also visited Braks Estate with numerous established palms on the estate. The Citrus Research Institute in Nelspruit has a number of adult *Attalea*, *Sabal*, *Raphia*, and various other mature palms. A visit to the local Nursery Palms and Plants was to view a spectacular *Jubaeopsis* of about 5 meters among other interesting palms such as *Astrocaryum standlleyanum* and others. We had a late lunch at Doug McMurtries small holding outside Nelspruit. His collection in palms is still a bit young but he has a fantastic collection of rare trees, orchids, bromeliads, platyceriums and treeferns. The AGM was held on Saturday



evening which was followed by the palm sale and palm raffle. On Sunday, we all visited Ricardo's garden at Disa Estates. Some of his plants are just too much for words. Big *Mauritia flexuosa*, *Mauritiella aculeata*, flowering *Wodyetias*, large flowering *Bismarckias*, etc. – certainly one of the best collection in South Africa.

We spent the rest of the day working in the Palmetum, which is nearby. A lot of palms were planted in the ground. The palmetum is looking very good, the rain certainly helped.

Next years AGM and Congress will be held in the Pretoria area.

We had in the past year a lot of problems with our postal service and some complaints that our overseas members did not receive all the copies of the *Palm Enthusiast*. We published 3 magazines last year. Please let me know if they arrived. Email me at [mailto:pmdes@iafrica.com](mailto:mailto:pmdes@iafrica.com).

Peter Wunderlin,  
South African Palm Society

For further information on the South African Palm Society, visit the website at <http://www.sapalm.co.za> or contact the new Secretary, Louise van Rensen, telephone +27 12 3762733 business and +27 12 3762413 home, or email at [sapalm@lantic.net](mailto:sapalm@lantic.net).

### 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 (HIPS) met February 25<sup>th</sup> to hear Michael Ferrero, Curator of Palms and Flowering Trees at Nong Nooch Tropical Garden in Thailand. Anders Lindstrom, Curator of Cycads, Zingiberales, Cactus and Succulents at the garden also attended, as did Kampon Tansacha, owner and inspiration behind Nong Nooch. Michael's first presentation focused on changes in Nong Nooch gardens that have changed since the September 1998 IPS Biennial hosted by Kampon. The

second part of the presentation focused on slides of the "collections" and other areas not normally open to the public. As stated in the HIPS newsletter, "Overall, the show illustrated the scope and diversity of Nong Nooch Garden and the palms of the southwest Pacific region and southern Asia." Michael illustrated numerous examples of the marvelous plantings and the scale of planting and cultivation efforts in Nong Nooch.

*[Errata: The February 25<sup>th</sup> presentation announced in the Supplement to the prior issue of Palms was attributed to Bo-Göran Lundkvist, rather than to Michael Ferrero. Bo was scheduled to give the talk, but the unexpected arrival of Kampon, Michael and Anders allowed an excellent opportunity, not to be missed.]*

Bo writes that a group of about ten dedicated HIPS workers spent the morning of March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Panaewa Zoo, cleaning up around the palms. Thanks also to Karen and Dean Piercy, who have done a great job with all the nameplates in the zoo. A big job, well done.

The April 2000 issue of the HIPS *Pritchardia* newsletter featured several interesting articles on palm horticulture: guide to germinating palm seeds, fertilizing your palms, etc. Two separate New Guinea related articles were: Ken Foster's reminiscence of his 1981 trip to Papua New Guinea, and an expansion on *Calyptrocalyx elegans* by Michael Ferrero. Ken Banks looked back at the 1980 IPS Biennial meeting in Hawaii and the issue also provided a HIPS membership directory, as well as some "New Member Profiles".

Don Hodel was scheduled to speak on April 29<sup>th</sup> about Caribbean palms and palm gardens in Australia.

Field trips are scheduled on June 11<sup>th</sup> to the property of Lars and Leanne Swann and on August 20<sup>th</sup> to Pauleen Sullivan's garden.

Michael Ferrero will also give another presentation in June on New Guinea palms.

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) >).

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## Southern California Chapter News

Officers for the Palm Society of Southern California for 2000 are David Minks (President), Leland Lai (Vice President), Don Kurth (Secretary), Louise Minks (Treasurer), Bonnie Stein (Membership Chair) and Rebecca Rodolff (Editor). Area Chairs are Phil Bergman (San Diego/Imperial), Don Tollefson (Los Angeles/San Bernardino), Jerry Anderson (Orange/Riverside), and Rob Orth (Ventura/Santa Barbara). Phil Morgan is in charge of Publicity and William Pickering is Seed Bank Director, with Ralph Velez charged with Production. Committee Members At-Large are Brett Clement, Ed Green, Ron Lawyer, Vince Gongora and Pauleen Sullivan.

The May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the in the Fallbrook area featured the gardens of Gary & Lynette Wood and Jerry & Cindy Anderson. The Wood garden has some impressive palms, including a large *Parajubaea cocoides* and *Bismarckia nobilis* (possibly one of the largest in southern California) as well as numerous *Sabal*, *Livistona*, *Roystonea* and more. The Anderson garden is a younger garden on a nine-acre property acquired about eight years ago. It is a hilly site, with numerous different microclimates. There are many palm species in the ground, with more added every year. Jerry particularly favors the palms of Madagascar and exotic fruits. The meeting concluded with a 50/50 auction.

May also featured the Fourth Annual Palm & Cycad Sale at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas. The May 27<sup>th</sup> event was co-sponsored by Quail Gardens and the Palm Society of Southern California.

The July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in San Diego, featuring visits to several gardens. One will be the fabulous garden of Greg Hamann and family in El Cajon, where visitors will see numerous rare and unusual species.

The May 2000 issue of *The Palm Journal* featured a "Landscaping with Palms" theme, part 1. The associated part 2 (Placing Palms Effectively) is planned for the November issue. July will feature "Spiny Palms" and September's theme will be "Crownshafts and Trunks".

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

## Northern California Chapter

On June 26<sup>th</sup>, 1999, Heather Farms Garden in Walnut Creek held a Garden Faire to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. All member botanical and garden clubs were invited to sponsor a booth. The Northern California Chapter setup an informational booth with literature about palms and the Palm Society. Darold Petty, Mitch Roberts and Richard Quiroz supplied potted palms for the display and Richard and I spent the day answering questions and supplying information about palms and our organization. The Garden Faire was advertised extensively in the local media. It was the largest garden event of the year in central Contra Costa County.

On September 11<sup>th</sup>, the Northern California Chapter held its late Summer meeting at John and Gina Wagner's garden in Los Gatos. Our last visit to the Wagner garden was in 1994. Approximately 50 members and guests attended and the auction, conducted by Dale Motiska netted \$400 for the chapter. Attendees came from throughout the Bay Area and from as far north as Philo and from San Luis Obispo in the south.

October 23<sup>rd</sup> was the date for our last garden meeting of the year. We held it at Richard Quiroz' garden in Pinole. Richard's garden is in one of the most temperate areas of Northern California and contains *Chamaedorea*, *Archontophoenix*, *Rhopalostylis*, plus many more palms, bamboo and banana species. The auction, conducted by Darold Petty, raised \$490 for the chapter treasury. About 30 members attended. Five days later the first rain of the season arrived.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> several members of the Chapter attended the dedication of the new Bonsai Garden immediately adjacent to the Palmetum at Lakeside Gardens in Oakland. The new Bonsai garden is a major contribution to the Garden Center and the first new garden to be constructed at Lakeside since the Northern California Chapter built and planted the Palmetum 18 years ago. Hopefully, the Bonsai garden will attract many more visitors to the Garden Center and to the Palmetum.

Dan Sekella,  
< sekella@pacbell.net >.

## **Gulf Coast Chapter**

The Spring meeting of the Gulf Coast Chapter of the IPS was held on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at President Tom Mignerey's home in Pensacola, Florida. After a covered-dish lunch, the meeting got underway, followed by a palm auction. Tom pointed out that Dr. Walter Hodge, former IPS President, has retired in Pensacola. They have met and discussed education and community plantings, two of the original goals of the early International Palm Society.

Maxwell Stewart is looking for volunteers to help him establish a palm section in the Mobile Botanical Gardens. Plans are to have groups of specimen plants (grouped by genus and species) for all palms hardy to the Gulf of Mexico coast.

For information about the Gulf Coast Chapter and the *Fan and Feather* newsletter, 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 met at Fairchild Tropical Garden on April 3<sup>rd</sup> to hear Dr. Larry Noblick of the Montgomery Botanical Center speak about the adaptation of rare and exotic palms to the South Florida landscape. Larry provided "a tour of the Montgomery Botanical Center through a collector's eye"

The South Florida Spring Show and Sale was held on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> at Fairchild. Also, be sure and put the Fall Show and Sale on your calendar for November 4-5<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

For more information on the South Florida Chapter, contact Tom Olson, email <[tom\\_just\\_tom@yahoo.com](mailto:tom_just_tom@yahoo.com)>, 30150 SW 170 Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030 USA, telephone (305) 245-6331.. Tom is Newsletter Coordinator for the South Florida Chapter.

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

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society officers for 2000 are: Rick Kern (President), Chris Covington (First Vice President), Pat Encinosa (Second Vice President), Betty Ahlborn (Third Vice President), Ruth Sallenbach (Secretary), Don Bittel (Treasurer), Larry Dieterich (Publicity) and Dale Holton (Past President). Mike Harris is

Editor of the Palm & Cycad Times and can be reached by email at <[palmz@gate.net](mailto:palmz@gate.net)>.

The April meeting featured Tom Broome who spoke of hand pollination of cycads and seed germination.

The chapter Spring Sale was held on May 13-14<sup>th</sup> at a new location in Caloosa Park in Boynton Beach. Over five hundred species of palms and cycads of all shapes and sizes were offered, along with T-shirts, books and free knowledgeable advice.

For more information on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact Paul Craft (email to: <[palmnut@gate.net](mailto:palmnut@gate.net)>).

## **News from Central Florida**

The Third-Quarter Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS) meeting is scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> in Brevard County. The Fourth-Quarter meeting will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at Hersh Womble's garden in Groveland. Further details on both meetings to be announced.

Interested persons should contact Neil Yorio <[neil.yorio-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:neil.yorio-1@ksc.nasa.gov)> for further information on the CFPACS.

## **Florida First Coast Chapter News**

For information about the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS, please email: Doug Howk at <[dhowk@cybermax.net](mailto:dhowk@cybermax.net)>.

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

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 Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida will meet on June 24<sup>th</sup> to hear a presentation on "Cultivation & Maintenance of Palms & Cycads in the Landscape". The meeting includes a garden tour of Palm Tree Gardens in Cape Coral, as well as a question and answer period.

Members and guests are urged to visit <http://www.plantapalm.com/southwestfl>, the chapter website or to contact Geri Prall <[palmtreegardens@juno.com](mailto:palmtreegardens@juno.com)>.

## Louisiana Chapter News

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

Officers for the Southeastern Palm and Exotic Plant Society (SPEPS) are Tom McClendon (President, from Georgia), Tamar Myers (Vice President, from South Carolina), Gene Cooper (Secretary, from Alabama), Bob Snyder (Treasurer, from North Carolina) and Alan Bills (*Rhapidophyllum* Editor, from South Carolina).

The Spring 2000 meeting of SPEPS was held in Savannah, Georgia on April 29 at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens (BFCG). More than 40 people gathered there to plant three large *Washingtonia filifera*, five *Sabal palmetto*, and a smattering of smaller palms at the Gardens. The BFCG is the adopted demonstration gardens of the SPEPS.

The business meeting was the first activity. President Tom McClendon announced that new members have the option to pay \$30 for their first year dues, which will include a SPEPS T-shirt. Renewal membership will remain \$15.

Upcoming election of officers at the summer meeting in Raleigh was discussed. If unable to attend the meeting, interested SPEPS members should contact Tom McClendon at his home or email address. The Hometown Grant, awarded to members for palm acquisitions for use in public areas to promote palm visibility and cultivation, was increased from \$300 to \$500 annually.

After the business meeting, members adjourned outside to indulge in an excellent plant sale. It seemed that nearly everyone brought something to sell or trade, and there were some excellent palms for sale. In addition to the more usual things, there were 7-gallon *Sabal minor* var. *louisiana*, *Bismarckia nobilis*, *Butia* x *Jubaea*, *Syagrus romanzoffiana* 'Uruguay,' and *Musa sikkimensis*. There were also some very hard to find species of cycads including *Cycas panzuhuensis*.

Once rampant capitalism had run its course, members went to lunch, returning at 1:30pm to begin planting the three *Washingtonia* palms. Originally the palms

were to be about eight feet tall overall, but due to increased demand in Florida, only larger palms were available. Each palm had between six and eight feet of clear trunk with an overall height of 15 feet.

The planting holes for the *Washingtonia filifera* had to be hand-dug because of nearby power lines, but enthusiastic and energetic members quickly dug the four-foot wide, four-foot deep holes. A backhoe gently deposited the palms into the holes and soon a chorus of "ahs" went up as the ropes tying the fronds were cut. The palms made an immediate impact on the area.

Finally, the five large *Sabal palmetto* were planted by one of the ponds. The palms' height will help to hide an ugly radio tower on the property and add a focal point to the lakeshore. Sunday morning, several members planted the remaining palms. The following palms were planted at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens in April 2000: *Acrocomia totai*, *Chamaerops humilis*, *Livistona saribus*, *Phoenix hanceana*, *P. sylvestris*, *Sabal palmetto*, *Trachycarpus martianus*, and *Washingtonia filifera*.

The summer 2000 meeting will be held on July 29 at Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, North Carolina. The October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting is scheduled for the home of Will Taylor, Athens, Tennessee. Email to Tom McClendon at <tmccclendon@ccboe.net> or visit the SPEPS web site at [www.speps.net](http://www.speps.net) for more information.

### News from the Palm Society of South Texas

The April PSST meeting at Mike Rayburn's ranch and the Brazoria Palm Reserve was well attended and well photographed. See the PSST website for a detailed virtual tour.

The May meeting was hosted at Carol Farrald's Nursery in Elsa. A gorgeous *Jubaea chilensis* was donated as an auction item to raise funds for the Bill Bittle Memorial. !

In June, Charlie and Lana Vieh, of San Benito, Texas, will provide the meeting venue. Gary and Jana Meiser of Corpus Christi will host the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. In August, don't miss Gunter and Gaby Schmidt's place at Ingleside by the Bay.

John and Blake Vollk of San Antonio will host the September 2000 meeting. October will see a return to Thad and Alice Magyar's garden in Santa Rosa and Lloyd

Van Epps of McAllen will host the November meeting. The December 2000 Christmas Party is planned for Corpus.

Membership now stands at approximately 90 households. PSST has four "officers", Chairman: Bill Baker of Austin, Coastal Bend Vice-Chairman: Ed Ladd, Rio Grande Valley Vice Chairman Alice Magyar, and Treasurer, John Dillard.

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

### Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

The Houston Area Chapter met on March 25<sup>th</sup> at Darren Oeschler's Taylor Lake Tropical Garden in Seabrook. The pace of growth at Darren's waterfront garden was amazing. His recent addition of some large specimen palms was also evident. Darren's new cedar/bamboo boundary fence was a nice touch. Boat rides on Taylor Lake were provided, while some members' children fished from the bank. Photos from the meeting are on the chapter website.

The "Members only" sale planned for May was rescheduled to June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Grant Stephenson and Horticultural Consultants hosted the event. Grant also donated a set of scientific palm illustrations (lithographs) signed by artist Diane Rome Peebles for raffle. Numerous palms of specimen size were available for purchase. Latest palm and cycad additions include *Phoenix zeylanica*, *P. sylvestris*, *Macrozamia moorei*, *Ceratozamia kuesteriana* and a unique *Butia x Syagrus* (Mule Palm).

Houston member Joe Flanagan, chief veterinarian of the Houston Zoo, was honored with an "Environmental Hero" award from the National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration. Robert Mallett, deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce presented the award to Joe in Galveston. Joe was recognized for volunteering thousands of hours for rehabilitation of sea turtles at NOAA's National Marine Fisheries laboratory on Galveston Island since 1985. Congratulations!

Chapter member Kirk Farris ([kfarris@ev1.net](mailto:kfarris@ev1.net)) spearheaded an effort culminating in the proposed Jim Bute Park,

to include a cold-hardy palm collection. The park is at the McKee Street Bridge over Buffalo Bayou near downtown Houston.

Mike Burnett, 5701 Carew, Houston will host the July 8th meeting. Jim and Liz Cain will host a "pool party" meeting on August 26th at their home and garden. Horace Hobbs and Cynthia Ford will host their annual plant sale and garden tour on September 23rd. Check out all three of these gardens via a virtual tour at [http://www.palms.org/houston/html/member\\_gardens.html](http://www.palms.org/houston/html/member_gardens.html).

There are quite a few new residential and commercial developments in the Houston-Galveston area featuring extensive large palm plantings. The most prominent palms used in most areas are *Phoenix dactylifera*, *P. canariensis*, *P. roebelenii*, *Washingtonia robusta*, *W. filifera*, *Chamaerops humilis*, *Livistona chinensis*, *Acoelorrhaphe wrightii*, *Sabal palmetto*, *Butia capitata*, *Trachycarpus fortunei* and *Syagrus romanzoffiana* (Queen Palm), with occasional use of other species. The rows of large edible date trees are particularly impressive. Hopefully winters will remain mild, allowing residents to enjoy the Queen Palm and *P. roebelenii* plantings before they are killed by a bad freeze, as invariably happens in Houston once every 6-12 years.

For more information on the Houston Chapter, contact Randy DeLay, President [[new\\_email\\_palmitas@netzero.net](mailto:new_email_palmitas@netzero.net)] or visit the chapter's new website at <http://www.palms.org/houston/index.htm>.

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), 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.

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