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# Final Call for Nominations to the Board of Directors of the International Palm Society

The International Palm Society is soliciting nominations for the Board of Directors for the directors' term 2002 to 2006. The election will be in the summer of 2002, but nominations <u>must be received by DECEMBER 15, 2001</u> to allow for ballot distribution with the March 2002, *PALMS*.

If interested in nominating someone (or in being nominated) to the Board of Directors, you must contact Sue Rowlands, Nominating Committee Chairman, and/or Libby Besse, the Administrative Secretary.

A member of the Society must be in good standing for two years before being nominated as a director. The Editors and Bookstore chairman are automatically on the board of directors, as is an outgoing President (for 2 years).

Articles on "Nomination procedures and requirements (as stated in our bylaws)", "Nominating Committee Ballot and Election Guidelines" and "Duties and Expectations: Information for Prospective IPS Directors" were all published in the **Supplement** to the prior **Palms 45(3)** issue. Please check them out if in doubt – or contact one of the above.

Remember! ALL required documents should be received <u>prior to December 15<sup>th</sup></u>. Send by email or regular mail to the Administrative Secretary, Libby Besse with a copy to Sue Rowlands, Nominations Committee Chairman.

There will be directors' positions open in the following areas this election:

- Australia 1
- Southwestern USA 2
- Asia 1
- Hawaii and US Islands 2
- Europe 2
- Southeastern USA 4
- Canada & Northwest USA 1
- South Central USA 1
- Northeastern USA 1

As stated previously, the goal is to have several candidates for each board position, but this will depend on receipt of sufficient qualified nominations. We are looking for your input if you have a qualified candidate in mind.

Please direct all questions concerning nominations, elections and requirements of Directors and processes of the Board of Directors as outlined in the By-Laws of the Society to Sue Rowlands and/or Libby Besse.

Sue Rowlands Nominations Committee Chair Email: Palmyview@cs.com 6966 Hawarden Drive, Riverside, CA 92506 USA

> Libby Besse Administrative Secretary Email: Libbesse@aol.com 6729 Peacock Road, Sarasota, FL 34242, USA

# NEWS FROM AFFILIATES AND MEMBERS

# 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 < pacsoal@ozemail.com.au >. For Seed Bank information, email Rudy Meyer at < pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au >. For more about membership or general inquiries Cuffe email contact Greg bv < pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au >. Also check the **PACSOA** website at http://www.pacsoa.org.au.

## Southern Queensland Group, **PACSOA**

The Southern Queensland Group (SQG) met on September 18th to hear a talk by Jeff Chemnick on Mexican cycads. The next meeting is set for November 20th - more on this meeting in the next Supplement.

The SQG held their October outing at Nick Craig's garden, Granchester.

For information on the Southern Queensland branch of PACSOA, write the Secretary, PACSOA - S.Q.G., P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, or email Daryl O'Connor <a href="mailto:doconnor@austar.com.au">doconnor@austar.com.au</a> or Michael Gray <mikeg@pacsoa.org.au>.

## Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

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

# Far North Oueensland Palm & Cycad Society News

For information on the FNQPACA see http://www.geocities.com/fnqpaca/ or send an email to Bill Beattie, President, at < wmbeattie@hotmail.com >.

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

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

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

Sydney Branch, PACSOA, Chapter of the IPS officers are:

Ian Edwards President:

Hans Olminkhoff Vice President

Peter Kristensen Vice President

Craig Thompson Editor For an informative account of growing palms in Sydney, have a look at Ian Edwards' article, "A Sydney Palm Garden" website the **PACSOA** at http://www.pacsoa.org.au/palms/articles/ Sydney/index.html.

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 >.

## The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, PACSOA Branch

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay [Oueensland, Australia] held their Ninth Fete on the third Sunday of May at the Farleigh Mill Palm Gardens, which the society established nine years ago and continues to maintain. Sales stalls provided the chance for the public to buy arts, crafts, fruit, vegetables, orchids, heliconias, gingers, garden ornaments, cakes, preserves, etc. Five stalls sold mainly palms and a number of species were available.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, the society conducted tours of the Farleigh Mills Palm Garden, with a great turnout. The June regular meeting was held at Queen's Park and members enjoyed the wonderful gardens within the park.

The society met on July 22<sup>nd</sup> for a Plant Competition, Education and Garden Tour, hosted by Louise Randall in West Mackay.

Val and Percy Simonsen of Sarina hosted the August 26th meeting. provided a tour of the garden and palm Members enjoyed the palms, collection. cycad, gingers and lots more. The meeting ended with a plant raffle.

A working bee at the Farleigh Mill Palm Gardens was held on September 23rd. The "bee" was combined with a meeting, BYO lunch and a plant raffle.

The October 28th meeting was in two parts. First there was a tour of Cordyline Nursery, Neales Road, Habana. This was followed by a meeting hosted by Jim and Margaret Bazley, also of Habana.

The society's "Break-up" meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, November 25th, at the Farleigh Mill Palm Gardens.

For more information, write to The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia.

#### South Australian Branch, PACSOA

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

### Rockhampton Palm & Cycad Society, PACSOA Branch

For more information on this Queensland group, send a note to the Rockhampton Palm & Cycad Society, c/o Rockhampton Botanic Gardens, P. O. Box 243, Rockhampton, QLD 4700, Australia or call after hours (Queensland time) 61+(07) 49-361189 [do not dial the '0' from USA].

# Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Society, PACSOA

This PACSOA branch was formed in June 1983, primarily to conserve and protect the endangered NT palm *Ptychosperma bleeseri*, which was located in only eight small rainforest areas near Darwin.

The NTPACS meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm in the John England Building of Berrimah Farm (NT Dept. of Primary Industries and Fisheries). We usually have a field trip on the 3rd or 4th Sunday of the month.

The Magazine of the NTPACS is published 3 to 4 times per year and is sent to all members of the branch as well as to other groups that reciprocate with their publications.

The Northern Territory Palm Society has established or helped to establish:

- Fred's Pass Reserve Palm and Cycad Garden
- Palm Garden at Northern Suburbs RSL Branch
- Resource Garden around Bldg. 42 (Science Bldg.) Northern Territory University - Casuarina Campus

For more information, write the Secretary, Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Society, P. O. Box 37979, Winnellie, N. T., 0821, Australia. You can also contact the President, Peter Thomas by telephone at 61+(08)-8927-5344, or send an email to Dr. H. Ottley at HARVEY@octa4.net.au.

[This information on NTPACS provided courtesy of the PACSOA website, www.pacsoa.org.]

# Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) met on September 25<sup>th</sup> for a presentation by Ian Darke of Richgro Garden Products, who showed members how to test soil PH, as well as providing information about Richgro

products for seed raising, potting and mulching. The September short talk was by Vice-President Don Clemkey on the three species of beautiful *Latania* palms: Red Latan (*Latania lontaroides*), Yellow Latan (*L. verschaffeltii*) and the Blue Latan (*L. loddigesii*).

PACSOWA met again on October 23rd. David Hammer, Chief Arboriculturist at Perth City Council, spoke on the subject of transplanting large palms in Perth. David showed a video he made of moving full-size Canary Island Date Palms (Phoenix Mark Wooldridge canariensis) in Perth. gave a short talk on the genus Pritchardia, beautiful fan palms from the Pacific, predominantly Hawaii. There are many different species in Perth and they are very difficult to tell apart. Members were encouraged to either bring specimens in or perhaps bring a leaf along. Raffle prizes included Chambevronia macrocarpa, Sabal etonia, Dioon edule, a couple of Suckering Fishtail Palms (Carvota mitis), Dypsis Nikau Palm (Rhopalostylis decipiens. Bottle Palm (Hyophorbe sapida), lagenicaulis), a couple of Pseudophoenix vinifera and a large Butia capitata.

Eleven members participated in the most productive September 23<sup>rd</sup> Gascoyne Park "busy bee". Tasks performed on the day were pruning, planting, fertilizing and transplanting. A huge specimen of Dictyosperma album (Princess Palm) was dug up from East Perth and transplanted in the center of the park next to the playground. Many thanks go to Don Clemkey for organizing the gift of this palm from the Perth City Council and the Archbishop Goody Hostel to our Society, also thanks to Gary Pike, Frank Bancroft, Steve Warren and Barry Shelton, who undertook the task of moving this superb specimen.

Additional "busy bees" were also scheduled for October 21 and November 18.

Once a year PACSOWA has a gathering dedicated to *Rhapis* palms, a very specialized palm genus. The 2001 gathering was set for November 11th at Tony and Rose Marie Bowyer's place, 14 Wardong Road, Westminster. Tony will demonstrate his successful method of planting *Rhapis* in waterwells. Members were invited to bring in specimens, sick or near-dead ones for advice or sympathy and magnificent ones for admiration or envy.

The PACSOWA Annual Sale and Display will be held on November 24-25<sup>th</sup> at the Canning Agricultural Hall, Albany Highway. Frank Bancroft is coordinator.

Norm Patterson, Vice-President, (and one of our few original members) will host the Annual Christmas party on December 8th at the magnificent palm garden he and his wife Gwen have in High Wycombe.

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

Also check out the PACSOWA website http://palmswest.wawebsite.com.au.

# Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society held an Open House and Tour on September 8<sup>th</sup>. The tour began in Cloverdale, and ended in Tsawwassen.

Following last year's planting of two Jubaea chilensis alongside the other palms at Vancouver's English Bay, two new species of palms were planted this spring. Thanks to Gerard Pury for his donation of a large Butia capitata and Jay Akerley (PCWP&EPS webmaster) for his donation of a rare Butia bonneti, both of which appear to be establishing themselves well in their new home. Let's hope for another mild winter! The society has been involved in the planting of nearly 100 palms at English Bay, including six species.

The last PNWP&EPS general meeting for 2001 is planned for November 26<sup>th</sup> at VanDusen Gardens. Elections will also be held in November.

Meetings are scheduled for 2002 on March 25<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and November 25<sup>th</sup>, all at Van Dusen Gardens.

For more information on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society or its journal, *Hardy Palm International*, send an email to the society at jubaeas@yahoo.com or visit on the Internet at http://www.palms.org/pacific.

## Association Chambeyronia 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: < philipalm@offratel.nc >.

## Palmeraie-Union, the La Réunion Chapter

For 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

# Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

See separate articles in this *Supplement* on the European Biennial and the Post-Biennial Tour scheduled for 2002. For more information and regular updates, we invite you to visit our website:

http://www.chez.com/palmiers/biennale.php For more information about Fous de

Palmiers contact me at:

manatte@libertysurf.fr Steve Swinscoe

# La Asociación Espanola de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]

For more about the Spanish Palm Society, La Asociación Espanola de Amigos de las Palmas, please email the 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 No. 14 (August 2001) featured several interesting articles on palms and other tropical plants. It featured several articles focused on palms of the genus Brahea, focusing on culture of various There were also interesting photographs of a clustering and branching Phoenix roebelinii. Also covered in detail were Manureva's Nov-Dec 2000 trip to Australia and New Zealand, as well as a follow-up visit to Nong Nooch Gardens in Thailand that December. Other articles focused on Brugmansia, Datura and the large Cyathea ferns. The journal also described meetings and events attended by members. Manureva Manureva published in the French language with almost all photographs if full color.

If you need information on *Manureva* or any of the above, please contact René Coativy via fax 33 (0) 4 94 64 74 71 or send an email to < r.coativy@libertysurf.fr >.

#### **European Palm Society**

Two-year on-line membership is now £20, with three-year total reduced to £24. Single-year rates remain at £12. Hard copy *Chamaerops* subscription is £15. See details at the EPS website www.palmsociety.org or contact Martin Gibbons by fax on +44 20 8255 6192.

## New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

For more information on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society, email their IPS Affiliate Correspondent Colin Ferguson at < colferg@xtra.co.nz >.

#### South African Palm Society

For information on the South African Palm Society, visit http://www.sapalm.co.za or contact the Secretary, Louise van Rensen, telephone +27 12 3762733 business and +27 12 3762413 home, or email to < info@sapalm.co.za >. You may also write for information to The South African Palm Society, PO Box 48309, Hercules 0030, South Africa.

#### Hawaii Island Palm Chapter

On August 6<sup>th</sup>, the Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) welcomed Colombian botanist Alvaro Calonje, who presented slides of *Chigua* and *Zamia* cycads as well as other Colombian plants (including palms). He is quite knowledgeable about Colombian palms and cycads and also has a seed propagation business in Colombia.

A Walking Tour of Palms of Paradise nursery was held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Owner Jerry Hunter, from California, was on hand to comment and answer questions. This was a great opportunity to view a number of large and interesting palms.

A Kona meeting and field trip was scheduled for Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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On October 7<sup>th</sup>, HIPS held a major "brainstorming session" at the Lundkvist residence to discuss ideas and preliminary plans for the 2004 Biennial meeting of the

International Palm Society. HIPS will be the hosting chapter for this event. Another brief planning session was held just prior to the October 26<sup>th</sup> general meeting.

Ray Baker of Lyon Arboretum gave a presentation to HIPS on October 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ag-Center. Ray is the curator of palms at the arboretum and is probably one of Hawaii's most knowledgeable experts on palms. His presentation gave a closer look at a variety of palms.

A Zoo plant tour has been scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>. Details will be given in the next *Supplement* Issue.

HIPS Annual BBQ and Palm Auction is set for January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002 at 5:00pm.

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.

# Nettle Caterpillar Advisory issued in Hawaii

Specimens of a stinging nettle caterpillar (Lepidoptera: Limacocidae) have been found on Rhapis palms at a nursery in Panaewa on the island of Hawaii in September 2001. Although identification has not yet been determined, it is suspected to originate from Southeast Asia. The caterpillar reaches a maximum length of one inch. A dark longitudinal stripe runs down the back of the caterpillar that is also covered in spines. moth is brown and about 1/2 inch long.

Surveys reveal that the infestation is limited to an area of *Rhapis* palm grown commercially at Panaewa. Surveys outside this area and on Oahu have not uncovered any other infestations of this caterpillar. It feeds on older *Rhapis* leaves and is also a health concern because of the stinging spines that cause burning and itching of the skin.

Anyone seeing this caterpillar should report it immediately to the Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture at 973-9522 (Oahu), 974-4141 (Island of Hawaii), 873-3555 (Maui) or 274-3069 (Kauai). You many also contact the Plant Pest Control Branch on at www.hawaii ag.org/hdoa/npa/npa01-03\_netcat.pdf (New Pest Advisory No. 01-03, Oct 2001).

## 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).

# Palm Society of Southern California

The Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) was held at Jardin Topagonia in Los Angeles County on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting and garden tour was hosted by Leland Lai. Members and guests enjoyed the great variety of palms that Leland has planted in this Topango Canyon hideaway.

The November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will offer the opportunity to visit four gardens with a "great diversity of palms and companion plants", per the PSSC website. The San Clemente gardens to be visited include:

- Bob and Jennifer DeJong's garden
- Rick and Marianne Luna's garden
- Garden of Walt and Marla Frey
- Jerry and Kathy Andersen's garden

The day's activities will conclude with a 50/50 auction where the donor splits the proceeds with the PSSC. A more detailed report on these garden tours will be given in the next *Supplement* issue.

Future 2002 meetings scheduled include

- January 19<sup>th</sup>, Annual Banquet
- March 16<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>, San Diego area

Visit the PSSC website on http://palms.org/socal/ for more information on the Southern California Palm Society.

#### Northern California Chapter, IPS

The Northern California Chapter of the International Palm Society met on the afternoon of Saturday, September 22nd at the home of Walnut Creek home and garden of former IPS President, Mr. Richard Douglas. The chapter provided light refreshments.

Dick Douglas's large, well-established 29 year old garden is located on just over an acre. There are examples of mature palms not normally seen in Northern California. Among the many palms of note are a flowering Nannorrhops ritchiana and a Jubaea x Butia hybrid. The garden also contains several interesting Sabal and Brahea species, a large Trachycarpus wagnerianus and quite possibly the largest Trithrinax campestris this side of Santa

Barbara. There is much more! The chapter held a short business meeting as well as our palm auction.

Our November meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland. Details of this meeting will be provided in the next Supplement issue.

The Chapter is now looking for meeting sites for next year. If you are interested in hosting a chapter meeting in 2002, or know of a suitable site to suggest, please contact Dan Sekella at (925) 825-8966 or by email at < sekella@pacbell.net >.

Tim Cooke < trcooke@earthlink.net >

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

#### Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the International Palm Society met on June 10<sup>th</sup> at the north end of Pensacola Bay Bridge Wayside Park, Pensacola, Florida. President Tom Mignerey conducted the meeting after a brief tour of nearby palm plantings created by Chapter members. The plantings were mostly of *Phoenix canariensis* at the Five Flags Display and at Bartram Park. During the meeting, each area leader reported on progress of palm plantings in their respective areas (Pensacola, Mobile and Panama City).

The Chapter planted four more sizable *P. canariensis* and 22 three-gallon *Sabal palmetto* in Pensacola on July 20-21. VP Larry Morris and President Tom Mignerey, along with Jim Wallace, Paul White and Joe Taverniti the working party for this effort.

Maxwell and Gloria Stewart hosted the Fall 2001 meeting at the home in Mobile on October 28<sup>th</sup>. It featured a tour of Maxwell's Palm Garden.

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 Society (SFPS) met on October 1<sup>st</sup> to hear Scott Zona speak on the genus *Pseudophoenix* (Buccaneer)

The Society held a field trip and BBQ on October 6<sup>th</sup> to the Montgomery Botanical

Center. Members viewed over 400 species of palms and over 200 species of cycads. After the tour, a help session was held.

As we go to press, the "World's largest sale of rare and exotic palms" will be held at Fairchild Tropical Garden on November 3 and 4. Dozens of growers, both amateur and professional are offering hundreds of rare and interesting palms for sale. More information on this in the next *Supplement*.

The University of Miami invited the South Florida Palm Society to host a barbecue/picnic at the Gifford Arboretum at the university on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Tours of the University's palmetum and the Gifford Arboretum were scheduled.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the society will hold its Holiday Party, elections and a giant auction. Last year's party was most acclaimed, so don't miss this event. Call Steve Stern (305-246-3125) for reservations.

In late January, there will be a help session barbecue/picnic at the Metro Zoo nursery maintained by the SFPS.

Requests for South Florida Palm Society information (and current publications) should be sent to Steve Stern by email to < rarepalm@gateway.net >.

#### Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society (PBPCS) met on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Mounts Botanical Garden. Mike Harris spoke on *Palms of Belize*.

Chris Migliaccio is scheduled to give a presentation on the *Cloud Forests of Costa Rica* at the November 7<sup>th</sup> PBPCS meeting.

The 2001 Fall Plant Sale was held at Okeeheelee Park on October 13-14<sup>th</sup>. Other meetings scheduled for 2001 include:

The October 2001 *Palm & Cycad Times*, journal of the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society, featured an article on treating cold damaged palms by Alan Meerow, a brief article on Vegetable Ivory (*Phytelephas macrocarpa*) and a profile on member Chris Covington, both by Susanna Walker. Also presented was a summary of 2001 society meetings held to date.

PBPCS Officers for 2001-2002 are:

- President, Mike Harris (Lantana, FL) <Palmz@gate.net>
- Past President: Rick Kern (Loxahatchee,)
   <allaboutgrowing@mindspring.com>
- Sales Chairman: Chris Covington (Jupiter) <a href="mailto:cuvy@webtv.com">cuvy@webtv.com</a>

- Program Chair: Betty Ahlborn (Loxahatchee)<paddlefootfarm@webtv.net>
- Planting Chair: Pat Encinosa (W Palm Bch) <a href="mailto:betcpatl966@cs.com">betcpatl966@cs.com</a>
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   <cycadnut@gate.net >
- Librarian: Charlie Beck (Lantana)

For more information on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact one of the above officers, as appropriate.

#### Florida Horticulturist Award

A commercial member of the International Palm Society was recently honored as Outstanding Commercial Horticulturist for 2001. The press release read as follows.

At the Awards Ceremony on Sunday June 10, 2001 the Florida State Horticultural Society Directors honored a long time nursery industry person. For the first time ever, the Outstanding Commercial Horticulturist Award was bestowed upon a Florida Nurserymen & Growers Association member. Murray Corman owner of Garden Of Delights, Davie, Florida has worked for 25 years in Florida's plant industry.

With a BS in Agricultural Economics from Clemson University, Murray has worked as Agricultural **Products** an Specialist with Florida's Bureau of Plant Inspection; in the Foliage industry as a grower; and as a consultant to the Horticulture Industry in Florida, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. He is currently serving as Chairman of the Broward/Palm Beach County Farm Service Agency Committee and serves on the Board of several Horticulture and Environmental groups.

#### Palm Fest 2001\

Palm Fest 2001, sponsored by the Palm and Cycad Societies of Florida and the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society was held on September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> in the Tampa / St. Petersburg, Florida, area.

The Palm Fest 2001 opened with checkin at Dr. U. A. Young's in Tampa (and a tour of Dr. Young's garden). After lunch on your own, participants will leave for a tour of Ted Langley's garden. That evening will feature a social and banquet.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Andrew Henderson, a well-known author and researcher. Among his works is *Field Guide to Palms of the Americas*. He conducts guided tours through the Amazon region and his presentation centered on the region's numerous endemic palm species.

Sunday began with a tour of Phil Stager's garden, followed by a catered lunch and tour of Gizella Kopsick Palm Arboretum. The day concluded with a giant plant auction.

# News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS) attended a Palm and Cycad Sale at the University of Central Florida arboretum on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

The CFPACS Seed Bank has distributed a number of seeds recently, with proceeds that benefit the chapter treasury. Palm seeds included Carpentaria acuminata, Coccothrinax argentata, C. miraguama, Licuala spinosa, Livistona benthamii, Phoenix sylvestris ['blue' form], and Syagrus schizophylla

The Phoenix sylvestris seeds were a donation from habitat in India. The remaining seeds, with the exception of the Livistona, were from cultivated Florida plants. These Livistona plants uncultivated amidst mangroves of the brackish Indian River Lagoon isolated from other palms. Quoting in part from a book by Bob Riffle, it grows along the edges of lagoons, swamps and rivers in extreme tropical Queensland and the Northern Territory of Australia and New Guinea, and yet in Florida it thrives in wet locations in Zone 9 [surviving extreme cold to at least the level of 20 deg. F]. Thanks to Charlene Palm for taking care of the seedbank from late October through the end of November. If anyone has seeds to donate for distribution contact her at < cgpalm@ worldnet.att.net > or call (321) 777-2046. Her mailing address is 220 Ocean Spray Ave., Satellite Beach, Florida 32937.

For more on CFPACS, check out the website at http://www.cfpacs.com/, email

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

2001 meeting The Fall of the Southeastern Palm and Exotic Plant Society (SPEPS) on October 13th at homes of two long-time SPEPS members in Burke County, GA. The meeting began with a tour the Waynesboro, GA, gardens of Don and Belinda Coleman. Don serves as SPEPS vice president and the Coleman garden features a wide selection of palms, cycads, bananas, Eucalyptus and hardy citrus. In the afternoon, the group proceeded to the garden of and Chuck and Barbara Mooney. Chuck has assembled an array of palms, many mature and fruiting. Specimens include an 8-foot Livistona decipiens, Butia X Syagrus, Brahea clara, Sabal sp. (from Tamaulipas, Mexico), Butia eriospatha and B. vatay.

The Tamaulipas Sabal (called Sabal sp. 'Tamaulipas') is shown in bloom on the cover of the Fall 2001 issue of **Rhapidophyllum**, the SPEPS journal and is also the subject of an article on this palm in the same issue. This distinctive palm has been identified as "a distinct population of S. minor." While that may be the case, it has seeds almost twice the size of typical S. minor with leaves that are larger, thicker and more costapalmate than an average S. minor.

Following the meeting, an excursion was planned to the nearby Ogeechee River to see *Rhapidophyllum hystrix* and *Sabal minor* in their natural habitat.

SPEPS meetings planned for 2002 are:

- February 16<sup>th</sup> (Winter Meeting) at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Garden near Savannah, GA
- April 27<sup>th</sup> at the garden of Mike Turner in Marietta, South Carolina (Spring 2002 Meeting)
- June 29th at the nursery and garden of Gary Hollar in New Bern, North Carolina (Summer 2002 Meeting)
- October 12<sup>th</sup> at the garden of Bill Manley in Stockbridge, GA (Fall Mtg.)

Rhapidophyllum, a quarterly publication of SPEPS, is included with membership. It is devoted to articles about palms and other plants growing in USDA zones 7-9. Publication months are September, December, March and June. It contains articles and photographs from members and friends of the Society. SPEPS

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For additional information, visit the SPEPS web site at www.speps.net.

#### Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

The Louisiana Palm & Cycad Society has grown to 130 members since it formed on May 22, 1988 (as the Louisiana Chapter of the IPS). The name was recently changed to reflect members' equal interest in cycads.

A general meeting was held on September 9<sup>th</sup> at Longue Vue House and Gardens in New Orleans, LA. Local member, Kay Long, arranged use of the truly wonderful "Playhouse" meeting room.

The September issue of the *Et Ceteras* newsletter included a feature on *Brahea armata* (Blue Hesper Palm or Mexican Blue Palm), along with a corresponding cycad feature (*Ceratozamia mexicana*) and various items of interest to local members.

For 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.

# News from the Palm Society of South Texas

Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) officers are currently:

- Chairman: John Volk (San Antonio) <iamiv@yahoo.com>
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Thad and Alice Magyar hosted the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting at their home in Santa Rosa. The PSST will meet on December 1, 2001 at Charlie & Lana Vieh's in San Benito. PSST will conduct their traditional gift exchange of palm-related gifts.

Meetings already scheduled for 2002:

- September 2002 Gunter and Gaby Schmidt in Ingleside on the Bay
- October 2002 The Volks' Gardens in San Antonio

PSST is offering a beautiful full-color T-shirt that can be viewed and ordered from their website. The website also has photos of each meeting, dates of upcoming meetings and information about membership. Visit at http://www.raingardens.com/psst/. For more information you many also email one of the officers (email addresses given above).

#### Florida First Coast Chapter News

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>.

## Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida News

The Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida met on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the home of Faith and John Bishock in Sarasota. After a tour of the six-acre collection and greenhouse, Faith planned to give her program on the Palms of New Caledonia.

New officers elected at the May 2001 meeting were:

- President: Dave Salmanowitz (Bonita Springs)
- Vice Presidents: Faith and John Bishock (Sarasota),
- Secretary: Sally Betts, (Punta Gorda)
- Treasurer: Geri Prall, (Cape Coral)
- Directors: Geri and David Prall.

The email address for the chapter is SW\_FL\_PalmCycad@hotmail.com. The society website is www.plantapalm.com

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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 send by regular mail to Jim at 12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077, USA.

# **BOOKSTORE UPDATE**

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CHAMAEDORRA PALMS (D Hodel, 1992, 350pp., 127pp. superb color- Excellent)330.00	new species!)\$10.00
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GENERA PALMERUM (Dransfield & Uhl, 1987, key/ description of all Palm Genera, 600pp., 200 b/w & 30 color photos, soft bound)	41pp., 21 photos, some cotor)
GROWING COCONUTS IN SOUTH FLORIDA (Romney, 1997, 67pp., spiral bound paperback)	1985, 55pp., 39pp., photos, 8 color)
GROWING PALMS- THE DIAMOND LANE GUIDE (Don Tollefson, 1997, sage advice on all aspects of palm horticulture; spiral bound,	color)
IDESTIFYING PALMS (M Gibbons, 1993, 80pp., 126 color photos, compact, useful, hardbound, intro-to-palms, gaide)	200+ color photos)
LAS PALMAS DE LAS SABAMAS DE VENEZUELA (A Braun 1995; Spanish, softbound, 59 pp.) only 3 copies left	color photos)
LEXICOT PALMARUM (Dransfield & Beentje, 64pp., 60 drawings- glossary of botanical terms)	39 cycads, cultivational info, softbound)
MABUAL TO THE PALMS OF ECUADOR (Borchsenius, Pedersen & Balsleo, 1998, 217pp., 16 in color)	illustrations/photos, softbound, in Journal Telopea 8(1)
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PALMERAS DE BOLIVIA (Balsiev & Moraes, 1989, 99pp., 18 b/w photos, paperback- in Spanish)	THE PALMS OF RIO'S JARDIM BOTANICO (1992, 15pp., some color)
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## Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

Mark and Rosie Chambers hosted the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Houston (Texas) Area Chapter of the International Palm Society at their home in Kingwood, north of Houston. It was nice to see so *many Syagrus romanzoffiana* and *Phoenix* sp. doing so well in this cooler area. In addition to touring the garden, members and guests were treated to grilled chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings.

The September meeting to be held at Horticultural Consultants was canceled, as host Grant Stephenson was in the process of moving his huge plant inventory to the new location at Hwy. 288 and Belfort.

The October 20th chapter meeting and Member's Sale at the Hobbs' Palmetum was hosted by Horace and Cynthia. The garden was lovely with many nice specimen palms. Horace prepared a self-guided tour booklet that gave a great deal of information about the major palm plantings in the garden. The garden tour was concluded with Cynthia's famous Mexican tamale dinner, followed by a raffle with all proceeds going to the chapter. Raffle palms included three 6-foot specimens of Rhapis excelsa, a 5-gallon Arenga engleri, two 5-gallon Chamaedorea metallica, smaller specimens of Kentiopsis olivaeformis, Livistona saribus (green ghiesbrechtiana, spines), Calyptrogyne Chamaedorea radicalis, Wodyetia bifurcata, macroglossa, **Kentiopsis** Copernicia and a small Rhapis piersoniorum, laosensis X humilis ('Alicea'). In addition there were cycads (a 5-gallon Encephalartos gratis and two 2-gallon Dioon spinulosum) as well as a few aroids. Thanks to Horace, many members and guests took plants home.

For more on the Houston Chapter of the IPS, please visit the chapter's website at www.palms.org/houston/index.htm or email:

Paul Norris, President, < poollovers@pdq.net >

# Asociación Venezolana de Palmas (Venezuelan Palm Society)

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A detailed itinerary for the IPS 2002 Biennial (September 19-27) was provided in the last issue *Supplement* to *Palms* 45(3). This issue features similar details for the 2002 Post Biennial Tour. You may also check them both out on the Fous website: http://www.chez.com/palmiers/biennale.php or send an email to Steve Swinscoe, < Manatte@libertysurf.fr > or visit the IPS website, http://www.palms.org.

# Post Tour for IPS Biennial 2002 Les Jardins du Sud Méditerranéen September 27 – October 4 Itinerary

## Friday, September 27 (Day 7)

We fly from Nice to Alicante via Barcelona in the evening and then transfer to Elche, where we spend our first night in Spain at the Hotel Huerto del Cura.

- Hotel in Elche

#### Saturday, September 28 (Day 8)

After breakfast in our hotel we visit the ancient palm grove of Elche, accompanied by F.P. Melendez, Director of the City Parks Department. Lunch at the municipal park followed by visits there and to the European Phoenix Research Station. Late afternoon visit to the Botanical Garden Huerto del Cura with Santiago Orts followed by dinner and a conference. (Same hotel as above)

# Sunday, September 29 (Day 9)

Day excursion south to Cartagena to see native stands of both *Chamærops humilis* and wild *Phoenix*, including talks, a visit to Cap de Palos for lunch and the Mar Menor. We return to Elche for our evening flight from Alicante to Malaga via Madrid.

• Hotel in Malaga

## Monday, September 30 (Day 10)

Morning visit of the "Jardin de la Concepcion", where we will be welcomed

by José Antonio del Canizo, author of the book Palmeras and curator of this botanical garden, followed by bus excursion to Marbella and picnic lunch and visit with Gunther Brütt in his garden there. Return to Malaga for visits and dinner. (Above hotel)

#### Tuesday, October 1 (Day 11)

Early we fly in an early morning departure from Malaga to Rome via Barcelona, with noontime arrival. Afternoon tour of the city, visit of the botanical garden and the Villa Doria Pamphili, followed by late evening flight to Palermo on the island of Sicily at the southern tip of Italy.

• Hotel in Palermo

#### Wednesday, October 2 (Day 12)

We will visit the botanical garden of Palermo and the Puccio and Villa Malfitano gardens. Evening flight to Naples.

• Hotel in Naples

#### Thursday, October 3 (Day 13)

We will visit the prestigious Naples botanical garden and take a hydrofoil ride to the island of Capri. Our late afternoon departure by express train (or bus) from Naples will take us to Rome, for a free evening in the Eternal City.

• Hotel in Rome

#### Friday, October 4 (Day 14)

Friday morning, we will fly from Rome to Nice. We will then travel by bus from Nice to San Remo, just beyond the French-Italian border, visiting the Hanbury Garden with Paola Profumo and then Claudio Littardi, President of the Palm Research Center based in Sanremo, will welcome us. Here we will visit the numerous gardens of that city of the Italian Riviera. We will have our farewell dinner here and then return by bus to Nice. This will be our last night in Nice and the end of the post tour program.

• Hotel in Nice

For more information on either the 2002 Biennial or the associated Post-Biennial Tour, please check the Fous web site or write to:

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# Gardens to be Visited: IPS Biennial 2000

#### JARDIN DU RAYOL

(Rayol-Canadel). Former private garden, now overseen by the Coastline Conservancy, it has been largely redesigned by the wellknown European landscape architect, Gilles In this park devoted to Clement. Mediterranean plants, Clement has narrowed the perspectives, creating different climatic zones with endemic plants from countries such as Chile, Australia, South Africa and also California. So when it comes to palms one can see native Chamaerops humilis but also Jubaea, Rhopalostylis, etc. The botanist Macquart-Moulin will guide us through this garden ending with the aperitif on the private beach below.

#### **PORQUEROLLES**

(Island of Porquerolles). The mission of the Conservancy is to preserve all the historic varieties of Mediterranean fruit, including, of course, the date palm. When, in the 1980's, the USA decided to end in-vitro date palm culture, France, with its experience with North African oases, bought the *Phoenix dactylifera* collection. France couldn't have found a better place to plant this collection. Mr. Boillot, botanist for the conservancy, will accompany us here.

#### JARDIN DES PALMIERS

(Island of Porquerolles). To finalize the last real estate development to be authorized on the island, the promoter included, as an integral part of his project, a garden of over 2 acres, devoted to a collection of palms and cycads. There will also be a small building, La Maison du Palmier (Palm House), which will house the library of Fous de Palmiers. In this garden we'll plant together the Biennial Palm to commemorate the event.

#### JARDIN OLBIUS RIQUIER

(Hyères les Palmiers). Created during the nineteenth century by Geoffroy Saint Hilaire, at the time Director of the Jardin d'Acclimatation of Paris, this garden was the site of a large number of plant introductions. More than a century later many beautiful specimens of palms, Agave and Australian plants continue to flourish here. The city of Hyères has made an important effort, currently underway, to plant rare species and, in a few years, the rich collection of bygone days will be renewed. Pierre Quillier, botanist for the city, will escort us through this garden.

#### TROPICAL BIRD GARDEN

(La Londe les Maures). The garden was created in 1989 on the site of the former arboretum in La Londe Les Maures. acres host remarkable fifteen consisting of many different species of Eucalyptus and tropical plants. The animal collection is unique because the rarity of the birds on view for the public. ornithological and botanical garden, this park plays an important role as an acclimatization and reproduction center and, as such, it maintains exceptional genetic stock. The garden participates in a number of international breeding programs and contributes to the protection of endangered species. It is a veritable bird's paradise. Both Dupuyoo, father and son, will be happy to share their passion with us.

# PROMENADE DES ANGLAIS AND PARC DE L'INDOCHINE

(Nice). The Parc de l'Indochine on Fabron Avenue is the work of landscape architect Octave Godard (1877-1958) executed for Mr. de Grimaldi. The southern portion has gigantic exotics as well as row plantings of palms. The famous Promenade des Anglais borders the Baie des Anges (Bay of Angels), a symbol of the city of Nice. The waterfront is lined with exotic vegetation, testimony to the mild climate of the Côte d'Azur.

#### PARC PHOENIX

(Nice). Created in 1989, this floral park covers over 18 acres at the western entrance to the city of Nice, near the airport. It is a garden of many facets: aquatic with the lake, Alpine rapids and fountains, floral with the garden of colors, the garden of aromatic herbs and the rose garden. There is also an important greenhouse complete with a waterfall and varied climates, planted with an extensive collection of tropical vegetation. Anne Gely will accompany us in our tour of the park.

#### LA CROISETTE

(Cannes) This public park lines the seashore between the municipal casino to the west and the summer casino to the east. The promenade overlooks the sandy beach and Bay of Cannes and the Lerins islands. It is, of course, the home of the world famous Film Festival. The exotic vegetation, dominated by palms, reminds us how mild the climate is here.

# JARDIN BOTANIQUE OF THE VILLA THURET

(Antibes). Designed in the style of the Second Empire, this garden was created by

the botanist Gustav Thuret (1817-1875) and enriched by his successor, Charles Naudin (1815-1899) and covers about nine acres and contains more than 3,000 species of woody plants from tropical and warm temperate zones. Since 1855 more than 60,000 species or varieties have been tested and the garden currently maintains important collections of palms, cycads, *Eucalyptus* and *Pittosporum*, to name just a few. Curator Catherine Ducatillion will be our guide.

# JARDIN BOTANIQUE OF THE VILLA LES CEDRES

(Saint Jean-Cap Ferrat). Designed during the nineteenth century by the landscape architects, Frenchman Jules Vacherot and Englishman Harold Peto, for King Leopold II of Belgium, this private garden, covering more than 30 acres, faces the Alpine foothills to the north and is bordered by the sea to the east and west, giving it a tropical micro-climate. Beginning in 1922, and thanks to the passion of a family of collectors, the garden has been enriched with succulents, epiphytes, tree ferns and palms; it is surely the largest and finest collection of palms and cycads of the Riviera. President and IPS Director Jacques Deleuze will oversee our visit.

#### **PIAN**

(Menton). Former property of the Feraldo de Castro family, this 8-acre park is a vast olive grove, with 400 trees several hundred years old planted in terraces, overlooking the Bay of Menton. It is a vestige of groves that once lined the entire coastline.

#### **MARIA SERENA**

(Menton). The villa was built for Ferdinand de Lesseps by an architect from the school of Charles Garner on a 5-acre site. A palm garden above the basse corniche right on the French-Italian border, the walkways and home are surrounded by subtropical essences, mostly palms and cycads. The Director of the City Parks Department will answer our questions while guiding us.

# JARDIN BOTANIQUE EXOTIQUE OF VAL RAHMEH

(Menton). Property of the French Natural History Museum, the garden assembles plants from Mediterranean climates, both warm and temperate. Garavan's mild microclimate permits the acclimation of numerous species, including tree ferns. There is a beautiful avenue lined with palms and, in the wild garden, a fountain designed by landscape architect Humphrey Waterfield (1908-1971).

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# Gardens to be Visited Les Jardins du Sud Méditerranéen IPS Post-Biennial Tour 2000 September 27 – October 4

#### THE PALM GROVE OF ELCHE

(Alicante). One of two major palm groves of Europe (along with Bordighera in Italy) it was probably first established by Arabs centuries ago and has been renovated in recent times by the city of Elche. This oasis is truly exceptional for both the luxuriant growth and the density of date palms (*Phoenix dactylifera*). It is the center for production of bleached fronds for Palm Sunday and Passover celebrations.

#### **HUERTO DEL CURA**

(Elche). A private collection of palms planted by a dynasty of nurserymen, it includes practically every species that can be grown at this latitude. The gardens are supported by the world-famous nursery of the same name, Huerto del Cura. The collection includes an exceptional and rare *Phoenix dactylifera* with eight crowns.

#### **CONCEPCION GARDEN**

(Malaga). Already an extensive botanical garden in the nineteenth century, this garden

features all the palms that can be acclimated at this latitude. It is surely the largest collection of adult specimens of palms in Europe and includes almost 60 different species. The curator is the author of the book in Spanish, *Palmeras*.

#### **PALERMO GARDENS**

(Sicily). In the Puccio Garden, we will see palms that have never been tested elsewhere in Italy and, in some cases, anywhere else in Europe. The Whitaker Foundation has assembled a remarkable collection of rare palms in the garden of the Villa Malfitano. The botanical garden has recently created a new palmetum with numerous interesting species.

#### NAPLES BOTANICAL GARDEN

(Naples). The reputation of this garden is due to three notable collections, the palms, the tree ferns and, most important, the cycads, started in the nineteenth century and constantly expanded and renewed. It is, without a doubt, the most prestigious collection of cycads in Europe.

#### ROME BOTANICAL GARDEN

(Rome). A few years ago this garden was the subject of an article in Principes. Here we will see remarkable trees, including rare palms like *Nannorrhops ritchiana* and

Trachycarpus takil grown from seed collected by Beccari.

#### VILLA DORIA PAMPHILI

(Rome). The ultimate "Jardin à l'Italienne".

#### **JARDIN HANBURY**

(Vintimiglia). This is a vast garden of acclimatization created in 1867 by the Hanbury brothers, exceptional both for its location and exceptional climate. It is of major botanical interest in a magical spot overlooking the Mediterranean and even in winter this garden is full of rich colors and fascinating forms.

#### VILLA ORMOND

(Sanremo, Italian Riviera) This beautiful park was finished in 1889. It is a vast green oasis full of exotic vegetation, dominated by architectural elements including the villa and an ancient fountain with putti. The most remarkable specimens of palms are grouped together in the Palmetum including a splendid *Trithrinax campestris*.

#### PARC MARSAGLIA

(Sanremo, Italian Riviera) The garden is all that remains following the demolition of the splendid villa Marsaglia after the Second World War. It is one of the most interesting gardens of the city, thanks to the multitude of exotic species found here. The park is an integral part of the green spaces shared by neighboring hotels.

# CALENDAR: Upcoming Palm Tours and Travels

#### 2001

Dec. 1, 2001 All Soul's 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Arts Home Tour and Garden Tea, Point Loma (San Diego County), California. This year's event includes the Palm Garden of Dennis Willoughby, featuring with over 189 varieties of palms. For tickets or further information, call the church office (619)-223-6394 or email Janet Sanford at < sanfordchef@home.com >. Cost is \$18 advance / \$20 tour day purchase.

#### 2002

February 14-18, 2002: New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society trip to Lord Howe Island. The NZP&CS plans this trip to give their members a rare chance to see four unique palms growing in habitat in their only natural home on earth. Hedyscepe canterburyana, Lepidorrhachis mooreana, Howea forsteriana and H. belmoreana occur naturally nowhere other than Lord Howe

Island. For more information, contact Dick Endt in New Zealand via phone at 64+ (9) 818-6361 or fax him at 64+ (9) 818-6391. You may also email Dick at < landsendt@paradise.net.nz >

September 20-27, 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. Full Biennial schedule details were given in a separate write-up preceding the *calendar* feature in the previous *Supplement*. Details of the gardens to be visited are addressed elsewhere in this issue. Full details of both the Biennial and the Northern Mediterranean Post-Tour are available on the Fous website http://www.chez.com/palmiers/biennale.php.

September 27 – October 5, 2002: IPS Biennial Post-Tour: Gardens of the Northern Mediterranean, Fous de Palmier has also organized the 2002 Biennial IPS post-tour. A detailed itinerary for this event is given elsewhere in this Supplement.

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. 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 email René at <r.coativy@libertysurf.fr >.

#### 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. More information will be provided in future supplements as well as on the IPS website.

#### 2006

**Dates and location to be determined IPS Biennial.** More information will be in future supplements and on the IPS website.

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