

FROM THE INTERNATIONAL PALM SOCIETY

IPS Directors for 2000-2004 Term

The IPS 2000 Board of Directors election is over. Thanks are due to each member who took the time to vote for the candidates of your choice. Results of the election are as follows, by geographical breakdown:

AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND and SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

Rolf Kyburz, Australia

AFRICA & MIDDLE EAST

Steve Trollip, Africa

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René Coativy, France

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Bill Baker, South Texas Chapter
Jim Cain, Houston Area Texas Chapter

LATIN AMERICA & CARIBBEAN

Leonel Mera, Dominican Republic

The IPS would also like to thank the other nominees who were not elected for this term.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS NEAR!

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

It is not too late to register for the IPS Biennial and/or Post Tour. The late registration fee is only \$50 per person and this must be added to both the Biennial and the Post Tour fees. We cannot guarantee space available for late registrants and purchasing airline tickets may be difficult if you delay bookings. **The Absolute deadline for late registration is September 22, 2000. No registrations will be accepted after this date!** Register online at www.palms.org/activity/registration.htm

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

It is not too late to register (see note above). Remember that 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, 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 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 >.

Year 2002 and 2004 Biennials

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

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 >) for early information on this Biennial event.

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

Increase in IPS Life Memberships

Fees for individual Life Membership in the International Palms Society will be \$750 effective January 1, 2001.

Website Shopping Cart Update

June was an all time record breaker for shopping revenue. Memberships, books, and back issues brought in \$3634. Two lifetime memberships were purchased during this period. An additional \$790 came in through new shopping cart buttons for website advertisements. That makes a grand total of \$4424 for June! Listed below are the last three months of shopping cart sales, and you can see for yourself that June was an astounding month.

A new ad policy was posted in April that offers a new option for rotating banners. I am now the contact for anyone wishing to purchase an ad at the website. The details, and shopping cart buttons, are listed at <http://www.palms.org/ads/newpolicy.htm> as well as in separate notice in this issue of *PALMS*. Several advertisers upgraded to a rotating banner ad, which costs \$200 per year. A basic ad costs \$100/year. The rotating banners offer additional value for advertisers and additional IPS revenue.

June 2000

memberships	31	\$2,621 +(1) \$99
books	9	for \$703
back issues	6	for \$92
fast ship	4	for \$119
renewals	7	for \$245
sampler sets	0	for \$0
subtotal for June		\$3634
Advertising		790
Total web revenue for June		\$4424

May 2000

memberships	18	\$1,142 +(2) \$70
books	3	for \$244 +(1) \$90
back issues	16	for \$240
fast ship	6	for \$70
renewals	0	for \$0
sampler sets	0	for \$0
Total web revenue for June		\$1856

April 2000

memberships	19	for \$1,084+(3) 169
books	6	for \$471
back issues	6	for 135
fast ship	8	for \$120
renewals	0	for \$0
sampler sets	2	for \$164
Total web revenue for June		\$2143

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

New On-line Advertising Options for IPS Members

Advertising at palms.org now includes a rotating banner ad option. Banners greet visitors to the website's image gallery and links page, two of the most popular pages at palms.org. Ads must be palm-related in order to appear in palms.org, and all advertisers are IPS members.

Our members in the business of palms benefit from advertising in a targeted area at

a reasonable price. Visitors to the site are already interested in palms and are likely to find the banners useful and interesting. Plus, the IPS is able to recoup some of its ever-growing expenses. Everybody wins.

IPS members interested in placing an ad may contact me or place an order online at <http://www.palms.org/ads/newpolicy.htm>.

The policy is described in detail and the shopping cart makes placing an ad easy. Basic ads are \$100 per year, with banner ads \$200 per year. One-page webs at palms.org are also available for \$250 per year.

Jana Meiser
webmaster@palms.org

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES, CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

IPS Welcomes the Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida (PACSOF) as a new IPS Chapter

I am pleased to announce that the Board of Directors' vote was unanimous to accept **The Palm and Cycad Societies of Florida** as a new Chapter of the International Palm Society. This is truly exciting that we have three new Chapters in the past few months. PACSOF is a new but very large association and promises to be a very active and diverse group.

I trust that PACSOF, an umbrella organization uniting the palm and/or cycad societies/chapters in Florida, will be a great addition to the many impressive individual Chapters that we already have in Florida.

Phil Bergman
President, IPS

News from the New IPS Chapter in La Réunion

Réunion, in case you have wondered where it is, lies in the Indian Ocean, a bit north of the Tropic of Capricorn. This volcanic island of about 2500 square kilometers (or just about 1000 square miles) is an integral part, a "State" of France. The population of over 1/2 million people enjoys the same comforts as the people of France proper, but with a much better climate and a unique quality of life. The people are easy going, very friendly and helpful.

Réunion is a good stopover place for visitors to Mauritius, the Comores, the Maldives, the Seychelles and Madagascar. Since I was heading for Madagascar, I decided to stop over in Réunion to meet some of the 60 members of **Palmeraie-Union**, the newly affiliated Chapter of the IPS.

I was picked up at the airport by two members and taken to a restaurant to meet the President, Thierry Hubert and other members. After a typical and most enjoyable French meal, we drove to the interior of an old Crater with rainforest-like vegetation. Here, at last I was able to see and photograph natural stands of *Hyophorbe indica*. The drive and the walk to this site also gave me ample opportunity to talk with all the members in our gathering and come to the conclusion that here we had another, very strong, group of palm enthusiasts who will enrich the fabric of our International Membership.

More excellent food and wine with more local members was enjoyed at Thierry Hubert's house. We talked all night about palms, old and popular types, but also about new discoveries, of seeds we almost had and seedlings that died, opportunities that were lost and dreams to be fulfilled.

The next day, after a very hectic but wonderful 24 hours on Réunion, I left for the Comores. Many times previously I had visited this island, but never before had I left with such a glow of contentment – knowing that the International Palm Society has embraced another group of palm friends that will make our society even more international and more interesting.

Rolf Kyburz
Vice President, IPS

Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA)

PACSOA officers are currently:

Tom Turner, Chairperson of the Board
Rudy Meyers, President
Cheryl Basic, Vice President
Will Kraa, Treasurer
Greg Cuffe, Secretary and Editor
John Price Editor
David Tanswell, Editor

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

The PACSOA Board of Directors includes Philip Arrowsmith, Lou Randall, Ted van Ginneken, Jeanne Price and Werner Raff as well as all of the above named officers.

PACSOA currently has eight active branches: Southern Queensland Group, Sunshine Coast Palm & Cycad Society, PACSOA Sydney Branch, Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia, Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Society, North Queensland Palm Society, Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay and Rockhampton Palm & Cycad Society. Contact PACSOA for more information on individual branches.

For information on *Palms and Cycads Magazine* or Bookstore matters send an email to <pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au>. For PACSOA Seed Bank information, send an email to Rudy Meyer or Cheryl Basic at <pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au>. For more about membership or general inquiries contact Greg Cuffe by email at <pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au>. Also check out the PACSOA website at 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) has future meetings scheduled for September 18th and November 20th.

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

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>, Chris Gray <chgray@ecn.net.au> or Michael Gray <mikeg@dstc.edu.au>.

Don't forget that Chris Gray stated in an earlier 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." Write drop him an email to <chgray@ecn.net.au>.

IPS 2000 Membership Roster

Important 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 in September, 2000 to make the Roster print deadline.

This information can be sent by e-mail to: 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> or fax Jim at (713)-689-2490.

Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

The Sunshine Coast Group of PACSOA met on June 13th to hear PACSOA President Rudy Meyer showing slides of palms of Sarawak and Borneo. Rudy also brought some seeds for sale.

The branch met again on August 8th to hear Garry Fraser / Des Warnock, distributors/wholesalers of Charlie Carp Fertilizer. The talk focused on the history of the fertilizer and its success, followed by a question and answer session.

A Garden Visit was held on August 20th at the home of John and Val English on Reid's Road in Woombye. Their home was also the site of the 1998 Christmas party so it gave many members the chance to see how

much some of the plants have grown in that year and a half. John writes that "we have a small collection of only about 70 species of palms, concentrating on rainforest trees" on their 3-acre garden.

Meetings are held in the even months of the year, on the second Tuesday of those months starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Nambour Band Hall, Daniel Street, Nambour. This branch of PACSOA has about fifty members, with additional newsletters sent to other branches and affiliates.

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

Far North Queensland

The Far North Queensland Palm & Cycad Association (FNQP&CA) will host the International Palm Society's 2000 Biennial Post-Tour on October 15-23. See details and registration information elsewhere in this supplement or check the IPS website <http://www.palms.org> for more. You may also email Rob Northey of FNQP&CA at <rob@cairns.net.au>.

Officers of FNQP&CA for this year are:
Bill Beattie, President
Mark Daish, Vice President
Wally Smith, Treasurer and *Wodyetia* Editor
Rob Northey, Secretary
Ivan Nozaic, P/R Officer
John and Chris Farrington, Events Coord.
Tony Roberts, webmaster

Ivan Nozaic is also serving as chair of the IPS 2000 Post Tour subcommittee

The July issue of *Wodyetia*, newsletter of the FNQP&CA, featured several interesting articles. Included were articles about the damage caused by Cyclone Steve in February of this year, as well as information on the upcoming IPS Post Tour. The journal included a nice article on "Travels in Madagascar (part 3)" covering "*Dypsis ambositrae*, *D. lastelliana*, cholera pills and a tomb" by society president Bill Beattie.

For more information on the see the new website <http://www.geocities.com/fnqpaca/>, of FNQPACA or email Rob Northey, Secretary, at <rob@cairns.net.au>.

News from the Sydney Branch (PACSOA) IPS Chapter

The Sydney Chapter of the IPS met on July 25th at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall in Five Dock. The meeting featured Gardy Daly's presentation on "Why grow palms?" Gary is an Environmental Consultant who does surveys of threatened plants and animals. He has traveled in Indonesia as well as Central and South America. Some of the seeds collected during his expeditions can be seen growing in some of the Sydney members' gardens. The presentation was followed by the usual palm and cycad auction and \$1 raffle, along with refreshments and palm conversation.

The July 2000 issue of *Principes Minor* features several nice photographs of the interpretive signage project funded by the IPS Endowment Committee for installation at the site where it is thought Bass and Flinders first landed. There are two signs. One tells visitors about palms in general whereas the others are specific to the *Livistona australis* palms at the site. Both signs are annotated with "sign donated by the International Palm Society".

The July issue also gives synopses of the genera *Rhapis* and *Guihaia*, including variegated cultivars of *Rhapis*.

For more information about the Sydney Branch, contact President Ian Edwards (at <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) June 27th meeting featured another popular show and tell discussion, this time about the genus

Chamaedorea. Specimens were brought in covering nearly 20 species. There were three particularly attractive new additions recently introduced to the Perth area. *C. fragrans* is a very lovely suckering palm with long graceful leaves and a couple of interesting solitary species were *C. adscendens* and *C. arenbergiana*. Two larger species on hand were *C. tepijilote* and *C. sartorii*. In addition to the *Chamaedorea* discussions, Gary Pike spoke on how he got his garden accepted into the Open Garden Scheme — how he went about it and what it involved. Gary's garden is beautiful and very well designed.

The society met again on July 25th for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). In addition to society business, there were two short talks. Don Clemkey, who owns (and has moved) what is probably the best specimen of *Dypsis madagascariensis* in Perth, spoke about his secrets of success with this beautiful and sometimes difficult palm. George Sevastos spoke about *Roscheria melanochaetes*, a lovely small palm from the Seychelles.

The May 28th "busy bee" at Gascoyne Park drew seven working members, who did some pruning and then prepared a large hole for a well-established *Cocos* palm donated by George Sevastos, which was then transplanted into the hole.

Eleven workers attended the June 25th "busy bee", pruning, edging, planting, etc. Plantings included 5 *Dypsis leptocheilos* and 13 *Ravenea xerophila*.

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

Cary Pinkowshi hosted a BBQ in West Vancouver on the afternoon of July 23rd for the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society. Members attended from all over the area.

Bruce and Karen Cone also hosted a BBQ for Portland (Oregon) enthusiasts on the following Saturday, July 29th.

The club scheduled a Summer Garden Tour of Victoria area gardens (Vancouver Island) for August 27th. Tickets were \$8 per

person, plus ferry fare. The ferry left Tsawassen at 8 a.m. and met the bus in Swartz Bay, with return in early evening.

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.

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.

Remember that 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. General Meetings at VanDusen Gardens, Vancouver BC are planned for September 25 and November 27 (elections) 2000. All meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

For more information, send an email to <michaelferguson@home.com> (Michael Ferguson) or see Chapter webpage at its new location of <http://www.palms.org/pacific>.

News from New Caledonia

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

Association Chambeyronia meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. For any information, 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

We have announced a major change for the year 2000: our magazine *Le Palmier* 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, which was sent out earlier this year, 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 that will be hosted by **Fous de Palmiers**. [ed.: see a related article discussed under news from the South African Palm Society.]

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>.

News from Manureva

As the summer arrives, Manureva intensifies garden visits. On June 9, we were again 40 palm and plant lovers at the gate of the famed Villa des Cedres in Saint Jean Cap Ferrat. This yearly visit is the season's climax as one can see not only rare palms like mature *Rhopalostylis*, *Trachycarpus martianus*, *Livistona australis*, *Brahea nitida* among the rarities but also many cycads (*Encephalartos villosus* being the rarest but also *Ceratozamia mexicana*, *Dioon spinulosum* and *Macrozamia moorei*.) The exclusive succulent collection is also impressive, along with the different greenhouses with so many tropicals.

The visit was followed with a lunch buffet at the restaurant Passable on the beach! We then visited the unique garden of vice president Edouad Mazzola, an IPS member at super Garavan where he grows thousands of exotic plants and 125 palm species, all outdoors. This area and Menton are the mildest in France although at 44° latitude north. Date palms (*Phoenix dactylifera*) produce edible dates there! and one can see 80-year-old *Howea forsteriana* along the sidewalks as well as huge clumps of *Strelitzia nicolai*. It is our guess that *Bismarckia nobilis* will grow there if tried. Edouard's garden is also famous for his fabulous collections of citrus and acacias.

On June 24 we were on the western side of the Var territory for a plant exchange day at Vincent Filachou's estate. Vincent, an IPS member, is well known from selling seeds worldwide. He has been trying to grow the most extensive collection of tropical palms in this country. The Provençal lunch prepared by his wife Anredline was delicious. Over 50 avid collectors went on to exchange plants for the entire afternoon. I came home with my 6th *Dypsis decipiens* (the first 5 died!!), a *Syagrus coronata* and a *Chamaedorea plumosa*. What a great day!

In early June, Manureva hosted Richard Travis (Palm Society of South Texas editor). We showed him the palms we have in the area. He was most impressed by the Sumo 1 *Jubaea chilensis* at Clos Mirreille vineyard and the trunked *Sabal minor* at Costebelle. We also toured the O Riquier garden in Hyères as well as the impressive *Washingtonia filifera* street linings. We want to take this opportunity to tell everyone that IPS members are always welcome to visit us as for our publications a new trait d'union was released early July and the next **Manureva** magazine will focus on *Butia*.

From our seed bank, we are currently evaluating the interest of our members in *Parajubaea toralloyi*, a palm we would like to promote in France the way *Jubaea* was some 130 years ago. We believe that *Parajubaea toralloyi* has a great potential in this country and we welcome any experimental data regarding this species.

If you need information, contact me via fax 33 4 94 64 74 71 or send an email to me at manurevah@aol.com.

René Coativy

European Palm Society

The European Palm Society announces that **Chamaerops** is published (printed and on-line) four times a year with at least 24 pages and many full color pictures. The combined double issue No. 35/36 (special edition) for Summer 2000 is entitled **Trachycarpus** and features detailed articles on trekking for *Trachycarpus* as well as detailed articles on *T. martianus*, *T. princeps*, *T. oreophilus* and *T. latisectus*.

"The free
<http://www.palmsociety.org/> public Area offers **Chamaerops** articles that can be read or downloaded to give you an idea of what to expect in the Members' Area. Online

enrollment is available at £12 (\$19.50) per year.

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

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

South Africa Palm Society

Palm Enthusiast Vol 17 No 2 featured a nice article on Palm Trees on the French Mediterranean Coast" by *Fous de Palmiers* member Robert Pelissier. This article, with numerous nice photographs, serves as a preview for IPS members planning to attend the 2001 Biennial Meeting to be hosted by the *Fous*. There is also a nicer article by Peter Wunderlin on the Bogor Botanical Garden (known locally as Kebun Raya or "great garden"). Numerous photos of palms in South African gardens are also featured.

The South African Palm Society has increased the membership dues, effective in 2001, to compensate for increased journal production costs and other financial concerns. The year 2000 rates are currently R75.00 per year for local membership (including Zimbabwe, Namibia, Botswana and Mauritius) with a R25 1st time admission fee. The local membership fee will increase to R100.00 effective January 1, 2001. Overseas membership rate for surface post will remain at US\$33. However, the Overseas airmail post membership rate will increase to US\$40 per year. The one-time Overseas admission fee remains at US\$5.

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.

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 on June 27th to hear Michael Ferrero, Curator of Palms and Flowering Trees at Nong Nooch Garden, in Thailand. Michael gave his awaited presentation on "Palms of New Guinea". The meeting provided members with a rare opportunity to talk with the leading expert on New Guinea palms. Michael's lecture featured his favorite genus, *Calyptrocalyx*, with many beautiful species whose modest size and ease of cultivation make them well suited for Hawaii gardens.

Lars and Leanne Swann hosted a field trip on June 11th in the Leilani estates. The featured at 3-year "work in progress" where both home and garden are being developed simultaneously. The property was hand cleared, preserving natural land contours and Ohia forest. Over 150 species of palms have been intermixed with bromeliads and other tropicals.

On August 20th, Pauleen Sullivan hosted the chapter at her spectacular palmetum, currently covering five acres, with expansion that may encompass eleven acres. Planting began in 1993. Members could examine what innumerable truckloads of cinder, county water, a drip watering system and determination could do in pahoehoe land. Pauleen has "ghost *Bismarckia*", *Arenga brevipes*, *Hydriastele beccariana* and over 250 other palm species, well spaced for prime viewing.

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 >).

Major publications (and co-publications) of the International Palm Society For Sale

Genera Palmarum

A Classification of Palms based on the Work of Harold E. Moore, Jr. by Dr. Natalie W. Uhl and Dr. John Dransfield provides comprehensive treatment of all genera of palms, including a hierarchy for the family, descriptions and keys to all genera, introductory chapters summarizing the latest information these most important plans, and an illustrated glossary. 600 pages superbly illustrated with 30 pages of color photographs.

\$49.95 [postage: add \$8 for U.S.; \$14 for overseas; \$39 for overseas airmail]

Palms of Eldorado

This English edition is by a leading French botanist, Francis Kahn, who spent many years studying Amazonian palms in the field. The 251-page book gives a fascinating account of the palms in relation to the forest and in relation to the Amazonians themselves, their culture and their daily life. The accompanying photographs are of great interest.

\$49.00 [postage: add \$6 for U.S.; \$9 for overseas; \$25 for overseas airmail]

Chamaedorea Palms, The Species and Their Cultivation

A comprehensive guide by Don Hodel includes descriptions of all species and keys to all those that are cultivated, chapters summarizing information on the taxonomy and culture, and a glossary. With over a hundred unusual, striking and diverse species, *Chamaedorea* are among some of the most important and popular palms.

\$29.95 [postage: add \$7 for U.S.; \$11 for overseas; \$32 for overseas airmail]

The Palms of Madagascar

A full account of the extraordinarily rich palm flora of Madagascar is presented in this 500-page book by John Dransfield and Henk Beentje. It features 176 species including 70 species previously unknown to science and described for the first time and is profusely illustrated with color photographs of palms in their natural habitat.

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Southern California Chapter News

The July 15th meeting of the Palm Society of Southern California chapter was held in San Diego. The meeting opened with a visit to the garden of Jim Wright and Lise Rasmussen in Clairmont, above Mission Bay. This is one of the oldest palm gardens in San Diego, as Jim started collecting and planing palms in the early 60's. Lise's experience has been in garden design and use of color and unusual companion plants. Together they have created an award-winning garden masterpiece.

At 1 p.m., the meeting tour moved to the garden of Gregg and Debbie Hamann. They began their large garden on a mountain in El Cajon about ten years ago. Gregg has experimented frequently with various unusual species and has had some very surprising successes. He presently has a huge blossoming *Wallichia disticha* and a flowering *Aiphanes aculeata*. There are multitudes of unusual *Dypsis* and many unusual *Syagrus* species. There is a huge specimen of *Acrocomia* and a nice *Caryota urens*. With the help of their three daughters, Gregg and Debbie have created quite the palm showplace. The usual auction and raffle followed the garden tour.

There have been changes in the officers in the Southern California Chapter. Rebecca Rodolff is resigning her post as Editor, which will be assumed by Geoff and Bonnie Stein. Louise Minks has moved from Treasurer to Membership Chair (so that Bonnie can devote more time to her garden, the journal and the Bookstore. The Treasurer is now William Pickering, who also continues to serve as Seedbank Director.

The September 23rd meeting will be held at Keeline Wilcox Kentia Nursery in Oxnard. This will be a great opportunity to see a huge commercial palm nursery in action. This is a special treat as this facility is not normally opened to public viewing.

The July 2000 issue of *The Palm Journal* featured a "Spiny Palms" theme, September's theme will be "Trunks and Crownshafts".

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>.

Gulf Coast Chapter

For information about the Gulf Coast Chapter and the *Fan and Feather* newsletter, send an email to editor Bill Watkins at <watkinsw@aol.com>.

South Florida Chapter News

Be sure and put the South Florida Fall Show and Sale at Fairchild on your calendar for November 4-5th, 2000.

At the last general meeting of the South Florida chapter, over 125 people attended the meeting, setting a new unofficial record for attendance for a regular meeting. Given that this meeting was in the middle of vacation time, the record is that much more impressive. The high attendance wasn't an accident, per Howard Waddell!

For more information on the South Florida Chapter, contact Tom Olson, email <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 met on July 5th at Mounts Botanical Garden. The speaker was Andreas Daehnick, horticulture director of McKee Botanical Garden, who gave a slide presentation of the Vero Beach garden. The meeting was followed by a palm and cycad auction.

The society met again on August 2nd to hear Roger Hammer. Roger is a naturalist with Natural Areas Management and was director of Castellow Hammock near Homestead for 16 years. He has traveled the Everglades extensively and has written and

lectured on native wildlife. The regular auction followed Roger's presentation.

The June 2000 issue of the *Palm & Cycad Times*, newsletter of the Palm Beach Chapter, featured an article on an excursion into Haiti in search of *Copernicia ekmanii* by new IPS Board member Leonel Mera, of the Dominican Republic.

The chapter Summer Sale was held on July 15th at Okeeheelee Park in West Palm Beach. Over five hundred species of palms and cycads of all shapes and sizes were offered, along with T-shirts, books, fertilizer and free knowledgeable advice. There was no admission charge. The fall sale will be held on October 14-15 at Caloosa Park in Boynton Beach.

The Annual Picnic is planned for September 2nd at Ruth Sallenbach's 5-acre home in Lake Worth.

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

For more information on CPFACS, contact Neil Yorio < neil.yorio-1@ksc.nasa.gov >.

The *Supplement to Palms (formerly Principes)* is always looking for additional news input from or about local palm enthusiasts around the world – whether members of local chapters simply individuals 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 via email or send information by regular mail to Jim at 12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077, USA.

News from Central Florida

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

The CFPACS Board has approved a request to provide \$500 funding for Andrew Henderson and Evandro Ferreira's upcoming expedition to Mexico to carry out a statistical analysis of variations within the *Synechanthus* genus. This study follows the viewing of very unusual specimens of *Synechanthus* from Cerro Campana in May 1999, for which subsequent study has indicated probable need for taxonomic recognition. The statistical analysis is being carried out in order to justify that conclusion. Dr. Henderson will provide an account of one of his Amazonian palm excursions for The Palmateer and will supply seeds, if possible, for distribution by the CFPACS.

The CPFACS seed bank continues to prosper. Total seed distributions for the second quarter of 2000 were \$1990, per Mike Dahme, Seed Bank Coordinator.

Florida First Coast Chapter News

For information about the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS, please email: Doug Howk at < 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 >).

News from the Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

The Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida met on August 26th to hear Nancy Edmondson, Director of Horticulture, Selby Gardens speak on Palms of Madagascar. Dr. Mark Kraver conducted a garden tour by of the palm collection at the Christ Lutheran Church (at Del Prado & Cornwallis), Cape Coral. The meeting ended with an auction that included *Attalea*,

Arenga microcarpa, *Bactris longiseta*, *Thrinax morrisii* (from Montgomery Botanical Center) as well as other plants. In addition, free *Zombia antillarum* and *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana* var. 'Illwarra' seeds were distributed.

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

Louisiana Chapter News

The Louisiana Chapter of the IPS met on July 9th at the wonderful estate of Mal and Mich Mele in Covington, Louisiana. Mal has a great greenhouse and grounds that feature palms, cycads, staghorn ferns and an array of other plants. The meeting featured a slide show by Ron Gates of his palm trip to Florida. An auction followed, with a good collection of diverse palms.

Local members Shep Field and Lester Perkins are to be commended for their numerous plantings of *Phoenix canariensis* along their street.

Current officers of the Louisiana Chapter for 2000-2002 are Mark Schneider (President), Kenneth Swan (Vice President) and Joe Baucum (Secretary/Treasurer and Editor of *Et Ceteras*)

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

News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

The summer 2000 meeting was held on July 29 at Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, North Carolina. The October 14th 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 for more information.

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

The July Palm Society of South Texas meeting was hosted by PSST and IPS webmasters Gary and Jana Meiser in Corpus Christi. A month without rain and counting, the meeting date proved to be the hottest day of the year at 103°F (39.5°C). With tremendous help from neighbors Charlie and Ellen Fehrenkamp, we had a great meeting in spite of the weather. Ellen created some beautiful arrangements from foliage clipped from the Meiser gardens, whereas Charlie, manned the barbecue for the 30 members and guests. The special event of the day was a tour of John Anderson's bromeliad collection. See online meeting summary <http://www.raingardens.com/psst/psst36.htm> where there are lots of pictures.

The August 19th PSST San Antonio meeting was hosted by John and Blake Volk where members learned more about growing palms in San Antonio.

Future meetings include a tentative rescheduling in progress for a September Rockport 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 18th meeting. The December 2000 Christmas Party is planned for Corpus.

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

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

Mike Burnett, 5701 Carew, Houston hosted the July 8th meeting of the Houston Area Chapter. Betty Gail Benningfield and Dr. Pat Speck had arrived early with a delicious array of homemade food and treats, enough to feed an army! Other members brought desserts, drinks, ice, and ample cold drinks to help make the hot July afternoon a pleasant occasion. Grant Stephenson of Horticultural Consultants of Houston donated palm seeds (*Trithrinax campestris* and *Syagrus romanzoffiana*) to be distributed gratis to members in attendance. Club president Randy DeLay and Mike Burnett donated several young palms and tropical plants to those in attendance. Members and guests toured the gardens hiking the trails that wind around

and through its varied landscapes. The shady areas along the cypress creek trail were popular stopping places to cool off and watch the wild critters flying and jumping along the water's edge. Robert Lee Riffle author of *The Tropical Look*, Linda Gay of Mercer, and Gary Outenreath of Moody Gardens helped identify native wild and tropical plants during the tour. After the tours and dining, a short meeting was held. Twenty-four members and guests attended the meeting.

On August 26th, Jim and Liz Cain hosted a "pool party" meeting at their home and garden in West Houston. The Cain's served a BBQ dinner and adequate liquid refreshments for the hot August afternoon. Jim and Elizabeth have one of the most complete and mature collections of palms in the Houston area. The garden surrounds a beautiful swimming pool and its views transport you to that remote tropical island you've always dreamed of visiting. Members were encouraged to "Bring your swimming gear, a camera and a hearty appetite". The garden tour featured a number of palms unusual for the Houston

area, including a young *Scheelea* sp. in the ground with 15-foot leaves, a blooming *Allagoptera arenaria*, a large variety of *Livistona*, *Phoenix*, *Sabal* and *Brahea* species in the ground. There were also large clumps of *Arenga engleri* and *A. caudata*, several different *Caryota* species and numerous other palms, ginger, cycads and other plants enriching the tropical atmosphere.

On September 23rd, Horace Hobbs and Cynthia Ford will host their annual plant sale and garden tour.

Check out all three of these gardens (Burnett, Cain and Hobbs) via virtual tour at http://www.palms.org/houston/html/member_gardens.html.

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

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