

Call for Nominations for IPS Directors 2004 – 2008 Term

It will soon be time for the election of those IPS Directors who will serve for the years 2004 to 2008. If there is anyone you know who can contribute to the goals of the International Palm Society and who is willing to dedicate the time necessary to serve as a Director, please submit his/her name for nomination.

Nominations must be received by the Administrative Secretary, Libby Besse, by **September 30, 2003**. The election ballots will be mailed with the December 2003 issue of *Palms*. Elections results will be published in the June 2004 *Supplement to Palms*.

Nominating requirements: A candidate must have been a Member of the Society for two years before being nominated for the position of Director. Any IPS Member may propose a candidate for nomination by writing an email or letter to the Administrative Secretary. A second proposal in writing from another Member is also required. The proposed candidate must submit to the Secretary a written consent of willingness to serve if nominated and elected. The proposed candidate must also send the Secretary a short palm-related biography, which will be included on the ballot.

When the above conditions have been met, the Secretary will forward the proposed candidate's name to the Nominating Committee for consideration as a nominee and selection for the ballot.

Nominating Committee guidelines: Directors are elected for a four-year term with terms staggered so that approximately half the Directors will be installed at each Biennial meeting. The Nominating Committee will use the regional distribution of members as a guide for insuring worldwide representation.

Duties and expectations of the IPS Directors: The Board of 34 Directors has general charge of the affairs and business of the Society including the management of the Society's funds. Directors are expected to take an active role in Board activities by serving on appropriate committees set up for specific tasks and concerns. The Board meets once a year, at the Biennial meeting or at an Interim Meeting (usually held in the USA).

While it is not an absolute requirement, an ability and willingness to travel to all (or most) of the annual Board Meetings at the Director's own expense is, by necessity, a strong consideration used by the Nominating Committee when selecting candidates. Directors are also expected to be accessible by email.

Directors for the 2004 – 2008 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in May 2004 at the time of the Hawaii Biennial.

Questions concerning the nominating and election process may be sent to Randy Moore, Chairman of the Nominating Committee; or Libby Besse, Administrative Secretary. Email messages are preferred.

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The Nominating Committee for the upcoming election is comprised of Randy Moore, Chair, and Libby Besse, Jim Cain, Lester Pancoast, Jeanne Price and Jim Wright.

2004 Biennial News from Hawaii

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) will host the Biennial and Post Tour events for the year 2004. Registration packets will be included with the September 2003 issue of *Palms*. Allen Marketing & Management will handle registration for the biennial. Something new will be the implementation of an on-line registration process. Those who prefer can still FAX or mail in their registration information.

Itinerary details are subject to change, but the following is a rough outline of proposed events. Brief descriptions of some of the private gardens to be visited during the week of the Biennial have been added in this issue. More details, including names of scheduled speakers and descriptions of the private gardens to be visited on the Post Tour, will be available in the September *Supplement*.

Biennial: Saturday, 8th of May: Members of the Board of Directors arrive in Honolulu.

Sunday, 9th of May: the IPS Board of Directors will meet. All attendees should arrive in Honolulu and register at the Pacific Beach Hotel in time for the Welcome Dinner, which will officially open the Biennial that evening.

Monday, 10th of May: we will visit Lyon Arboretum in Manoa Valley. Among the palms not to be missed are four massive *Corypha umbraculifera* that could be from Jurassic Park. Lyon Arboretum has over 600 palm species, some 80 years old.

Tuesday, 11th of May: we will visit Wahi'awa Botanical Garden, cradled between the Waianae and Koolau mountain ranges in Central Oahu. This 27-acre garden and forested ravine dates back to 1920, when it was developed as an experimental arboretum. From Wahi'awa we will continue to Oahu's famous surfing areas on the North Shore on our way to Waimea Falls Arboretum. At Waimea, over 100 genera are planted in groupings by tribe. We end the day at the Polynesian Cultural Center for dinner and will see "Horizons," a revue of song and dance, featuring dancers from the Polynesian Islands, including Hawaii, Tonga, Tahiti and others.

Wednesday, 12th of May: we leave Oahu after a visit to Ho'omaluhia Botanical Garden. These lush 400-acres on windward Oahu feature extensive plantings of palms from around the world, grouped geographically. That afternoon, we take a flight to Hilo on the "Big Island" of Hawaii, a premier palm-growing environment.

Thursday, 13th of May: busses will rotate between two very different palm gardens in rain forest settings in Leilani Estates and a garden in Kapoho, on a lava flow near the ocean.

In Leilani, Bo-Göran and Karolyn Lundkvist's garden is located 25 miles south of Hilo, at about the 750 ft elevation. It consists of five acres in the rainforest of native *Metrosideros polymorpha* (ohi'a) trees. Established in 1996, there are now about 600 species of several thousand individual palms, mostly planted geographically. With an annual rainfall of 130-150 inches, the environment is close to perfect for most of these palms. In addition, the garden has hundreds of other plants, including cycads, bromeliads and flowering ornamentals.

The garden of Lars and Leanne Swann, also located in Leilani Estates, encompasses 3 acres of thick, colorful, manicured landscape. The garden was designed around 200 year-old native ohi'a trees, which are hosts for giant birds-nest ferns that have naturalized in the area. It features over 300 species of palms and many species of cycads. The natural contours of the garden were maintained and the paths meander through a wide variety of tropical flora, shape and texture.

In Kapoho, long-time IPS member Pauline Sullivan's garden provides a beautiful, stark contrast. Located on a much newer lava flow, the forest has not re-generated. Pauline wanted to "showcase" individual palm species, so all plants are well spaced for prime viewing. We'll see the most beautiful silver-gray *Bismarckia nobilis*, *Arenga brevipes*, *Hydriastele beccariana* and hundreds of other species on mounded "islands" created by hauling in truckloads of black cinder.

Friday, 14th of May: busses will rotate between three private gardens and the Panaewa Rainforest Zoo, where the Hawaii Island Palm Society has planted over 100 species of palms. The palms have now been joined by plantings of bamboo and tropical rhododendrons by the Bamboo and the Vireya Societies.

Floribunda Palms and Exotics owned by Jeff and Suchin Marcus, was started in 1987. Located near Kurtistown, Jeff's collection was planted to help preserve rare palms and to provide his nursery with seed. The garden is the result of extensive travels to acquire rare palm seeds from all over the world and contains hundreds of rare species. Jeff has just purchased the adjoining 3 acres to continue planting his huge collection and pursuing his dream of providing a palm botanical lifeboat.

Garrin Fullington's garden was begun 17 years ago on what was then lava rock and scrub "forest" 16 miles SE of Hilo. This garden features a wide variety of palms from all over the world, landscaped into a design by the owner which also exhibits Garrin's interests in tropical fruit trees, tropical flowering trees, orchids, bromeliads, tropical rhododendrons, tree ferns, and water features. It has open areas with lawn and more jungle-like places, so that the plants are exhibited much as they would appear in nature.

Back in Hilo, we'll enter a six-acre garden walking down the long driveway, bordered by

mature *Archontophoenix alexandrae*. In between the palms is a vast array of bromeliads, aroids, *Heliconia* and other tropicals. Bordered by a stream, the garden looks like an artist's palette, with color everywhere. Some of the mature palms we'll see include: *Pelagodoxa henryana*, *Johannesteijsmannia altifrons*, *Burretio kentia hapala*, *Burretio kentia vieillardii*, *Itaya amicum* and *Phytelephas aequatorialis*.

Saturday, 15th of May: the morning will be free to allow attendees to visit downtown Hilo to see the Farmer's Market, a glorious display of Hawaii grown flowers and produce; the Tsunami Museum; the Lyman Museum; to shop or see other points of interest.

After lunch, we tour along the scenic Hamakua Coast to see Akaka Falls. Next, we will visit the private garden of Howard and Mary Ann Rogers, formerly owned by Donn Carlsmith and one of the sites visited on the 1990 biennial. Most of the palms were planted over 30 years ago and are now very large specimens. From the garden, we'll have a view of the ocean in one direction and a view of Mauna Kea, a 14,000-foot mountain in another. Just a few of the many palms to be seen are *Alloschmidia glabrata*, three species of *Balaka*, a beautiful specimen of *Arenga engleri*, *Metroxylon amicarum* and a spectacular cluster of *Clinostigma samoense*.

Sunday, 16th of May: will include a tour of Volcano National Park and the end of the biennial. All Post Tour attendees should be checked into the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel by the evening of May 16th.

Post Tour: Monday, 17th of May: we will visit private gardens along the Hamakua coast's deep soil area, where the rainfall averages over 100 inches per year. One garden is located on cliffs above the ocean.

Tuesday, 18th of May: we go by bus to the Kona side of the Big Island, stopping at points of interest along the way. Referred to as the "dry-side," Kona averages about 14 inches of rain per year. We will stay at the Keauhou Beach Resort, located on a beach that is great for snorkeling and viewing the endangered green sea turtles.

Wednesday, 19th of May: after visiting three private gardens around Kona - one of which is

in a higher elevation rainforest, we will take a flight to the island of Kauai.

Thursday, 20th of May: we will visit the National Tropical Botanical Garden on Kauai, which includes both the Allerton Garden and the McBryde Garden. (See *Palms*, Vol. 44(3) 2000 issue for more information on the NTBG.) We plan to have lunch where the river meets the ocean at the garden. Our group will be touring areas of NTBG not normally open to the public.

Friday, 21st of May: "Jungle Dan" a major palm grower and landscaper, is on our list of sites to visit. Other public gardens are still being explored. In late afternoon, the Post Tour will move to Honolulu.

Saturday, 22nd of May: will include a tour of the "grand old lady" of the Honolulu Botanical Gardens, Foster Botanical Garden. Located near busy downtown Honolulu, this 14 acre garden features trees that were planted in the 1850s. Their collection of mature palms is outstanding. We will also visit the 200-acre Koko Crater Botanical Garden, on the slopes and basin of Koko Crater at the eastern end of Oahu. Here we will see dry-land palms, including native *Pritchardia* species. Saturday evening will be the official end of the Post Tour.

Contact our Biennial 2004 Coordinator, Karen Piercy, Email: <kd@interpac.net> for more information.

More on the May 2004 Hawaiian Biennial and Post-Biennial Meetings will be published in the September 2003 Supplement.

Also check out the IPS website, www.palms.org for more information as it comes available.

Are you listed correctly in the Roster?

Please check the information listed for you in the accompanying roster. Be sure to check your name listing, mailing address, telephone, fax and/or email addresses. ***Please send an email with any changes or additions to your contact information to palms@allenpress.com (IPS Business Office.)***

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.

PACSOA has the following current branches:

- Within Queensland:
 - Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society
 - Sunshine Coast Branch
 - North Queensland Group
 - Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
 - Rockhampton Palm & Cycad Society
- Other Australian States:
 - Sydney Branch
 - Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Society
 - Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia
 - Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia, Inc.

For information on *Palms and Cycads Magazine* write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064 Australia or email <enquiries@pacsoa.org.au>. Also be sure to visit the PACSOA website, www.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, QLD 4560, Australia or email Jeanne Price <pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au>.

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA, (formerly Southern Queensland Group)

The Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society (BPACS) newsletter is available online at www.pacsoa.org.au/branches/downloads/ at no charge. The newsletter is full of articles of interest to all palm enthusiasts. There are numerous photographs in color.

For more information on the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society branch of PACSOA, write the Secretary, PACSOA - BPACS, P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, or email Daryl O'Connor <dazzoc@hotmail.com> or Michael Gray <mikeg@pacsoa.org.au>.

Far North Queensland Palm & Cycad Society News

For information on the FNQPACA or the society journal, *Wodyetia*, email Bill Beattie, President, at <wmbeattie@hotmail.com> or see their website www.geocities.com/fnqpaca/.

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.

News from the Sydney Branch (PACSOA) IPS Chapter

The Sydney Branch of PACSOA is also a separately affiliated Chapter of the International Palm Society. Branch meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of alternate odd months (e.g. January, March etc.), at the Drummoine Senior Citizens Hall, 422 Lyons Road, Five Dock, near the Great North Road end of Lyons Road — Easy to find, with free parking. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Meetings commence at 7:30 p.m. Meetings have a guest speaker, raffle, palm and cycad auction, tea and coffee. Visitors are always welcome to attend meetings.

The March 25th speaker was Jack Simpson, Research Scientist (mycologist) in States Forest Research Division, Forest Health Service who gave a most informative talk on fungi and their relationships, both symbiotic and pathogenic, with palms.

The March 2003 issue of *Principes Minor* magazine focused on the genus *Hyophorbe*, particularly in southeastern Queensland. The issue also saw the introduction of color in the magazine, thanks to local Society member Colin Wilson.

At the May 27th meeting, Ross Clark gave a presentation on the care of palms and other plants in shadehouses and glasshouses. He showed a few slides and brought some plants to

illustrate his talk. Ross is a Senior Horticulturist at the nursery of the Royal Botanic Gardens and is in charge of the glasshouses.

For additional information contact Paul Anderson (Secretary), Sydney Branch of PACSOA, P. O. Box 2, Empire Bay, NSW 2257. Ph. (02) 4369-1422 after hours, or email to him at < kristens@idx.com.au >.

Disease claims Canary palms (in New South Wales, Australia)

[May 6, 2003: St. George & Sutherland Shire Leader - modified to American English]

An insidious fungal disease will claim another seven landmark Canary Island palms [*Phoenix canariensis*] from Cronulla and Sutherland parks this week.

The magnificent trees, some of which were planted in the 1930s, have been struck down by the incurable fungal disease fusarium wilt, which forced the removal of five of the stately palms from Cronulla Park two years ago.

Sutherland Shire Council will today begin removing the latest five diseased trees from Cronulla Park before moving on to Sutherland. The trees' condition has deteriorated to the extent council experts consider them a risk to public safety.

The council now estimates all Canary Island palms in the shire will be gone within five years. With no guarantee any palm species are resistant to the disease, it has begun assessing suitable replacements in the shire's parks.

A council spokesman said palms affected by fusarium wilt are characterized by an unusual type of frond death: fronds may die more rapidly on one side of the tree, or from its base or center.

Once a palm is infected it will eventually die — in as little as two months or up to several years. With no chemical agents able to counter the disease the council has a stringent hygiene program with sterilization of tools used to maintain the trees. It also transplants replacement trees only from disease-free areas.

It [The Shire Council] is monitoring investigations into suitable fusarium wilt resistant palm species.

Fusarium wilt first struck in Sydney in the 1980s when it killed Canary Island palms in Centennial Park. The Royal Botanic Garden's

manager of conservation and horticultural research, Brett Summerall, said there had been no major advance in curbing the spread of the disease since the initial outbreak. "There is evidence it could be spread by contaminated tools or, in a small way, by birds and some insects," Dr Summerall said. "There are no fungicides or magic bullets, but we have concentrated on promoting hygiene aspects; it's about all we can do to prevent infections. Most of the work done recently has been in diagnosing the disease, establishing its DNA fingerprint and some genetic aspects."

The disease has also recently struck avenues of the palms in landmark avenues in the Los Angeles suburb of Beverly Hills.

South Australian Branch, PACSOA

For more information on PACSOA, write to Heinz-Dieter Froehlingsdorf, 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, write to the Rockhampton Palm & Cycad Society, P. O. Box 6394, Central Queensland Mail Centre, QLD 4702, Australia, or call 61+(07) 49-26-1283 [do not dial the leading '0' from USA] or email to < licorice@cqnet.com.au >.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, PACSOA Branch

On February 23rd, the following officers were elected for the Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) for 2003 term.:

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| • President | Jim Baisley |
| • Vice President | Betty Dovey |
| • Treasurer / Librarian | Margaret Brown |
| • Vice Pres / Raffle Coord. | Percy Simonsen |
| • Secretary / Publicity | Keith Boyden |
| • Newsletter Editor | Margaret Bazley |

Working bees at the Farleigh Mills Palm Gardens were held on March 23rd, April 27th and May 11th, in association with local society meetings at the clubhouse.

A Palm Fête has been scheduled for May 18th at the Farleigh Mill Palm Gardens with tour of these gardens for the morning of June 1st.

PACSOM will host visitors from Rockhampton Society for the Queen's Birthday celebration on June 7th through 9th. The inter-society group will visit gardens in the Mackay district.

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

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) March 25th meeting featured Eric McCrum who spoke about attracting birds to your garden. Eric spoke to PACSOWA last year on the subject of frogs and his talk was one of the highlights of the year.

The "Short Talk" was by George Sevastos on the Australian native palm *Oraniopsis appendiculata*, a monotypic genus endemic to Australia and confined to northwestern Queensland in dense rainforests from Innisfail to south of Cooktown. Until recently, this species was included in the genus *Orania*, which includes 17 species, distributed throughout Southeast Asia, New Guinea and Madagascar. It is a very distinct species but is more closely related to the *Ceroxylon* (South America) and *Juania australis* (Juan Fernandez Islands).

At the April meeting, Larry Florido from Hugall and Hoile gave a most informative talk on the latest developments in water saving technology and watering systems.

The May 27th meeting was devoted to the Annual Auction, with no formal talks given. Master auctioneer, Russell Dyer, led the auction. Tony Bowyer provided raffle prizes for this meeting.

Due to popular demand PACSOWA has organized a Society bus trip for June 15th, starting from the usual meeting place, the Rotary Hall in Sandgate Street, South Perth. It is "a southbound trip and our major destination is the beautiful Barragup Botanic Gardens, near Mandurah, which has a great and very well-kept collection of all sorts of plants. Apart from the obvious palms and cycads there are some wonderful cacti and succulents and a lovely fern house. John Kreppold, the owner, is also very keen that we should view the large new garden he is developing across the road."

On the way there, participants will visit Lake View Rise, a new housing estate in Canning Vale, which features a tropical lagoon surrounded by a spectacular collection of large palms, many of which came from S & A Nurseries or Palm Lane Gardens. On the way back, "we will visit Palm Park Lodge in Baldivis, which was featured in the newsletter recently and has lots of palms for sale. It is also developing a large new garden which I'm sure they will be delighted to show us."

PACSOWA has been invited to visit Perth Zoo to help identify many of the palm and cycad species planted there. This is a great opportunity to participate in part of the State's palm heritage as many of the oldest and rarest specimens in Western Australia are located at the Zoo. The visit is on the invitation of Ian Crombie, the Head Horticulturist, and is planned for Sunday 25 June.

PACSOWA hosted an open day at Gascoyne Park for members and the public on Sunday, April 13th. Members were invited to bring their families and friends to the Park for a day of relaxation and fun. Lunch in the form of a sausage sizzle was put on for members. The public was invited to join in after lunch. PACSOWA held an informal plant sale from the back of trailers and in the gazebo during the afternoon. Thanks to Gary Meaney, Don Clemkey, Norm Patterson, George Sevastos and Phil Loffman for bringing trailer loads of plants for the public sale and conducting Park tours.

Two PACSOWA members had their gardens open in March 2003 under the Australian Open Garden Scheme. Russell and Bernie Dyer's garden (37 Blencowe Street, West Leederville) was open on 15-16 March and Gary and Anne Pike's garden (18 Agincourt Drive, Willetton) was open on 29-30

March. These are important venues for promoting palms and cycads to the public.

Additional Gascoyne Park "Busy Bee" sessions are planned for

- 22 June
- 27 July

The PACSOWA newsletter is now known as *PalmsWest*, to provide a better identity. For more information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA), see website

<http://www.waweb site.com.au/palmswest> or if you wish you may send an email to Ann Pike <sales@peptransport.com.au>.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

For information on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society or its journal, *Hardy Palm International*, see the website www.palms.org/pacific or email Nick Parker, at <parkern@groupwise.douglas.bc.ca>.

Association Chambeyrtonia New Caledonia

Association Chambeyrtonia 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

The Fous de Palmier held their 2003 General Assembly in Nice on May 8-11. The meeting started on May 8th with a visit to the Botanic Garden of the Ville de Nice, followed by dinner at Zucca Magica at the Port of Nice.

Friday began with tours of Villa les Cèdres at St. Jean Cap Ferrat and Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild, with the possibility of a visit to Villa Kerylos at St. Jean. After lunch, the group visited Jardin Albert I^{er} and Parc de l'Indochine.

The Fous assembly meeting was held on Saturday morning at Maison du Séminaire (Port of Nice.) Attendees visited Parc Phoenix after lunch. Sunday featured a visit to Hanbury Gardens in La Mortola (Vintimille), Italy.

For more information about *Fous de Palmiers*, contact Steve Swinscoe at

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News from Manureva

For information on *Manureva*, please contact René Coativy via fax 33 (0) 4 94 64 74 71 or send an email to him at <manurevah@aol.com>.

European Palm Society

Chamaerops is published (both as a printed journal and on-line) with many full color pictures. Visitors can download selected articles from *Chamaerops* without cost to check out the online journal. Membership and online upgrades from are available on the EPS website www.palmsociety.org/join/english1.shtml.

Tobias Spanner (Germany) is editor of *Chamaerops*. Tony King (United Kingdom) continues as Membership Organizer. Yann Corbel (France) is the French translator, Jörg Witticke (Germany) is the German translator. Lauri Coulombe (USA) is Language Editor.

"Palmenfreunde" in Germany

Palmenfreunde publishes a journal entitled *Palmen und Mehr* (in German, of course.) It runs about 20 pages (A5) with many photographs of palms in color.

Angela Müller of Hermershausen, Germany, announced in the last journal issue that *Palmenfreunde* would meet at the Botanic Garden in Jena on June 14th, 2003.

For more about this new group, contact Jörg Witticke <Palmenfreunde@aol.com>

Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

For more information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Chairman Thierry Hubert at <palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr> or to the Corresponding Secretary Philippe De Vos <De-Vos.Denis@wanadoo.fr>

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 President, Tomás Font <T.Font@ono.com>

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society regularly publishes the *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine* featuring interesting palm and cycad articles. Contributions for publication should be sent to <info@secretlifemedia.com>.

Forty to fifty people attended the March 4th NZPACS meeting. Business included discussion of support for the upcoming annual show. The main event of the night was member Brian Timms' presentation on succulents and other xerophytes.

An April 13th field trip was to Wragg's Bush, Birkenhead, an early 1900 private garden with many mature palms, open by invitation only. Gary Coleman writes that the garden features some nice looking *Rhopalostylis baueri*, while the *Hedycupes* "don't look that good." Also of interest were a *Howea forsteriana*, a *H. belmoreana* and "hidden amongst the bush is a big *Brahea edulis*."

On April 1st, Kevin Johnston spoke on Bromeliads. There was much comment from members about sun and light to get color into your plants as well as experiences with how much to feed them. Propagation by offsets and seeds was discussed plus the uses of tissue culture. Attendance at the meeting was disappointing.

Many members and guests came to the Annual Palm & Cycad Sale on March 22-23. One attendee writes, "I was overwhelmed by the variety, quality, prices and friendly helpful advice freely given by the people on the stands."

March 15th featured a visit to Landsend, hosted by Dick and Annemarie Endt, Gerald and Carolyn. It was a great afternoon, attended by number of members you don't see often, including three former presidents (Dave Anderson, Peter Money, and Keith Boyer) as well as others like Brett McKay. Also attending was Arno King from Australia. Looking around Landsend is always an eye opener and some of crowd who had not been there for years were surprised at what they saw. The society was extremely grateful to the Endt family for letting the Society visit as a group so often. Members came from distant locales of Katikati and Kerikeri.

The speaker for the May 6th meeting was Glenise who has worked at the Palm Farm for

the last three years. Her talk focused on things of interest to her as a garden designer, showing different aspects from ground covers to large trees, water features and ways to introduce plant color into a garden. Many of her photos were taken overseas.

A reminder to all of the upcoming 20th Anniversary Celebration to be held on June 15th at the Botanic Gardens, Manurewa, Auckland.

For information on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society, email IPS Affiliate Correspondent Colin Ferguson at <colferg@xtra.co.nz> or President Graeme Lepper, <mistique@xtra.co.nz> or (phone: 09 416 9940) in Auckland, New Zealand

NZPACS maintains a Society listserver. To subscribe to this group, send an email to: <nzpalmcycad-subscribe@yahooogroups.com> Most of the information in this write-up was taken from nzpalmcycad listserver messages.

One recent message of interest to IPS members worldwide suggests that you check out the new palm name checklist by John Dransfield and Rafael Govaerts posted on http://www.rbgekew.org.uk/data/monocots/palm_intro.html. Note this is a 300-page document and takes some time to download,

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. You may also write for information to The South African Palm Society, PO Box 48309, Hercules 0030, South Africa. Alternately, you can send an email to Peter Wunderlin at <pmdes@iafrica.com>.

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).

Hawaii Island Palm Chapter

The Hawaii Island Palm Society's April 25th meeting featured a slide show by Garrin Fullington on "Cool Palms" with emphasis on what can be grown in Hawaii's cooler, higher

elevation areas. Included were rare and endangered palms as well as a common but beautiful species that grow well in the cool.

A workday was held on March 29th at the Panaewa Zoo. On May 17th, the Zoo was the venue for the Third Annual Zoo Exposition and Palm Sale.

Future planned events for the year include the following nursery and garden tours:

- June 8th, Peter "Palm" Messmer's Nursery
- August 2nd, Al Bredeson's South Kona Garden Tour
- September 21st, Garrin Fullington's Garden
- November, Onomea Garden Tours

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact HIPS President Alan Young <alyguy@hotmail.com> or the new HIPS Secretary Jenny Johnson <johnsons@hawaii.rr.com>.

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

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

The Gulf Coast Chapter held their Fall 2002 meeting on October 21st at Laurel Place, home of Maxwell and Gloria Stewart in Mobile. Steve Watson spoke on landscape architecture.

The Spring Meeting on May 18th in Pensacola at the Wayside Park just northeast of the Pensacola-Gulf Breeze Bridge. This park is the siting of several palm plantings by the chapter. The meeting featured a potluck lunch and an auction. Following the regular meeting event members toured the nearby Louis Kahn's Palm Source retail nursery.

For information about the Gulf Coast Chapter and the **Fan and Feather** newsletter, send an email to Joe Watkins at <watkinsj@zebra.net>.

Northern California Chapter, IPS

For information about the Northern California Chapter, contact Dan Sekella, <sekella@pacbell.net>.

Palm Society of Southern California

The following is the Palm Society of Southern California meeting schedule for 2003.

- January 2003, Annual Banquet
- March 22nd, Ventura/Santa Barbara
- May 24th, Los Angeles/San Bernadino
- July 19th, Orange/Riverside
- September 20th, San Diego/Imperial
- November 22nd, Ventura/Santa Barbara

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

South Florida Palm Society News

A general meeting of the South Florida Palm Society was held at Fairchild Tropical Garden on April 7th for "Cooking with Palms and Horticulture Workshops." One side of the Garden House featured chefs preparing many specialties containing palm ingredients, while members on the other side of the Garden House conducted a transplanting demonstration and a clinic for sick palms.

On April 26th, the Society conducted a tour of three gardens. The tour began at the home of Howard Waddell, continuing from Howard's to the garden of John Greenleaf, just a short drive away. The third and final stop was the estate of Milton Wallace on Biscayne Bay featuring over 100 species of palms plus *Platycerium* and bonsai bougainvillea. Lunch consisted of "island-style" barbecued ribs, with free palm seedling and seed handouts.

For more on the South Florida Palm Society, write Corresponding Secretary Howard Waddell by email to <hwaddell@prodigy.net>.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society (PBPCS) March 5th meeting was the long awaited introduction to Robert Lee Riffle and Paul Craft's new book, *An Encyclopedia of Cultivated Palms*. It is over 500 pages with more than 900 color photographs. Paul Craft was welcomed back from the Keys to once again reside in Palm Beach. Both authors were on hand to autograph copies of their book.

The PBPCS' Palm and Cycad Times has a new editor. Dennis McKee of Lake Worth

<nugget@pb.quik.com> assumed this responsibility with the February 2003 issue.

For more information on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact President Mike Harris <palmz@gate.net>, Membership Chair Susan Cioci <d.cioci@att.net>, or Secretary Ruth Salenbach <diznee920@aol.com>.

Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida News

The Southwest Florida Chapter hosted PalmFest in May. More information on Palm Fest 2003 was given in the last *Supplement* issue.

For more information on the SW FL Palm & Cycad Society, email Geri Prall at <SW_FL_PalmCycad@hotmail.com>.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society met on January 25th for a cold day at the Harry P. Leu Gardens Orlando. This was a rescheduled event, originally planned for December. The temperature by mid afternoon had risen to mid 50s °F (~13°C.) Several tours of the palm collections were given.

CFPACS met on March 29th in St. Petersburg. Two St. Pete gardens were featured. The first stop was Sunken Gardens, an old tourist attraction. This was followed by a visit to the Florida Botanical Gardens nearby in Largo.

CFPACS spring sale at the University of Central Florida was on April 18–19. Per the sale announcement from CFPACS, "In addition to our society the arboretum itself has many different plants to choose from. The arboretum always has very good prices on lady palms. There may also be other plant societies there."

The notice provided a list of over fifty palms and cycads that were to be at U.C.F. These included representatives of genera *Acoelorrhaphe*, *Areca*, *Arenga*, *Bismarckia*, *Caryota*, *Butia*, *Chamaedorea*, *Copernicia*, *Chamaerops*, *Chuniophoenix*, *Cycas*, *Dioon*, *Zamia*, *Parajubaea*, *Dypsis*, *Encephalartos*, *Gastrococos*, *Latania*, *Lepidozamia*, *Livistona*, *Macrozamia*, *Phoenix*, *Ptychosperma*, *Prestoea*, *Ravenia*, *Roystonea*, *Sabal*, *Schippia*, *Syagrus*,

Thrinax and *Zamia*. In addition there were yellow and pink tabebuias, tree fern, silk floss, and monkey-puzzle trees.

Palmeteer, newsletter of the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS) has been in color since the March 2002 issue. If you have not seen it recently, be sure to do so.

CFPACS continues to make seed available over the Internet. CFPACS does not buy seeds, but rather relies on donations. All net sales proceeds go the CFPACS Treasury. If you are not receiving notice of the availability of these palm seeds, please contact Mike Dahme by email at <palmyrah@msn.com>.

For more on CFPACS, check out the website at www.cfpacs.com/, or contact Membership Chair Karen Barresse <cfpacsmbrship@aol.com> or Secretary Chuck Grieneisen <chuckfg@mpinet.net>.

News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

The Southeastern Palm and Exotic Plant Society (SPEPS) met on April 26th at Riverbanks Zoo and Botanical Garden, Columbia, SC. The zoo and gardens cover 70 acres on both sides of the Saluda River just west of downtown Columbia. The garden hosts an extensive collection of subtropical plants and palms.

Other SPEPS meetings planned for 2003:

- Summer: July 19, 2003, at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont, NC (just west of Charlotte.)
- Fall: October 11, 2003 (date tentative), at the Birmingham Botanical Garden, Birmingham, AL

Rhapidophyllum, the quarterly journal 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 invites everyone to share their experiences growing palms by mailing articles to:

Jeff Stevens, Editor

10665 High Point Road

Apison, TN 37302

or by Email to <jeffstev@cdc.net>

For more information, visit the SPEPS web site at www.speps.net or contact Kathy Denton, <palmlady@gte.net>, Secretary.

The North Carolina Palm and Exotic Plant Society has simplified their name to be The North Carolina Palm Society. The group's summer meeting will be an outing to Bald Head Island, famous for its northernmost native stand of *Sabal palmetto*. Anyone interested in learning more about the NCPEPS, email Pete Sayre at <ncpeps@nc.rr.com> or visit their new website at www.ncpalm.homestead.com.

Florida First Coast Chapter News

For information about the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS, email Ed Brown <Edwin.Brown@saj02.usace.army.mil>

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

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.

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

The Houston Area Chapter's March 29th meeting was hosted by Bill and Kelley Burhans, with only 19 in attendance. Jerry Seymore of Jerry's Jungle Gardens donated two palms for door prizes and the Burhans donated two copies of the palm book, *Identifying Palms, a Compact Study Guide* by Martin Gibbons. Fern Seymore and Linda Bryant each won a book and Linda Livesay and Bill Baker (attending from Austin) each won a palm. Linda received an *Adonidia merrillii* and Bill took home a *Veitchia arecina*. The meeting began at the Meyerland Library to view some very nice specimens that Bill obtained permission to plant several years ago. Along with several *Sabal minor* and *Phoenix canariensis*, he has a beautiful *Rhapis excelsa* in the ground. Bill "shared" many babies of his *R. excelsa* palm (some probably 6' tall – if not taller) with several members. In addition, Bill and Kelley have a very nice specimen of *Coccothrinax miraguama* along with *Syagrus romanzoffiana*, *Trachycarpus fortunei* and *Rhapidophyllum hystrix*. He has done a beautiful job landscaping with palms.

Houston member Gordon Hintz gave his annual presentation "Palms for Houston," at Mercer Arboretum on Sunday, April 13.

May 3rd was an outing to see Darren Oeschler's new property in south Houston. Darren had moved many mature palms up from his previous place in Clear Lake. The visit to Darren's was preceded by a visit to Grant Stephenson's Horticultural Consultants for a "book signing" and sale by Paul Craft. Co-author Bob Riffle had planned to attend the signing but had to cancel.

Judy and Paul Norris are also planning a June meeting at their home. The tentative date is June 7, 2003.

Horace Hobbs and Cynthia Ford will be hosting the annual meeting on October 11th, in conjunction with the 2003 IPS Board of Directors meeting to be held in Houston.

For more on the Houston Chapter of the IPS, visit the chapter's website www.palms.org/houston/index.htm where Mike Burnett has done a good job of posting Chapter information and photographs of prior meetings. You may also email or telephone me for additional information.

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

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

The Palm Society of South Texas held a palm sale on March 15th, in Harlingen. This sale was hosted by Glyn Whiddon, long-time society member and nursery owner at his Stuart Place Nursery.

The Palm Society of South Texas has the following additional 2003 meetings scheduled:

- May 17, Frank & Frankie Ketchum, Seguin, TX
- June (no date listed) Dr. Romeo & Linda Montalvo, Brownsville, TX
- July 12, Cheryl Crabtree, Staples, TX
- August, Yucca Do nursery in Waller, TX (joint meeting with Houston Area Chapter)
- September (no date listed) John Talbert, Martindale, TX
- October (no date listed) Dr. Bill & Marilyn Madsen, Mission, TX
- November 15, Charlie & Lana Vieh, San Benito, TX (Rangerville)

- December (no date listed) Ruth Merrill, Los Fresnos, TX (Casa Chachalaca)

Be sure to check the website before making plans to attend, as our schedule has been known to change on just short notice: <http://www.raingardens.com/psst/>. You may also send an email to Lloyd Van Epps <Leeve3311@aol.com> or to Jana Meiser <jbmeiser@raingardens.com>.

Asociación Venezolana de Palmas (Venezuelan Palm Society)

For information on the AVEPALMAS, Asociación Venezolana de Palmas, contact: <avepalmas@cantv.com> or Sven Nehlin, <snehlina@reacciuon.ve>

Trinidad & Tobago Palm Book

The Palm Book of Trinidad and Tobago Including the Lesser Antilles, by Paul L. Comeau, Yasmin S. Comeau and Winston Johnson has now been printed. Orders placed with The International Palm Society should be processed soon.

CALENDAR of

Upcoming Palm Tours and Travels

July 12, 2003: Palm Society of South Texas Meeting, Cheryl Crabtree residence, Staples, Texas (see affiliate news for more information).

July 19, 2003: Southeastern Palm and Exotic Plant Society (SPEPS) Summer Meeting, at Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont, NC (just west of Charlotte.)

July 22, 2003: Sydney Branch, PACSOA, meeting, Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall, 422 Lyons Road, Five Dock, (see affiliate news for more information).

September 23, 2003: Sydney Branch, PACSOA, meeting, Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall, 422 Lyons Road, Five Dock, (see affiliate news for more information).

October 11, 2003: Houston Texas Chapter Meeting in conjunction with IPS Board of Directors meeting in Houston. Hosted by Horace Hobbs and Cynthia Ford (see affiliate news for more information).

October 11, 2003 (date tentative): Southeastern Palm and Exotic Plant Society (SPEPS) Fall Meeting, Birmingham Botanical Garden, Birmingham, AL

October (date to be advised), 2003: Palm Society of South Texas Meeting, Dr. Bill & Marilyn Madsen residence, Mission, Texas (see affiliate news for more information).

November 15, 2003: Palm Society of South Texas Meeting, Charlie & Lana Vieh, San Benito, (Rangerville,) Texas (see affiliate news for more information).

December (date to be advised), 2003: Palm Society of South Texas Meeting, Ruth Merrill residence, Los Fresnos, (Casa Chachalaca,) Texas (see affiliate news for more information).

May 8-16, 2004: IPS Biennial in Hawaii, May 17-22 IPS Post-Tour to additional destinations in Hawaii. See separate write-up at the beginning of this *Supplement*.

*Send comments, corrections and other events to Jim Cain, **Supplement** Editor for **Palms**, <palm_dude@pobox.com>.*

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