

**FROM THE INTERNATIONAL  
PALM SOCIETY**

**Were you listed correctly in the IPS?  
Membership Roster accompanies this  
March 2001 Issue of *Palms***

If you haven't already done so, please look over the *Membership Roster* that you received with your March 2001 issue of *Palms* and let us know if there are any errors in your entries.

This *Membership Roster* has been provided to all paid members for membership year 2001. Copies will be sent to non-renewing year 2000 members upon request. If by some chance you have not received your copy, please let us know.

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e-mail to palms@allenpress.com or to the  
IPS by mail.

**Call for Nominations  
for IPS Directors**

It will soon be time for the election of those IPS Directors who will serve from the year 2002 to 2006. In order to have a meaningful election, if you or anyone you know can contribute to the goals of the International Palm Society and are willing to dedicate the time necessary to serve as a Director, please have his/her name submitted for nomination.

The election will be early in 2002. As required by IPS By-laws, nominations must be received by the Administrative Secretary, Libby Besse, not later than December 15, 2001 to allow for verification, submission to the nominating committee and preparation of the ballots.

In accordance with our By-laws the procedure for nominations and requirements for Directors are explained below.

**Nomination procedure and requirements:** Members in good standing may propose candidates for nomination by

writing to the Secretary of the Society. This must be accompanied or followed by a second nomination from another member in good standing and a written consent of the proposed candidate to serve if nominated by the nomination committee and elected by the membership. This required documentation should be sent by email or regular mail to the Administrative Secretary, Libby Besse, with copy to Nominations Committee Chairman Sue Rowlands. Email and mail addresses are given for both at the end of this article. Remember that the deadline for receipt of nominations and supporting documentation is **December 15, 2001**.

A member of the Society must be in good standing for two years before being nominated for a position as a director.

Each candidate must submit a short biography including palm- interest activities to the Administrative Secretary. If the above conditions have been met, the Secretary shall forward the candidate's name to the Nominating Committee Chairperson (Sue Rowlands) for consideration of being selected as a nominee on the ballot by the Nominating Committee.

**Nominating Committee Ballot and Election Guidelines:** Directors are elected for a four-year term, with terms staggered so that approximately half the Directors shall be elected at each Biennial meeting. The Nominating Committee will use the regional distribution of members as a guide to selecting representation worldwide.

The ballots will be mailed out with an early year 2002 issue of *Palms* to all paid current members. Voting for Directors by the IPS membership shall be by mail only. Each voting member must mark and mail his own ballot. Ballots shall be counted in time for the results to be announced at the year 2002 Biennial to be held in France.

**Duties and Expectations from IPS Directors:** The Directors have general charge and direction of the affairs and business of the Society, the care and management of the Society's funds and other property, with power to invest, reinvest and transfer the same at their discretion. Directors are expected to take an active role in these activities and serve on appropriate committees set up to concentrate on specific tasks or concerns.

## NEWS FROM AFFILIATES, CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS

An ability and willingness to travel to all (or most) IPS Board Meetings at the Director's own expense is, by necessity, a strong consideration used by the Nominating Committee when selecting the names to go on the election ballot, as is email capability.

All Directors must be notified at least ten days in advance of Board Meetings. The Board meets at least once per year (at the Biennial and at Mid-term Directors Meetings). At each of these, Directors are usually tied up in business meetings (conducting the business of the society) for at least one full day. Sometimes additional Directors' Meetings are required.

A quorum for all purposes shall be fifteen Directors. All actions of the Directors shall be by a majority of those present at a duly constituted meeting. Directors must be present in order to vote.

If there are any questions concerning nominations, elections and requirements of Directors and processes of the Board of Directors as outlined in the By-Laws of the Society, please contact:

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Riverside, CA 92506 USA

or

Libby Besse  
Administrative Secretary  
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Sarasota, FL 34242, USA

The Nominations Committee for the upcoming election is comprised of Sue Rowlands (Chair), Libby Besse, Phil Bergman, Jim Wright, Jacques Deleuze, Rolf Kyburz, Jim Cain and Bernie Peterson.

### Increase in IPS Life Memberships

Fees for individual Life Membership in the International Palms Society are \$750, effective January 1, 2001. New life memberships for couples and companies are not available separately. Existing memberships are grand fathered for couples that previously signed up for "Life Membership" in the name of the couple.

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

Information from several individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below, to the extent that information on local branch activities was provided to the Supplement editor.

For information on *Palms and Cycads Magazine* or Bookstore matters send an email to <pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au>. For Seed Bank information, email Rudy Meyer 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 <http://www.pacsoa.org.au>.

### Southern Queensland Group, PACSOA

The Southern Queensland Group's (SQG) held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on January 16th, to elect officers, discuss suggestions for the coming years outings, raffles, guest speakers, sale notifications, etc. At this meeting, Mike Gray showed slides from the recent International Palm Society Biennial in New Caledonia. Seeds available at the meeting included *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana* (the Bangalow Palm), *Chamaedorea radicalis*, *Ptychosperma macarthurii* and *Licuala rumphii*.

The SQG met again on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The guest speaker was Hugh Kunze, who recently returned from a 4-week tour of Madagascar. The trip leader was Dr. John Dransfield of Kew Gardens and co-author of *Palms of Madagascar*. Hugh was able to show some spectacular photographs, as well as bring the latest thinking as regards the palm life of Madagascar. Will Kraa also gave a short talk about some of the tricks he uses in growing *Dioon spinulosum*. The raffle included a *Calyptrocalyx* "Yamuteme" in an 8-inch pot. This is one of the most cold hardy of the *Calyptrocalyx*. Also raffled was a *Cycas bougainvilleana* with leaves to 1.5 meters long and several plants brought in by members.

The outing to Philip Arrowsmith's garden in Ashgrove was held on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Philip has probably one of the finest palm gardens in southeast Queensland. Having been growing palms for more than 20 years, he has amassed a spectacular collection of plants, which are also beautifully laid out.

The group met was set to meet on May 15<sup>th</sup> – more about that in the next *Supplement*. The next 2001 SQG meeting is scheduled for July 17<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are held at Mt Coot-tha Botanic Garden Auditorium.

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

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

At the Sunshine Coast Group of the Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA) meeting (AGM) on February 13<sup>th</sup>, it was decided the meetings for 2001 would be combined with the outings and held on weekends, with a view to increasing meeting attendance. This approach has proven successful for other societies.

The first meeting under the new format was hosted on April 7<sup>th</sup> by Cheryl Basic, a long-term PACSOA member and former Director of the IPS. Cheryl's relatively new garden (about 3 years old) in Valdora features mainly palms, cordylines and bromeliads. There were also three bush-houses (many bromeliads) to view.

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

### **Far North Queensland**

For information on the FNQPACA see <http://www.geocities.com/fnqpaca/> or send an email to Rob Northey, Secretary, at <rob@ Cairns.net.au>.

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

The Sydney Branch, PACSOA, Chapter of the IPS met in January to hear Ken Hill from the Sydney Botanic Gardens. Ken gave an entertaining talk and slide show on some of his botanical trips to Vietnam and China, as part of his research. Quite a few

*Chamaedorea*, as well as other palms and cycads were available during the auction.

The society met again on March 27<sup>th</sup> to hear a presentation by Ellen Sloss on "Bromeliads for your garden."

The April 29<sup>th</sup> field trip was to the rural areas of Bringelly and Rossmore. First stop was the garden and nursery of Nola Carr in Bringelly. Nola has an extensive collection of cacti and succulents amongst the many other plants on her estate. The group then moved seven kilometers to the "Palms are Us" nursery and garden of Richard and Monica Szeniak in Rossmore. Lunch was enjoyed after touring the grounds.

The Sydney Branch meets at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall, 422 Lyons Road, Five Dock. Doors open at 7:00 pm. Meeting commences at 7:30 pm.

For more information about the Sydney Branch, contact President Ian Edwards at <ianse@ozemail.com.au> or IPS Chapter Liaison Representative Peter Kristensen at <kristens@idx.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.

### **Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Society, PACSOA**

For more information, write the Secretary, Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Society, P. O. Box 37979, Winnellie, N. T., 0821, Australia.

### **Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News**

The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) met in March at the South Perth Rotary Hall in South Perth to see Part 1 of the slide presentation "Palm gardens of Southern California. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the group watched Part 2. Raffle prizes included *Chamaedorea* *tepejilote*,

*Chamaerops humilis*, *Chambeyronia macrocarpa* var. Raymond, *Laccospadix australasica* (Atherton Palm), *Normanbya normanbyi* (Black Palm), *Latania lontaroides* (Red Latan) and *Zamia furfuracea* (Cardboard Plant).

The Annual Palm & Cycad Auction was held on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information on this event in the next Supplement. The big Annual Palm & Cycad Display and Sale will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Lesser Hall, Albany Hwy, in Cannington.

Ten members participated in the March 25<sup>th</sup> Gascoyne Park "busy bee." The new Chamaedorea enclosure was completed and now awaits many Chamaedorea palms. The group also did lots of spraying, pruning and general clean up. Lunch was served and all activities completed by 2.30pm. Palms planted on the day were:

7 *Dictyosperma album* (multi-planted)

2 *Wodyetia bifurcata*

1 *Ravenea rivularis*

2 *Arenga undulatifolia*

Also two large specimens of *Laccospadix australasica* and one *Oraniopsis appendiculata*.

The next "busy bee" was on A fabulous day at the park, very well attended by thirty-seven people, primarily society members. It was encouraging to see so many people coming together, lending a hand and achieving so much. Major tasks performed were planting and mulching. All in all, 261 plants were planted, mainly inside the enclosure. Sausage sizzle was served and the raffle drawn then with a lot of plants going to members. Special thanks go to those who helped make it a success. Palms and cycads planted on the day were:

2 x *Encephalartos natalensis* (large)

6 x *Cycas media*

12 x *Archontophoenix alexandrae*

23 x *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*

45 x *Chamaedorea microspadix*

120 x *Chamaedorea elegans*

4 x *Chamaedorea tepejilote*

1 x *Chamaedorea radicalis*

1 x *Chamaedorea seifrizii*

1 x *Cycas circinalis* (big specimen)

1 x *Syagrus romanzoffiana*

1 x *Sabal palmetto*

2 x *Dypsis lutescens*

1 x *Dypsis decaryi*

1 x *Dictyosperma album*

1 x *Trachycarpus fortunei*

2 x *Ravenea rivularis*

7 x *Ravenea xerophila*

6 x *Dypsis leptocheilos*

1 x *Rhapis subtilis*

10 x *Beccariophoenix madagascariensis*

3 x *Copernicia macroglossa*

3 x *Copernicia rigida*

1 x *Livistona rotundifolia* (large)

1 x *Phoenix canariensis*

3 x *Phoenix rupicola*

3 x *Lytocaryum weddellianum*

For information on PACSOWA, contact Barry Shelton by email <mews@eon.net.au> or President Gary Pike.

Also check out the new PACSOWA website <http://palmswest.wawebsite.com.au>. As Society Secretary Barry Shelton put it "We're only just beginning with it but have big plans, we hope to get it linked to lots of other sites."

## Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The May issue of *Hardy Palm International*, journal of the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, featured an interesting article on "*Jubaea chilensis*: Chilean Colossus" by Raul Farias of Chile. The article included a number of fine photographs of this massive palm species. Also in the issue was a review of Strybing Arboretum by Chuck Fulton of California, as well as an array of articles on several exotic non-palms suitable for growing in the Pacific Northwest region. This included part 1 of a detailed visit to the "World of Bamboo" by Ray Mattei. Ray also spoke on this subject at the May 28<sup>th</sup> Society meeting at VanDusen Gardens in Vancouver.

The PNWP&EPS participated in the VanDusen Garden Show (Passion) held on May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A garden tour will be held to view "North Shore Exotica" on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. Rudi and Donna Pinkowski will host the Society annual BBQ at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Other general meetings scheduled for 2001 are general meetings on September 24<sup>th</sup> and November 26<sup>th</sup>, both at VanDusen Gardens in Vancouver.

For more information, send an email to the society at [jubaeas@yahoo.com](mailto:jubaeas@yahoo.com) or visit on the web at <http://www.palms.org/pacific>.

## News from Palmeraie-Union, the La Réunion Chapter

The first Palmeraie-Union 2000 meeting took place at "Plaine des Palmistes" on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The attendance enjoyed the cool mountain weather, hiked to "Bibéron" waterfall and saw many specimens of *Acanthophoenix crinita*, an endemic species of Réunion highlands still poorly known. We were lunch guests at a farm restaurant at Petite Plaine for a huge "cari canard," a local version of Indian curry.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, we visited the park "Exotica," near Saint-Pierre, which develops a good collection of palms in a well-landscaped environment.

A general meeting of Palmeraie-Union was held on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. All the current officers were reelected, with Thierry HUBERT as President. We also welcomed a new member among the officers: Philippe DE VOSS who is going to be our representative to the IPS Chapter Relations Committee.

For the 2001 first semester, further activities are scheduled as follows:

- Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>: discovering *Raphia farinifera* at La Rivière Saint-Louis and visit to a private garden.
- Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>: discovering palms of Saint-Denis in public parks and private gardens.

If you are concerned about news from the southwestern Indian Ocean, or if you want to know more about our endemic palms, join the Palmeraie-Union Chapter. Annual membership will cost you only US\$20 (single) or US\$30 (family) and you will receive the journal *LATANIA* (published in French), twice a year. The next issue of *LATANIA* will be published in June.

For more information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Chairman Thierry Hubert at < palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr > or fax to the Corresponding Secretary Nicole Ludwig 0262 56 97 36, or send mail to P.O. Box 10, 97429 – PETIE-ILE, LA RÉUNION< FRANCE.

Nicole LUDWIG

## News from New Caledonia

*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 Second Semester 2000

As usual the summer months were calm but activities resumed in September. Our new correspondent for the Rhone-Alpes region, Emmanuel Vericel, met with other members at the Rare Plant Fair in Chatillon-sur-Chalaronne on September 10. Many were surprised to learn that Renaud de Looze grows his *Trachycarpus* in an Alpine valley, where they flourish with a backdrop of snow-capped mountains.

The following weekend, September 16-17, a group of 17 members met in southwesternmost France and admired public plantings of palms from Hendaye, on the French-Spanish border, where a beautiful specimen of *Jubaea* and several *Butia capitata* grow, to the spa town of Cambo Les Bains with splendid plantings, including recently imported *Butia yatay*, direct from South America. We also toured the private gardens of the Marce families (both father and son), Vincent Bardinet, Renée and Elizabeth Raux and also of Patrick Auriault and Christian Mazouz, near Bayonne. The passion to plant palms is contagious and emulation leads our members to plant profusely.

*Le Palmier N° 24* came out in September. It included a lead article on palm fronds, as well as others relating the damage wrought by the end-of-year winter storm that devastated so much of France, the General Assembly excursion to Brittany, a new look at *Phoenix theophrasti* growing on the island of Crete and a "Fou" portrait.

A ten-hour flight from metropolitan France, the island of La Réunion was the site for the 2000 floral show of the Indian Ocean in early October, and Fous de Palmiers was represented. The local chapter, Palmeraie-Union, set up an award-winning display entitled "Palm Beach," (a souvenir of our trip to South Florida in 1999) with an impressive array of palms shown to the general public. Palmeraie-Union is officially supervising the creation of a vast

Palmeraie-Union will host a visit from Manureva later this year. For more information on this opportunity to visit La Réunion, see "Calendar of Events" column at the end of this *Supplement*.

palm garden outside the town of Le Tampon. The tropical climate and volcanic soil are ideal for so many palms. Thierry Hubert, president, and his group are working hard to exploit the possibilities of La Réunion, when it comes to growing palms. We recommend a visit to anyone travelling in the Indian Ocean, since La Réunion, an overseas French department, is very near Madagascar.

Also in the beginning of October, the Fous of the Roussillon region met for their annual get-together in the home of Serge Gaillard at Pezilla La Rivière. More than 20 participated and shared notes, photos and a delightful meal together.

Mid-month was busy again in southwestern France with a weekend visit in Aquitaine and Perigord. First stop was the palm nursery of Pascal Bernard, La Palmeraie, in Mios, near Arcachon, where visitors couldn't resist some "end of season" bargains. After that the next stop was "chez" Philippe and Françoise Larue in their lovely hilltop garden overlooking the world-famous vineyards of Médoc. This autumn visit is becoming an annual event and each year the garden gets better as Philippe's collection grows and flourishes. It was only fitting that the day ended with a tour of a nearby "cave" of a Médoc château, located along the Gironde estuary and several members left with bottles of fine wine too.

The next day the scenery changed, inland from the Atlantic coast, through Bergerac (home of Cyrano!) and on to admire the bamboo collection of Mr. Bonfils in the town of Le Buisson. The last stop of the weekend was the cliff-side garden of La Roque Gageac, overlooking the Dordogne River. The village faces due south and the cliffs help to create the mild microclimate, where exotic vegetation seems to sprout literally out of the rocks. Participants enjoyed a farewell dinner in a restaurant, appropriately named Le Palmier.

Roussillon members headed south of the border to Barcelona, Spain on November 11. Destination – Montjuic Park, overlooking the port, literally filled with palms and cacti. The timing was perfect to harvest seeds to be offered through our seed bank.

We wound up our first year of quarterly publication with the December *Le Palmier* N° 25, just in time for the holidays. It included articles about the genus *Brahea*, the botanical garden of Perideniya in Sri-Lanka, the Mediterranean seaside town of St. Cyprien and its palms and a portrait of Julien

Marnier-Lapostolle, the collector and creator of the fabulous garden of the Villa Les Cèdres in St. Jean-Cap Ferrat, near Nice.

Villa Les Cèdres is one of the many gardens to be visited during the 2002 Biennial on the Riviera. We invite you to learn more about the European Biennial at <http://www.chez.com/palmiers/biennale.php>, the Fous website.

For more information about Fous de Palmiers contact me at:

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Steve Swinscoe

## **FOUS DE PALMIERS OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2001-2003**

Our elections were conducted by mail to make it possible for a maximum of our members to vote. The results were announced at the General Assembly meeting in Uzès on Saturday, April 28. There will be more on that meeting in the next issue but, in the meantime, here are the election results:

President – Jacques DELEUZE  
Vice-Presidents – Pierre-Olivier ALBANO  
and Gérard DORIN  
Secretary – Daniel JACQUEMIN  
Assistant Secretary – Yves PIA  
Treasurer – Léon ROGÉZ  
Assistant Treasurer – Ghislain NICAISE

Other members of the board include: Violette DECUGIS, Patrice FAUCHIER, Alain HERVE, Hélène KUTNIAK, Robert LEROY, Patrick MARTY and Steve SWINSCOE

Steve Swinscoe

## **La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]**

For more about the Spanish Palm Society, *La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas*, please email the association President, Tomás Font <T.Font@ono.com>. Please correct the contact email address for Tomás Font given in the recent *IPS Membership Roster*, as the one listed there should no longer be used for Spanish palm society correspondence.

## **News from Manureva**

The *Manureva* "trait d'union" was released mid February with the cover featuring the marvelous mount

Taranaki/Egmont in the northern island of New Zealand. The interview featured our Manureva friend and Palmeraie-union President Thierry Hubert who is going to lead our venue to the island next November. Surely we are going to have a great time! The palms to be seen there are extraordinary and all will be tip-top for a future biennial there. We also reported the excellent New Caledonian festivities that were featured in the local press. This issue we received in Bormes our director Maurice Foudrain and his wife Jeannine on a sunny day. By the way, if you ever intend to visit the Mediterranean area, feel free to contact us, as we will be most please to help and welcome you. This is also a benefit of your membership with the IPS.

We also reported our visit to Les Cedres, an amazing garden in Saint Jean Cap Ferrat that is on the 2002 biennial list, along with the nearby Hanbury gardens at la Mortola – the best you can find in our area. Forty Manureva members were on the tour that day that was followed by a nice lunch at the Passable, a memorable souvenir for some IPS Directors! Yes the women are still topless on the beach! We then featured the raffle at the home of Vincent Filachou. Our thanks to Roland Jurion also president of the French orchid society in Menton. In September, we also feature our good foreign friends and it was the turn of Dick Endt from New Zealand and Ralph Velez from California

In mid-April, we released *Manureva* 13 with an impressive picture of *Eucalyptus regnans* taken in the Dondenongs near Melbourne what an experience! Also in this issue was an article on the photosynthesis by Thierry Roy followed by a review of the winter flowers of the Meditteranee. We started the travelogue on our last journey to Malaysia, Melbourne and our arrival in Christchurch and the fabulous discovery of the remnant colony of *Rhopalostylis sapida* in Akaroa. We then ended the article from late Bill Bittle "24 palms for Texas" and continued with a fantastic original article on bromeliads by Roland Jurion. Four more pages were dedicated to the palms of the Seychelles by John Price, Director of PACSOA an excellent article covering all the species from the three islands. We closed that issue with an ecological article by Grant Snell from New Zealand on saving some threatened *Encephalartos* in Africa.

Peter Heibloem's photographs were of great help in the illustration of this article

Besides *Manureva* publications, we attended several plant events. First Mimosalia at the end of January where we signed up several new members then the lemon festivities in Menton followed by the le Pradet where we enjoyed a great success. In mid-April, 40 members joined together to visit the marvelous garden of the Navarro full of succulents and palms. The highlight of the quarter just ended with a four-day event that saw us in many gardens including those of the secretary Alain Jamet and President Rene Coativy whose garden was open for the first time. Up to 70 members attended from all France. Thanks to Christian and Marie- Jo Aguttes who supplied the accommodation. No doubt we will do it again next year and open it to all European IPS and EPS members now that we know it works! Meantime, in mid-March Manureva held its annual meeting with the presentation of the past year's events and financial accounts. Dominique Coativy was elected as Treasurer and the board reelected. We also kept thousands of contacts with IPS members throughout the world, thanks to Internet. The highlight at the present time has been the unexpected germination of immature seeds of *Jubaea* X *Butia* hybrid gathered in Tauranga, northern island of New Zealand. Several specialists, including Dr Merrill Wilcox, are involved in the understanding of that unexpected phenomenon.

If you need information on Manureva or any of the above, please contact me via fax 33 (0) 4 94 64 74 71 or send an email to me at < manurevah@aol.com >.

René Coativy

### European Palm Society

Our online membership has proven very popular and all our members can read our latest issue as well as all previous issues online, downloading them if preferred. We hope that will fill a gap. Two-year on-line membership is now £20, with three-year total reduced to £24. Single-year rates remain at £12. See details at our website [www.palmsociety.org](http://www.palmsociety.org) or contact me by fax on +44 20 8255 6192.

Martin Gibbons

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

Correspondence to the NZ society, including membership and subscription requests, should be directed to President John Pettit at <palmfarm@ihug.co.nz>.

## **The AGM of the South Africa Palm Society**

The next South African Palm Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held April 27 to 29 at the V&A lodge near Hartebeespoort Dam, near Pretoria. On the first day, we made an excursion to see some very interesting palm collections in Pretoria. Adrian van Rensen has a super collection with lots of different *Chamedorea*, *Syagrus*, *Trachycarpus*, *Brahea*, *Livistona*, *Bismarckia*, etc. His garden is also nicely landscaped. It was very interesting to see what can be grown in the Pretoria area. Most parts of the area receive regular light frosts, which limits the range of palms suitable for the area.

We enjoyed a very nice lunch at Mark Bradshaw's new house and the travel from there to his nursery, where he stocks a large range of palms and other plant. From there we proceeded to Meyer Palms. It was a most beautifully landscaped setup and was very impressive to see.

Johan and Louise van Rensen's Garden was the last one to be seen for the day. He has an interesting collection of *Syagrus*, *Trachycarpus* and other cold-hardy palms. Among them was a compact and very showy *Syagrus macrocarpa* specimen.

The guest speaker after dinner was Martin Gibbons. Martin is a former director of the International Palm Society and a leading researcher of the genus *Trachycarpus*. He gave us a talk and slideshow about the latest in *Trachycarpus*.

Saturday morning was the Annual General Meeting. One of the most important items for the new year will be to recruit new members for the Society as we have a small short fall of finances due to all issues of *The Palm Enthusiast* being in color print now.

For lunch, we traveled to Steve and Lelanie Trollip's farm to have lunch and a look at his collection. He also has a *Syagrus macrocarpa* holding 3 seeds, besides very nice *Brahea*, *Butia*, *Livistona* and other cold-hardy plants.

We had some very good fund raising from a Palm Raffle, sale of donated *Wodyetia bifurcata* seeds and a sale of *Cycas schuhmaniana* and *Microcycas calocoma* that were sold to members at very reasonable prices. Martin Gibbons gave us an excellent slide show of a collecting trip in Brazil.

On Sunday, there was a palm and fern sale held jointly with the Fern Society of South Africa.

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For further information on the South African Palm Society, visit the website at <http://www.sapalm.co.za> or contact the Secretary, Louise van Rensen, telephone +27 12 3762733 business and +27 12 3762413 home, or email her at <info@sapalm.co.za> for more information. [Note that this is a relatively new email address but the website remains unchanged.]

## **The Palm Society of Maui**

For further information on the *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (or telephone messages to 808-280-0788).

## **Island of Hawaii Chapter**

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Ken Foster led 22 members of the Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) on a walking tour of two Hilo sites where interesting palms are planted. Per the Spring 2001 *Pritchardia* issue, "The tour began at Prince Kuhio Plaza, which has what must be some of the finest palm plantings of any shopping mall anywhere. Many *Clinostigma*, *Ptychosperma*, *Areca*, *Archontophoenix purpurea*, and at least one mystery *Veitchia*, grace the buildings and parking area." The next stop was the "Tree Nursery," or arboretum, on Kilauea Avenue. At that site, although marred by neglect and construction, is a collection of very interesting palms, some of them quite old. Among the most spectacular palms there is a very old *Metroxylon amicarum*. The group also saw a flowering *Socratea* sp. and fruiting *Cryosophila stauracantha*. One sad sight was the dead trunk of a once beautiful, mature *Colpothrinax wrightii* that was once one of the prize specimens at the arboretum. Per the *Pritchardia* write-up, "This relic

seemed emblematic of the low regard in which the custodians of the property view the palm collection.”

A major palm planting was held on April 7<sup>th</sup> at Hilo’s Panaewa Zoo. Several areas of the zoo had been previously cleared of “trash trees” and made ready for the plantings. HIPS representatives met with zoo staff and determined which areas should be planted and the best palms for those areas. It was decided to extend the original planting of 26 *Wodyetia bifurcata* by seven and add 33 across the street from the original planting. HIPS and zoo staff also “decided to plant 23 *Arenga undulatifolia* behind the long row of aviaries, to soften the fence line and add a lush, tropical appearance to the area. The final planting was to be a group of *Dypsis leptochelios* (teddy bear palm) in front of the zoo office.” HIPS obtained a grant from the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program to fund purchase of these plants from local nurseries. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Dean Piercy led seven inmates of the Hawaii Community Correctional Center (arranged by zoo staff) in clearing the land. It was amazing what a large crew could do in a few hours.

With donations from the Kiwanis Club, Hawaii County, Hawaii Paradise Exotics Nursery, and local palm society members – in addition to the 69 purchased with the grant, made 102 holes to be dug and 102 palms to be planted. Groups of volunteers brought the palms in on April 4<sup>th</sup> and, in cooperation with zoo staff, planted many of these on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. On April 7<sup>th</sup> (the “official” planting day), the 31 volunteers planted the 40 *Wodyetia bifurcata* and 23 *Arenga undulatifolia* under a threat of rain. A number of donated plants were potted up to hold for future plantings. Three hundred pounds of fertilizer were spread. Additional plantings were made several days later. Altogether, volunteers worked 176 hours preparing for the project and in actual planting. In addition to HIPS and zoo staff, Hawaii County and T & T Electric also donated time and equipment. “Funding from the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Program makes the project possible and inspires all of the above community effort.”

A Botanical Exposition and Plant Sale was held at the zoo on May 19<sup>th</sup>, when the zoo’s bamboo collection was formally introduced to the public.

On May 19-20, Ray Baker, of Lyon Arboretum, led a grand tour of three

botanical gardens of Oahu: Lyons, Foster Botanical Garden and Ho’omaluhia Botanic Garden on this 2-day HIPS field trip. Members were able to see hundreds of mature rare palm species. See the Spring 2001 *Pritchardia* issue for articles summarizing the significant palms growing in these three gardens, as well as similar information on other Oahu botanic gardens not visited on the tour, due to time constraints.

HIPS will hold a Potluck and Tailgate Palm Sale on June 24<sup>th</sup>, at the Lundkvist residence in Leilani Estates.

Future events planned by HIPS for this year also include:

- August: a field trip to Palms of Paradise, Hilo
- Sept. 23: Kona meeting and field trip
- October 7, Brainstorming session for the 2004 Biennial
- Oct 26, 7:00 Slide Show by Ray Baker, of Lyon Arboretum
- Nov. 11, 1:00 P.M. Zoo plant tour
- Jan. 18, 2002 at 5:00 Annual BBQ and Palm Auction

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Bo-Göran Lundkvist: <flyg@ilhawaii.net >) or HIPS secretary Leanne Swan <larsandleanne@webtv.net >.

*The Hawaii Island Palm Society will host the IPS Biennial in 2004 and this post-tour. More information will be forthcoming on this major event.*

## **Palm Society of Southern California Chapter News**

PSSC President, Dave Minks, reports that the financial state of the society is excellent. Dave reports, among other items, that the PSSC Board has approved \$1,500 in donations to encourage plantings of palms and that local society membership has increased to 800 members as of November.

The Palm Society of Southern California met on March 31<sup>st</sup> in the South Orange County. The Society visited two very different gardens: one mature and one young; one shady and protected while the other was bright and open, etc. Members were able to see and enjoy widely diverging approaches and environments.

Our hosts Lynn and Juanita Muir of Dana Point showed us their collection that has been evolving since the 1970's – a decidedly mature garden, stuffed to overflowing with every conceivable palm. Lynn has been an IPS and PSSC member for many years and at one time ran the Seedbank for the IPS. He still has the enthusiasm of a new member, gladly pointing out interesting features. Lynn's garden is cool and shady, protected by much canopy. It has a very narrow temperature range of 40-80°F. He can grow *Pinanga* and *Ptychosperma* with ease. But the downside is that his *Brahea* are in slow motion and his beautiful ribbon-candy *Allagoptera arenaria* is in pause mode, flowering but never able to set seed. I foolishly asked if the 7-foot palm in the front with its wide, yellowish leaves was a *Chambeyronia macrocarpa*? It was a *Kentiopsis oliviformis*! Right island (New Caledonia) but wrong hillside. So palms do look different than you expect, depending on the climate and other factors.

The next stop was at the young garden of David and Andriette Culbertson of San Juan Capistrano, who provided room for our Board meeting and a huge patio where we held our renowned 50-50 palm auction. As usual, our growers brought superior palms and they sold at landscape palm levels (translation: very inexpensive). For such a short period, less than two years, there has been remarkable growth and development of these palms. The Culbertson's have a wonderful mix of deep green grass, fruit trees, special flowering plants and, lastly, palms. The open feeling of this garden, perched on a mesa overlooking San Juan Capistrano, is quite special.

Randal "Randy" Moore steps in as our new Treasurer. Walt Frey, an eleven year veteran as Membership/Back Issue Chairperson has resigned, and Alaric Prince will serve as the new Back Issue Chairperson.

The Society has a Palm and Cycad Sale scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> at Quail Botanical Garden in San Diego County. The first speaker at the event will be Lyle Arnold, discussing "Palms of New Caledonia and the 2000 I.P.S. Biennial in New Caledonia." This would be followed by casual tours of the garden. [Further details not available at press-time for this issue.]

The July meeting is planned for Gunther Schwartz's large and incredible Santa

Barbara garden, featuring a potluck meal. The last meeting at Gunther's in 1997 was a huge success for all who attended. Hopefully, this year will be even more enjoyable.

Additional future meetings tentatively scheduled include

- September 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup>: Los Angeles County – Jardin Topagonia, Topango Canyon.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>: Orange County.

The May issue of the Palm Journal featuring "Understory *Dypsis* and *Ptychococcus lepidotus*" brought in many articles on the *Dypsis* species and more Discouraging discussion on *P. lepidotus*.

Topics for the next few issues of *The Palm Journal* are:

- July: Clumping palms, Diseases and Pests of Palms, *Lytocaryum* sp., etc.
- September: Unusual *Chamaedorea* sp. and *Gastrococos crispera*, more Palm Diseases and Disorders
- November: Palms as Houseplants & *Basselina* sp.
- January: *Caryota* revisited, and *Geonoma* sp.

News excerpted from issues of *The Palm Journal*, courtesy of Bonnie and Geoff Stein, < Bonsai4me@aol.com >

See the chapter website on <http://palms.org/socal/> for more information on the Southern California Chapter of the International Palm Society.

## Northern California Chapter, IPS

It has been several years since the Northern California Chapter of the International Palm Society has been invited to hold a meeting at Dr. Herb Weber's Palm and Rhododendron garden in Greenbrae, Marin County. Herb's mature hillside garden is one of the great gardens of Northern California. Our meeting was held on Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2001. Dr. Weber gave a brief overview and history of his garden. This was followed by a general discussion of a topic relevant to palm culture in Northern California. A short business meeting was then held, followed by a palm auction. Members were invited to contribute a favorite "tropical potluck" dish; with the Chapter supplying the beverages.

We will be having our July meeting in Atherton. September's meeting will be held at the Walnut Creek home of Dick Douglas on Saturday, September 22, 2001.

On Saturday, November 10, 2001, we will be meeting in Oakland at the Lakeside Garden Center. Details regarding these meetings will be supplied later.

Dan Sekella

For more information about the Northern California Chapter, contact either Dan Sekella, <sekella@pacbell.net> or Tim R. Cooke, Chapter Recording Secretary at <trcooke@earthlink.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 Palm Society News**

The South Florida Palm Chapter met on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at Fairchild Tropical Garden. Dr. Carl Lewis of the Fairchild Tropical Garden staff presented a slide show on the palms of the Indian Ocean. A plant and seed distribution and auction followed the presentation. Special guests in attendance were Drs. Natalie Uhl, John Dransfield, and Terrence Walters (executive director of The Montgomery Botanical Center).

On May 5<sup>th</sup>, the Society held a field trip to the palm nurseries of Ken Johnson and Dave Romney, along with a visit to the University of Florida's Tropical Research and Education Center.

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the board of the South Florida Chapter of the International Palm Society voted unanimously to change the name of our organization to The South Florida Palm Society. Our by-laws remain otherwise unchanged.

At the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, Howard Waddell is scheduled to make a multi-media presentation on the 2000 IPS biennial and the palms of New Caledonia.

Howard Waddell  
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Requests for South Florida Chapter information (and their current publications) should be sent c/o Steve Stern, 8375 SW 185 terrace, Miami, FL 33157 or by Email at <rarepalm@gateway.net> or by phone at (305) 251-4541 or by fax (305) 253-4992.

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

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society met on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Mounts Botanical Garden. The speaker was Celio E. Moya Lopez from Cuba (from the Sancti Spiritus Botanical Garden). Celio spoke on "The Endangered Palms of Cuba." A rare treat!

The Spring Sale was held on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> at Caloosa Park in Boynton Beach.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the PBP&CS met to see the video from the IPS Biennial "The Palms of New Caledonia."

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

### **News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society**

The Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS) held their "Eastern" Spring meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Members toured three different gardens as well as a palm sale. The three gardens (Scott Ward's Indialantic garden, Bud Wideman's Cocoa Beach garden and Steve & Cindy Rael's garden in Merritt Island) were described in the last *Supplement* issue.

The Leu Gardens Spring Plant Sale in "Next we will go and Cindy Rael's garden, 50 Melbourne Ave.

The CFP&CS Seed Bank had a record-breaking first quarter, both for money collected and for species distributed. Mike Dahme (CFP&CS Seed Bank Director) reported that \$2,500 was collected and 42 species distributed.

For more on CFPACS, check out the website at <http://cfpacs.freesevers.com>, email Dave Witt <bizmark@mindspring.com> or 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. 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), email Jim Cain at <palm\_dude@pobox.com> or <jimmydcain@aol.com> or send by regular mail to Jim at 12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077, USA.

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**THE PALMS OF RIO'S JARDIM BOTANICO** (1992, 15pp., some color).....\$5.00

**TROPICAL RAINFOREST** (A Newman, 1990, 241pp., world survey of endangered habitats- all color).....\$30.00

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**Pinanga** (Issue of PACSOA #16) (1987, 17pp.).....\$3.00

## Florida First Coast Chapter News

A well attended, planning meeting was held February 11<sup>th</sup> at the home of Matt & Joanne Encinosa in the Fruit Cove area. The meeting was preceded by a tour of their garden, located approximately 200 yards from the St Johns River. Members were encouraged by the many marginally hardy palm species (e.g., *Licuala* sp.) thriving despite a harsh winter. During the meeting, Dr Kyle Brown read from his weather journal of the past several years. His residence, south of the Okefenokee Swamp, experienced abnormally low temperatures (ten nights of freezing temperatures with a low of 18 F). It will be informative to see what survives in his large collection.

Spring 2001 meetings included a spring cleaning at the FCCJ Palm & Cycad Garden March 17<sup>th</sup>; and continued efforts on a highway beautification project April 21<sup>st</sup>.

For information about the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS, please email Chapter Secretary Doug Howk at his new email address of <dhowk@mediatone.net>.

## Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

The Society met on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Joe and Cindy Baucum on Bayou Barataria in lower Jefferson Parish. About forty guests enjoyed great food (including traditional seafood gumbo), an informative meeting chaired by Vice President Ken Swan, and a relaxed tour of Joe and Cindy's gardens.

On the weekend of April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, the Society participated in the New Orleans Spring Garden Festival at the Botanical Garden with both an exhibit and a sales booth. Hundreds of interested gardeners and other assorted visitors browsed the booths, asked thousands of questions, partook of the available literature, and purchased the many species of palms and cycads that were offered. The exhibit booth was awarded Second Place in the Plant Society Division of awards – quite an honor considering the competition.

In memory of member Percy Ray Cothren, Jr., who died of cancer in November, the Society on April 14<sup>th</sup> dedicated a *Phoenix dactylifera* (Date Palm) in the newly opened City Park Arboretum. Five family members along with five society members placed the marker and spoke in

memory of Ray Cothren. Planted next to the "Arboretum" sign at the entrance, the palm now serves a secondary purpose as the "signature plant" for the arboretum.

The next meeting of the society will be at the wonderful estate of Mal and Mich Mele in Covington, Louisiana at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, June 24. Anyone with an interest in palms and cycads is welcome to attend; however, since a full meal is served gratis, advance notice of attendance will be appreciated.

For information concerning the upcoming meeting and/or information regarding the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact Joe Baucum (Secretary/Treasurer) by email at <theanchorage@worldnet.att.net> or by telephone at (504) 689-4243.

Joe Baucum,

## Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida News

Florida Native Palms was the program for the May 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. This talk, given by David Prall, was so well received at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Coral Home & Garden Show, that it was decided it would be a good topic for a chapter meeting. At the Garden Show, David brought several potted specimens, but at the Society meeting, the group was able to see the eleven Florida native palms: *Pseudophoenix sargentii*, *Rhapidophyllum hystrix* (Needle Palm), *Coccothrinax argentata* (Silver Palm), *Thrinax radiata*, *Thrinax morrisii* (Silver Thatch), *Acoelorrhaphe wrightii* (Paurotis), *Roystonea* sp. (Royal Palm), *Serenoa repens* (Silver Saw Palmetto), and the native *Sabal* species (*S. etonia*, *S. minor* and *S. palmetto*), growing in the landscape at the Prall's Palm Tree Gardens in Cape Coral, coexisting beautifully amongst the other exotic plants.

During the business portion of the meeting, the survey assessing member's preferences and the future direction for the chapter was discussed. It is hoped that more members will volunteer to plan a meeting program & garden tour.

The email address for the chapter is now SW\_FL\_PalmCycad@hotmail.com. Due to technical difficulties, the chapter website at www.plantapalm.com has not been updated in some time.

Geri Prall, Chapter Representative  
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## Montgomery Botanical Center News

The Montgomery Botanical Center (MBC) has recently been the recipient of two grants from local IPS Chapters:

- \$3,200 from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society, and
- \$1,500 from the South Florida Palm Society.

Thanks to these funds, the MBC recently purchased a digital camera with zoom and macro lenses as well as high-capacity storage capabilities, a multi-feed 35-mm slide scanner, and a flatbed scanner. As stated in a recent Newsletter of the MBC, "These three items will allow us to pictorially document growth rates, growth forms, reproductive cycles, and horticultural experiments."

Check out the new website of the Montgomery Botanical Center at <http://www.MontgomeryBotanical.org>.

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

The Winter 2001 meeting of the Southeastern Palm and Exotic Plant Society (SPEPS) was held in Savannah, GA at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens (BFCG) on February 24. The BFCG is the adopted demonstration gardens of the SPEPS.

Fifty meeting attendees enjoyed the presentation, "Hardy Citrus for Areas Beyond the Citrus Belt," by Tom McClendon and Joe LeVert. With handouts that summarized tips for growing citrus and a slideshow of dozens of plants, Tom and Joe shared years of field experience and textbook knowledge of citrus that everyone enjoyed. Of primary focus was *Poncirus trifoliatus* and its hybrids, *Citrus ichangensis* and its hybrids, kumquat and hybrids, and mandarins.

Another meeting highlight was the annual plant auction. Tom McClendon served as auctioneer as members submitted bids on numerous palms, cycads, and other exotic plants mostly donated for the sale by SPEPS members. Over \$1,100 was raised for the society.

The winner of this year's SPEPS Hometown Grant was announced at the meeting. Austin Brown of North Augusta, S.C., who applied on behalf of the city of North Augusta, was awarded the \$500 grant. It will be used to purchase three *Sabal palmetto* specimens to plant at the city

municipal building. The city has approved matching funds to pay for installation and maintenance. SPEPS will receive recognition for its involvement through a sign placed at the building.

In addition, SPEPS members formally recognized the effort of Alan Bills, who as Editor of the SPEPS newsletter *Rhapidophyllum* for several years, contributed greatly to its maturity as a recognized source of information on cold-hardy palms and as a quarterly journal of the SPEPS. Alan was presented with a gift certificate to a plant nursery.

George and Judy Phillips, near Madison, GA, hosted the spring meeting of the SPEPS on April 21, 2001. We will have more about this meeting in the next issue.

The summer meeting will be on July 14, 2001 at Leu Botanical Gardens in Orlando, FL. A fall meeting has been scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> at the Waynesboro, GA, gardens of Don and Belinda Coleman and Chuck Mooney. For additional information, visit the SPEPS web site at [www.speps.net](http://www.speps.net).

## News from the Palm Society of South Texas

Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) held a Palm Sale on April 21<sup>st</sup> in Harlingen, Texas, at Stuart Place Nursery. Glyn Whiddon, PSST member and owner of Stuart Place, ordered in extra palms for the occasion. Other members also brought palms from their own collections.

The PSST met again on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jason and Mary Ann Swafford in Hobson

A meeting is scheduled for June 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Romeo & Linda Montalvo in Brownsville. Additional meetings scheduled for 2001 include:

- July 2001 - Chuck & Chuck McClendon, Dripping Springs, TX
- August 2001 - To be announced
- September 2001 - Roberto & Perla Robles in Brownsville
- October 2001 - Thad & Alice Magyar in Santa Rosa
- November 2001 - Charlie & Lana Vieh's in San Benito
- December 2001 - To be announced

The PSST group is informal and membership now stands at approximately 90 households. We have four "officers," the

chairman, Bill Baker of Austin, Coastal Bend vice chairman Ed Ladd, Rio Grande Valley vice chairman Alice Magyar, and the treasurer, John Dillard. Membership dues partially cover costs of meeting announcements and quarterly bulletins. Our editor Richard Travis publishes quarterly bulletins which include color photos and numerous articles about palms, often written by members.

For more information on the above, visit <http://www.raingardens.com/psst.htm>. The site has photos of each meeting, dates of upcoming meetings and information about membership and PSST T-shirts.

Jana Meiser  
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### **Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News**

Houston Area Chapter events for 2001 kicked off with Gordon Hintz' lecture on "Palms for Houston" at Mercer Arboretum on April 8<sup>th</sup>. This was followed by a tour of the arboretum's palm collection.

The chapter also met at Moody Gardens in Galveston on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Gary Outenreath, horticulture exhibits manager at Moody Gardens, gave members and guests a tour of the Palms of Moody Gardens.

Member Tony Cerbone was responsible for generating a nice article on palms suitable for the Dallas (Tx) area. The article was published in the Dallas Morning News on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001. Tony has been doing a lot for palm education in the area, as can be seen from his website at [http://web.novaone.net/Dallas Palms/](http://web.novaone.net/Dallas%20Palms/).

For information on the Houston [www.palms.org/houston/index.htm](http://www.palms.org/houston/index.htm) or email:

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Visit the chapter's website at  
<http://www.palms.org/houston/>

### **News from AVEPALMAS, Asociación Venezolana de Palmas (Venezuelan Palm Society)**

The AVEPALMAS - Asociación Venezolana de Palmas - has, after a long period of dormancy, got a new board of directors. Former head of the Botanical Garden, Francisco Delascio Chitty is the new President. He is a well-known botanical researcher and has written several books including palms.

Jesús Hoyos, director of Sociedad de Ciencias Naturales La Salle, is finishing his new book on tropical palms in Venezuela and I believe it will include around 460 palms.

We are suffering an economical crisis in Venezuela and it is not easy at all to find people who work enthusiastically without compensation in a non-governmental organization.

During the last few years some palm researchers have gone abroad. Francisco Guanchez is working at Cornell in New York with Dr. Natalie Uhl and Fred Stauffer, who has published several books on the Amazonian palms doing postgraduate research in Switzerland.

Greetings from Caracas!

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### **Upcoming Palm Tours and Travels** *[continued from Supplement rear cover]*

#### **2002 (Continued)**

**Fall, 2002, Exact date not provided:**  
**South-East Asia and Australia:** From Manureva: "We are already booking for the 2002 fall trip that will take us to Bangkok and Nong Nooch in Pattaya. From there, we will fly to Perth for a few days and meet our good friends there -- then Alice Springs before Cairns, followed by two weeks along the coast down to Brisbane. From there we will fly to Bali and Singapore to visit the botanical garden and this will be it. If you have 36 days ahead of you and US\$3,500 (that is, from Paris to Paris), any adjustment can be made from wherever you come. The journey is open for anyone interested." Contact René Coativy via fax 33+ (04) 94 64 74 71 or send an email to him at <[manurevah@aol.com](mailto:manurevah@aol.com)>.

#### **2004**

**Dates undetermined – IPS Biennial in Hawaii and Post-Tour to Fiji:** The IPS Biennial 2004 will be hosted by the Island of Hawaii chapter, who will also organize a Post-Biennial Tour to Fiji. For early information on these Biennial events, contact **HIPS Chapter** President Bo-Göran Lundkvist (email: <[flyg@ilhawaii.net](mailto:flyg@ilhawaii.net)>) More information will be provided in future supplements as well as on the IPS website, [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org).

## CALENDAR:

### Upcoming Palm Tours and Travels

Tell us what you think about the column and please inform us about events.

#### 2001

**June 8 - 18, 2001 – Sarawak Tour.** An eleven-day tour to Sarawak is planned from Sydney, Australia, by the Sydney Palm and Cycad Society. Space is limited. Cost per person is \$A1932 twin share or triple room \$A1862, with single supplement \$A504. The initial (\$A200) deposit was to be paid prior to February 16<sup>th</sup>, with final payment to be made by May 1<sup>st</sup>. It may be too late, but if you are interested, contact Ian Edwards. If you have any questions, phone Ian Edwards in Cronulla, NSW, at 61+2+9523 6696 or email: ianse@ozemail.com.au.

**August 1 - 12, 2001 – Palms of the Amazon: A Botanical Tour.** The New York Botanical Garden will conduct a follow-up to their highly successful trip last year on the Amazon. Dr. Andrew Henderson, Associate Curator, Institute of Systematic Botany, NYBG, will lead the tour. This year's trip will explore the main Amazon River upstream from Manaus to the Rio Arauá. "Along the river, and in nearby unflooded forests, we will see a great variety of species of *Astrocaryum*, *Attalea*, *Bactris*, *Desmoncus*, *Euterpe*, *Geonoma*, *Hyospathe*, *Iriartella*, *Leopoldinia*, *Manicaria*, *Mauritia*, *Oenocarpus*, *Socratea* and *Syagrus*." The tour will be based on the Amazonian river boat, the *Harpy Eagle*, with motorized canoes for side trips. The fee is US\$3,035 including round-trip airfare from Miami, accommodations, meals and field trips. Space is limited. A US\$300 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a place. For information, call Myrna Alvarez at 1-718-817-8628 or send a note or deposit to Institute of Systematic Botany, The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458.

**October, 2001 – Fous de Palmier Tour to California, USA.** The Fous de Palmier plans a major excursion to California in October of 2001. If interested in participating, please contact Steve Swinscoe, telephone 33+(0) 5 62 08 91 at <manatte@libertysurf.fr>.

**Nov. 3-24, 2001 [NEWLY RESCHEDULED!]:** La Réunion and

**Masacarene Islands (by Manureva).** This event is being jointly sponsored by Manureva and the IPS Chapter Palmeraie-Union of La Réunion. If you wish more information, contact René Coativy via fax 33+ (04) 94 64 74 71 or send an email to him at <manurevah@aol.com>. Per René, "We are going to the Indian Ocean to meet first our friends of Palmeraie-union at La Réunion. After a good week there we plan to visit Mauritius Island, thanks to Vinah Ganoo and continue for 8 days to the Seychelles and the *Lodoicea maldivica* of the Vallee de Mai. We will depart on November 3rd for 21 days, Paris to Paris."

**November 8-30, 2001: South America. POSTPONED!** The tentative trip by *Manureva* members to temperate South America has been postponed until the fall of 2003 for technical reasons. For more on this upcoming trip, contact René Coativy via fax 33+ (04) 94 64 74 71 or send an email to him at <manurevah@aol.com>.

#### 2002

**September 20-28, 2002: IPS Biennial in France.** The year 2002 Biennial meeting of the International Palm Society will be hosted by Fous de Palmier in the south of France. The itinerary is given in detail on the Biennial webpage of the Fous at <http://www.chez.com/palmiers/ebiennale.php> for details in English. In French, see <http://www.chez.com/palmiers/biennale.php> that also includes maps. **Full details will also be published in the next issue Supplement.**

**September 20 – October 5, 2002: IPS Biennial Post-Tour: Gardens of the Northern Mediterranean.** The 2002 Biennial IPS post-tour is also being organized by Fous de Palmier. It will start off in Barcelona, then segue through Blanès, Alicante, and Malaga before moving over to Italy to see gardens in Palermo, Napoli and Rome. After returning to Nice on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a visit to the Hanbury Gardens in San Remo and the final evening banquet. Everyone will be free to return home on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The Fous websites mentioned above also have details of the post-tour. Details of the Northern Mediterranean Post-Tour will also be presented in the next edition of the **Supplement**:

*[Calendar events are continued on the prior page]*