

**Please Vote for IPS Directors
2004 – 2008 Term**

Your Tear-Out Ballot is enclosed at the end of this **Supplement**. It is important that you follow the instructions on the ballot to ensure that your vote is counted.

The ballot is preceded by bios for each of the candidates. Directors for the 2004 – 2008 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in May 2004 at 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.

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IPS Website Shopping Cart Update

As of the end of August 2003, our average monthly revenue via the shopping cart was up \$550/month compared to last year's report. The strongest months were November through February, consisting primarily of membership renewals. Several 2002 memberships were purchased in November and December of last year. The majority of membership purchases during the strongest months appear to be renewals. *Palms of Trinidad* was added in June 2003, and six books have been purchased through the shopping cart during the reporting period.

By categories, IPS website shopping cart revenue from September 2002 through August 2003 broke down as follows.

- Membership: \$16,797 (55%)
- Books: \$7,805 (25%)
- Fast Shipping Charges: \$1,849 (6%)
- Sets of Back Issue Sales: \$1,792 (6%)
- Advertisements: \$1,310 (4%)
- Individual Back Issue Sales: \$1,112 (4%)

2004 IPS Biennial - Hawaii

To include the islands of Oahu and Hawaii
May 9-15, 2004

2004 IPS Post Tour - Hawaii

To include the islands of Hawaii, Kauai & Oahu
May 16-22, 2004

The full itineraries for both weeks with all contact information and registration instructions were provided as a separate "*Supplement B*" to the September 2003 issue of *Palms*. The information is also available at the IPS website: www.palms.org. On the IPS website, select the **2004 Biennial in Hawaii** link. You may also register online using that link.

Registration deadline is March 5, 2004 unless the limits of 200 attendees for the Biennial and 100 attendees for the Post Tour are reached earlier. As of November 1, 2003, over 40% of the available slots had already been filled. Don't miss out on visiting this palm paradise, register now!

For information on registration, payment and refunds, contact **Sally Hathaway** of Allen Marketing & Management:

- Email: ipsmeeting@allenpress.com
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For specific questions on the itinerary, contact **Karen Piercy**, Biennial and Post Tour Coordinator for the Hawaii Island Palm Society.

- Email: ipsinfo<kd@interpac.net> (note that this is a corrected email address from that published in the previous *Supplement*)

Extending accommodations at IPS rates before or after the Biennial and Post Tour must be managed by Travel Professionals representative, **Myrtle Hirano**, who will be the sole contact for all hotels. Requests for **upgrades** must also be handled by Myrtle.

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More on the May 2004 Hawaiian Biennial and Post-Biennial Meetings is also available on the IPS website, www.palms.org.

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NEWS FROM AFFILIATES AND MEMBERS

Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA)

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below, when such information on local branch activities has been provided to the *Supplement* editor. PACSOA has the following 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.

The PACSOA 2004 Dinner and Show will be March 13-14th at Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens in Brisbane. Mark your calendars now.

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

The Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society (BPACS) quarterly newsletter has articles about the local society and other items that may be of interest to other palm enthusiasts. There are always photographs in color.

The October 19th field day was held at the Chinderah Nursery of Narelle and Larry Reynolds. Narelle and Larry have some wonderful plants of *Marojejya darianii*, *Howea belmoreana*, *Dictyosperma album*, *Salacca zalacca*, etc.

On November 18th, Philippe Cherrier of Association Chambeyronia was scheduled to speak to the Brisbane society on "Palms of New Caledonia."

For more on the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society branch of PACSOA, write Secretary, PACSOA - BPACS, P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, or email Secretary Mervyn Ballans aiph@ecn.net.au or President Hugh Kunze hugh.kunze@uq.net.au.

Far North Queensland Palm & Cycad Society News

The May 2003 issue of *Wodyetia* featured color photographs of several *Calyptrocalyx* species, *Licuala cordata*, *Drymophloeus* sp. "Patipi" as well as some cycads. There was an interesting article by Doug Falconer on relocating a large Oil Palm, *Elaeis guineensis* as well as several articles about cycads.

The Cairns Annual Palm and Cycad Expo was held on October 26th at the Cairns Showgrounds in North Queensland. More than twenty-four displays were on hand.

For information on the FNQPACA or the society journal, *Wodyetia*, send an email to gardens@cairns.qld.gov.au being sure to mark your email to the attention of David Warmington. You may also get membership rates, an application and additional information from their website www.geocities.com/fnqpaca/.

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

The September 23rd meeting of the Sydney Branch of PACSOA featured Alan Collins speaking about "A Trip across Northern Australia." Alan's talk addressed the trip from Darwin to Cairns that he and Jill took in June and July this year.

The November 2003 color issue of *Principes Minor* magazine will feature companion plants that make your garden look tropical (plus palm and cycad information and pictures, of course).

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 >.

Rockhampton Palm & Cycad Society, PACSOA Branch

For 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

The PACSOM meeting and tour of Percy and Val Simonsen's palm and cycad collection in Sarina was held on September 28th.

On, October 26th, Jacquie Bennett hosted a meeting and garden visit in Andergrove.

The PACSOM Annual "Break-Up" event is slated for November 23rd. Read more about the "Break-up" and these other meetings in the next *Supplement*.

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) August 26th meeting featured Andy Sadler of Advanced Environmental Structures (AES) who discussed greenhouses and their applications in Western

Australia. Andy outlined some of the styles, configurations and materials used in their construction, as well as things to do and things not to do when considering a greenhouse. At this meeting, Phil Loffman gave a brief talk on his recent visit to the Melbourne Botanic Garden while on holiday. Naturally, his tour of the Garden concentrated on the palm and cycad specimens and the contents of the large tropical greenhouse.

The September 23rd meeting featured John Banasiewicz, who spoke about ferns and their place in the garden. John, a longtime member of PACSOWA is also president of the W.A. Fern Society. Don Clemkey gave a brief talk about *Arenga engleri*, the feature plant for the month. A specimen was brought in Phil Loffman.

For the October PACSOWA meeting, Don and Kerry Clemkey invited the committee to their weekender in Mandurah where the regular meeting was followed by lunch and visits to members' gardens.

PACSOWA has increased subscription fees for the 2003-04 financial year to A\$20 for single and A\$25 for family membership. The new fees took effect from July 1st, 2003.

For more information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) or on their *PalmsWest* newsletter, visit <http://www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest> or if you wish you may send an email to Ann Pike < sales@peptransport.com.au >.

North Queensland Palm Society, PACSOA Branch News

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

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) held a general meeting on Monday September 29th, at Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver. This meeting featured a slideshow by Jay Rowland of his trip earlier this summer to Holland. The focus was the 300-yr old botanical gardens of Amsterdam and Leiden, as well as an exotic outdoor garden in Gouda. Those attending had another opportunity to examine and purchase sandstone art from Pip's Sandstone Planters.

A return nursery tour was planned to Casino Tropical Plants, in Surrey, BC (4375 - 152nd St) for October 11th. Members were able to purchase both small and large palms not readily available elsewhere in British Colombia including *Butia capitata*, *Rhaphidophyllum hystrix*, *Sabal palmetto*, and more.

The November 24th General Meeting will feature slides of member gardens not previously featured. Elections for the Society executive for 2004 will also be held. See the next **Supplement** issue for news from this meeting.

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

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: <philpalm@offratel.nc>.

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

December 4-6 will feature a new edition of the "Biennale Européenne du Palmier" at Villa Ormond at San Remo (Italy). See Calendar information at end of this **Supplement** for more content, contact and cost information.

For more information about **Fous de Palmiers**, contact Steve Swinscoe at <manatte@libertysurf.fr> or check out the **new** Fous website at www.fousdepalmiers.fr.st.

News from Manureva

For information on **Manureva**, please contact René Coativy via fax 33 (0) 4 94 64 74 71 or email to <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 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 (A5) pages with many color photographs of palms.

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

Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

For more information, 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 September meeting had poor attendance, possibly due to the cold weather. The raffle price was a nice *Ceroxylon* sp. brought in by Gerald Endt. The main event of the night was a problem-solving panel consisting of P.K., John Lok and Gerald Endt. Discussions included information about growing *Caryota mitis*, *Dypsis baronii* and *Syagrus romanzoffiana*, as well as other topics.

The October 7th meeting was quite well attended. It featured Gerald De Villier from Taurangi, who spoke on the cycads of South Africa. Gerald is originally from South Africa and members were treated to much insight into one of the *Encephalartos transvenosus* forests in South Africa. Some of these plants were said to be a couple of thousand years old and looked similar to large *Phoenix* palms. Gerald pointed out that there was no natural regeneration there. This seemed hard to understand as many thousands of fertile seeds are produced, but none germinate naturally in the area.

The November 4th meeting subject was seedlings. John Pettit shared some of his germinating and growing tips. He discussed the use of pumice and sphagnum moss, as well as

the pros and cons of wet-beds. The use of fungicide was debated; potting in stages and over-potting were also covered. John Lok was also on hand to share some of his experience, and he raised the important fact that you need to use the right fungicide for the right fungus. Windows of germinating time were talked about, as was the cracking open of seeds and the de-husking of seeds to speed up the germination. John commented that *Butia* could take up to nine years to germinate. The raffle prize was a *Howea* palm.

A Palm and Bromeliad Sale was held at the Devonport Palm House on October 10-11, featuring palms for all conditions, from rugged coastal to delicate shade or indoor use.

On December 2nd, the NZP&CS will hold a rare palm and cycad auction at the Auckland College of Education, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Christmas Special will be held at The Palm Farm in Mangere on December 7th. The current NZP&CS president, John Pettit, operates this commercial nursery. The place has been sold so this will be the last visit to the Palm Farm (at least under John's supervision.)

The society has approximately 300 members, with nearly all living within New Zealand. A majority of the members live in Auckland. The Society holds eleven meetings per year as well as occasional group outings. At some of the meetings there is a trade table with all kinds palms, cycads and other plants available. For the last few years, the Society has been holding a rare or unusual plant auction at the December meetings.

The NZP&CS operates a seedbank to which you are required to pay a small deposit. Many societies no longer have seedbanks, but the idea of this seedbank is to supply small numbers of seeds to those requiring only a few. Seeds recently distributed through the local seedbank include *Ceroxylon amazonicum*, *C. quindiuense*, *C. parvum*, *C. vogelianum*, *Parajubaea sunkha*, *Geonoma longevaginata*, *Copernicia alba*, *Nannorrhops ritchiana*, *Phoenix loureiri* var. *humilis*, *Wallichia densiflora*, *Euterpe espirosantensis*, *Rhapidophyllum hystrix*, *Trithrinax campestris*, *Brahea armata*, *Dypsis decipiens*, *D. prestoniana*, *Livistona saribus*, and others. A thanks to Gary for his great work with the seedbank.

The Society also puts out the quality **NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine** four times per year featuring palm and cycad articles.

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

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

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

Bo-Göran and Karolyn Lundkvist hosted a tour of their garden at Leilani Estates in Lower Puna on October 26th. The garden was designed to blend with Ohia trees growing on lava and is a collection of palms and other tropical plants.

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) Annual Meeting and Auction for 2004 will be held on January 23rd at Wailoa Park.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact HIPS President Alan Young <alyguy@hotmail.com> or HIPS Sec. 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 in a separate **Supplement B** with the previous issue of **Palms 47(3)**.*

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

The Gulf Coast Chapter held their Fall Meeting on October 19th at the home of Maxwell and Gloria Stewart in Mobile, AL. Members enjoyed a nice visit to Maxwell's garden followed by a potluck lunch and palm auction.

For information about the Gulf Coast Chapter, contact chapter President, Thomas G. Mignerey, 3947 Hwy 297 A, Cantonment, FL 32533. Dues for the local chapter should be sent to Maxwell Stewart, 2557 West Road, Mobile, AL 36693.

Northern California Chapter, IPS

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

Palm Society of Southern California

The Palm Society of Southern California's last 2003 meeting was set for November 22nd, at the Santa Barbara garden of Gunther Schwartz. PSSC last visited Gunther's wonderful garden in early 2001. The day's activities included a tour, potluck lunch, palm sale and raffle. Gunther's rambling property is located in the Santa Barbara foothills. It consists of many varieties of tropicals, cycads, natives and succulents — a little something for everyone. The garden plantings are spread out nicely allowing for easy viewing of the different species.

Thanks to Rob Orth, Ventura/Santa Barbara Area Chairman, for information in the write-up about the November meeting.

Meetings are generally held on the third Saturday, every other month. The schedule for 2004 includes:

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| January 17, 2004 | July 17, 2004 |
| March 20, 2004 | September 25, 2004 |
| May 15, 2004 | November 20, 2004 |

As stated on the PSSC website, each meeting consists of a tour of two or three private gardens, sometimes a slide presentation, and always a palm raffle and auction. The meetings are a great way to meet others interested in palms and to exchange growing experiences.

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

South Florida Palm Society News

The South Florida Palm Society meeting on October 6th included a plant auction that offered several palms from the Montgomery Botanical Center, as well as moonlight tram rides through Fairchild Garden. As always a full buffet was available for the hungry and thirsty.

The South Florida Palm Society had a very successful palm show and sale on the weekend of November 1-2, 2003, at Fairchild Tropical Garden. Over \$65,000 worth of plants were sold during the two days. Half the net proceeds from the sale will go into the SFPS Endowment Fund for palm research, education, and conservation. In the palm competition, "best of show" went to Jeff Searle's beautiful *Dypsis* sp. "*florencia*".

Other details about the sale, in no particular order:

- Over 30 vendors from throughout South Florida, including professional nurserymen and backyard growers
- Shoppers from throughout South Florida (and beyond)
- Dozens of local volunteers
- Plants valued from \$2 to \$2000 were sold.
- Next sale will be in March 2004.

On December 1st, the South Florida Palm Society will hold its "World's Largest Palm Holiday Party" at Fairchild Tropical Garden, with an auction and covered dish dinner.

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 and Cycad Society met in August and had a light turnout, but offered a lively and informative presentation. The format was a "panel discussion" with experts Dale Holton, Bob Riffle and Paul Craft taking questions from the audience. Questions were varied, ranging from treatment of fungus, scale and mealy bugs, how to "pot-up", how to reduce flowering in your palms, to techniques for hand pollination of palms.

The PBP&CS held their annual picnic and plant auction at Ruth Sallenbach's 5-acre palm paradise in Lake Worth. In addition to the many local members, over a dozen guests came from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

and the Southwest Florida chapter of the IPS. Many thanks to Ruth and her family for hosting this fabulous event. Members and guests were amazed at the tropical gardens the Sallenbach's have created. Tom Broome, President of the Cycad Society, acted as auctioneer at the event and great fun was had by all.

Elections for 2004 were also held at this meeting, resulting in Dale Holton and Betty Ahborn switching positions. Paula Friend took over the Treasurer's position from retiring Elise Maloney. Mike Harris remains President and Dennis McKee remains Journal Editor. The treasurer reported that 2003 activities brought in \$2,835.22 to the Society.

The October 1st meeting at the Mounts Botanical Garden Auditorium featured "Palms of Paraguay" by Larry Noblick from the Montgomery Botanical Center.

The Palm Beach Society held its Palm Sale on October 11-12 at Caloosa Park on Military Trail in Boynton Beach, FL.

A Board Meeting and General Meeting were scheduled for November 5th. More on this meeting in the next issue of the *Supplement*.

For 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 >.

Thanks to PBP&CS Editor Dennis McKee for making the above information available for the Supplement.

Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida News

The Southwest Florida Chapter hosted PalmFest 2003 back in May of this year. See an interesting write-up of that meeting by PBP&CS member John Irvine, immediately below.

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

Report on Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida's Palmfest 2003

In May 2003, twenty members of the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society (PBP&CS) traveled to Ft. Myers, FL, "The City of Palms" to attend P.A.C.S.O.F's Palmfest 2003, hosted by the Southwest Chapter. Over one hundred palm enthusiasts participated in this yearly get

together. Activities included trips to local gardens, a rare plant auction, lectures and slide show presentations, book signings, and most importantly, opportunities to meet with fellow gardeners, make new friends and catch up with old ones.

Geri Prall, coordinator of the function, and quite possibly the most organized person I've ever met, held a welcome reception at the host hotel, the Holiday Inn Riverwalk. At the reception each of the attendees received a Palmfest T-shirt and Itinerary of Events. The hotel itself is lushly landscaped with many palms including Royals, Bottles, Spindles, Foxtails, *Livistonas*, and more. It is situated right on the Caloosahatchee River, and from the dockside, sunsets are spectacular. On one night, a wedding party chose this spot as the venue for their nuptials. Watching the ceremony, it was not lost on this casual observer how similar a stroll down the boardwalk is to a walk off a plank. Anyway the reception was fun and it was soon apparent that everyone was in for a good weekend.

Saturday began with a fascinating tour of the Thomas Edison Estate. Fort Myers Councilman Mike Flanders addressed the group and spoke about the importance of palms to his city and how it became known as the "City of Palms". Chris Pendleton, General Manager of the estate, provided a brief historical overview of the gardens. Next we divided into three groups and went exploring. One group led by Murray Corman went looking for edible plants. A second group went in search of flowering trees, and the third with Paul Craft and Dale Holton went out debating plant identification. With 92 species of palms and 27 species of cycads, the gardens provided plenty of fodder for discussion — one *Calyptronoma* consumed quite a bit of time. Unfortunately this author isn't fluent in taxonomy and it is unknown if a consensus of opinion was ever reached on the identity of this palm.

After the tour was completed, everyone regrouped for lunch under some giant Banyans. I was fortunate enough to sit next to Dr. Larry Noblick and his family. Dr. Noblick is the Palm Biologist and Collections Manager at Montgomery Botanical Center and I reminded him of how rain shortened our last trip to Montgomery. He was gracious enough to invite us back.

Next, Dr. Liston Bochette, Secretary General of The World Olympians Association,

led us on a personal tour of his family's Rainforest Garden. We learned that the physician to Thomas Edison originally owned this property, part of the Edison Walk. Their garden contained many mature specimens as well as many new plantings. The whole neighborhood was full of interesting palms and when a row of unusual *Syagrus* hybrids was discovered, an unplanned detour followed.

The third planned stop for the day was the "Garden of Palms" in Downtown Ft. Myers. It is an entire city block devoted to large mature palm specimens, among them numerous *Latania*, *Livistona*, *Corypha*, *Sabal*, and *Phoenix* species. I have to admire the city's forefathers for both setting aside this piece of waterfront land and for creating such an enviable collection. It is truly a unique and beautiful resource for their city.

Late in the afternoon we returned to the hotel for the Plant Auction. It was hot, but the auctioneer, Ken Johnson, did a superb job. The excitement generated was so contagious that I witnessed three regular hotel guests walk up and begin bidding. One of those persons joined the Southwest Chapter while the other two happily carried their new palms away. There were a lot of great deals on some great palms. The auction ended with several generous donations of *Livistona* and *Coccothrinax* species for Selby Gardens in Sarasota.

Saturday Night brought about the Banquet, but first there was a book signing of Robert Riffle and Paul Craft's new book *Encyclopedia of Cultivated Palms*. This was especially fortunate for me since Paul ran out of copies when he last spoke to our society. So after finally getting an autographed copy I joined everyone else for a delightful meal. After desert was cleared away, Dr. Noblick took the floor and gave an interesting lecture on the *Palms of Paraguay*. Who knew Paraguay had so many different species? Dr. Noblick loves the Paraguayan palms as well as the Paraguayan people and his enthusiasm allowed for an entertaining evening. I should also tell you about the free seeds distributed by Judy Kay, also of Montgomery Botanical Institute. Seeds really make great mementos, but if you plant them you get even bigger and better mementos.

Sunday turned into another beautiful day and everyone carpooled over to Cape Coral to Prall's Palm Tree Gardens. Their garden is nothing short of amazing, awe inspiring, and

just downright humbling. What they have been able to create within the confines of a few modest city lots is more than I ever thought possible. I have seen larger gardens, but never one better cared for, nor one so full of details. Every plant is in perfect condition and seems to be in the perfect place. Their garden has everything, but it's so much more than just a great collection. The garden is well designed; it includes both long vistas and intimate areas, it has open grassy areas and closed rainforest areas. What I liked most was the use of texture. One garden area combined several formal palms, including *Trithrinax*, *Phoenix reclinata*, *Satakentia*, and *Copernicia*, with several large succulents, some choice cycads, and several terrestrial bromeliads. Rocks and gravel were thrown in to complete a "hard" effect. If you ever go, be sure to take some notes. The Pralls have a log documenting every plant as to where acquired and when planted. Like I said, the place has everything, it's a wonder the Pralls have time for jobs and child. But what their garden has, more than any other garden I have ever seen, is Heart and Soul. Their dedication is evident everywhere.

After too short a stay at the Pralls everyone went over to The Golf Club for a great brunch. We were treated to a luscious buffet overlooking the 18th hole. Everything and anything was available, from a chef making omelets to order, to scallops wrapped in bacon. The complimentary Mimosas and large array of desserts were the "icing on the cake". With full stomachs we adjourned to the club's lecture hall to see our very own PBP&CS President Mike Harris give his presentation on *The Palms of Cuba and the Dominican Republic*. Although I've seen it before, the show just keeps getting better and better. Mike's photography kept everyone on the edge of their seats.

For the afternoon, a choice of destinations was offered. One could either stay at the club and play some golf or travel over to Pine Island and tour the commercial nursery Palm Co. Pine Island was a considerable distance and somewhat desolate. Fortunately, Murray Corman had the good sense to bring some liquid refreshment for some thirsty travelers. The first thing a visitor notices at Palm Co. is that it is big. Everything there is big. From the many tractor-trailers full of hundreds of field grown palms, ready to be shipped the following day, to the humungous blowers used for frost protection. Then the seemingly endless rows of

field grown palms. The place is big, but it's also green. Everything is grown in mulched beds and watered through a drip irrigation system. Liquid fertilizer is applied periodically. The result is the greenest and maybe healthiest nursery I've ever seen. After a quick lecture we got back in our vehicles, drove through more fields of palms, and went to see the owner's garden. If Paul Bunyon was a landscaper, and not a lumberjack, his garden might look like this. The entrance of the garden is a long, long driveway, completely shaded by a thirty-foot canopy of mature palms. This canopy is mostly comprised of hundreds of common palms, but underneath are a few rare species. In all, the effect is quite impressive. The driveway leads to a wall of massive boulders stacked high on top of each other. Some of these rocks are many tons and are placed in such a way that natural looking arches, big enough for a man to walk under, are created. Once you walk under the arches it's as if you are transported to a tropical lagoon. A one-acre lake with a ten thousand square foot sandy beach comes into view. Coconuts and other tropicals are planted in the beach sand. On the far side of the lagoon are dozens of mature *Washingtonia* plants forced to bend dramatically over the water. Beyond that are even more *Washingtonias*, perhaps a hundred, planted in two rows, in order to make a tunnel. But to make the tunnel even more dramatic each of the palms has been planted on a 45-degree angle so that the trunks of the trees cross. The scale of this garden is impressive, it has almost a "Disney" quality about it, but it's not very personal.

On Monday morning we went north to Sarasota and Selby Gardens. Marie Selby Botanical Gardens is dedicated to the study and conservation of tropical plants, especially epiphytes. The gardens are able to grow many tender plants that usually aren't found so far north because they are located right on Sarasota Bay. Selby Gardens maintains a plant collection numbering over 20,000 greenhouse plants, plus thousands more in the outdoor gardens. The Gardens are situated on 8.5 acres so there isn't a lot of room for palms, although they have at least a hundred different species, many of which are mature. Harry Luther, the Director of the Garden, graciously accepted a donation from P.A.C.S.O.F of some rare palms. Harry offered us a "behind the doors" tour of their private greenhouses. I could have spent all day in those greenhouses. I may never have the

opportunity again, but we had more places to visit, and I had wanted to see the Besse's garden since the first time I heard about it.

The last place we visited before returning home was the Bishock Ranch. This relocated nursery, from the Miami area, is still developing. Despite living in "Central Florida" the Bishocks have kept many tender tropical plants that they continue to grow in a unique greenhouse with doors and windows that can be closed in the winter. The Bishocks have also planted several different, tender *Copernicia* species in the ground, and, so far, they seem to be tolerating the Sarasota winters. One of the more distinctive palms in their collection is a variegated *Sabal palmetto*. The variegation is quite uniform and quite attractive. It is planted in the ground and nearly mature. The Bishocks are wonderful hosts. They treated us to a nice barbeque before we said goodbye and returned to Florida's East Coast.

I really enjoyed this years Palmfest. I met many new palm enthusiasts and got better acquainted with many of our own members as well. I saw some really special private and public gardens. I learned about palms in exotic lands and acquired a few new plants too. Next years Palmfest will be in Broward County and I am looking forward to more palm adventures there.

by John Irvine, Lake Worth,
Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

On September 13th, the CFPACS joined the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society's annual picnic and plant auction at Ruth Sallenbach's 5-acre palm paradise in Lake Worth. See more about that meeting under the PBP&CS.

Over 75 species of palm and cycads were offered for sale at the U.S.F. sale on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11-12 in Tampa. The CFPACS held their big palm and cycad sale on Saturday, October 25th, at the University of Central Florida in Oviedo (Orlando.)

In addition, the Garden Festival is being held at the Heathcote Botanical Gardens in Ft. Pierce, FL, on November 22-23.

Mark and Diana Grawboski will host the CFPACS "beach-style" Christmas Social & Plant Sale on December 13th, from 11:00am-3:00pm in Cocoa Beach.

The Montgomery Botanical Center has donated numerous plants to CFPACS so be ready for an auction! Don't miss CFPACS Palm Fiesta on January 31 & February 1, 2004. Jody Haynes will give us a personal tour of the gardens at the Montgomery Botanical Center in Coral Gables, FL on January 31, 2004. On Sunday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. Richard Moyroud will give us a tour of the Mesozoic Landscapes nursery. Featured on the tour will be their famous *Mauritia flexuosa*.

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. Each issue averages over 30 (8.5X11") pages.

CFPACS makes seeds available over the Internet, relying strictly on donations. All net sales proceeds go the CFPACS Treasury. Seedbank Director Charlene Palm reported total seed sales for the 1st quarter of 2003 of \$2,300.

As examples of their offerings, this Seedbank has recently distributed the following seeds: *Aiphanes minima*, *Acrocomia aculeata*, *Caryota* sp. "Ruth" [species said to be *C. mitis*, but quite different in overall appearance from typical *C. mitis*,] *Chamaedorea tepejilote* [clustering form], *Coccothrinax miraguama*, *Dypsis tokoravina*, *D. decaryi*, *D. nodifera* [donated as *Phloga polystachya*,] *Latania loddigesii*, *Licuala grandis*, *L. spinosa*, *Phoenix rupicola*, *P. roebelenii*, *P. sylvestris* (from India,) *Sabal etonia*, *S. minor*, *Serenoa repens*, *Syagrus schizophylla* and *Wodyetia bifurcata* (Foxtail Palm)

All seeds on this list are from cultivated plants. If you are not receiving palm seed availability notices and wish to do so, please contact CFPACS Seedbank Director Charlene Palm by email at <seedbank@cfpacs.org> or <BeachPalms@cfl.rr.com>.

For more on CFPACS, check out the website at www.cfpacs.com/, or contact Membership Chair Karen Barresse <cfpacsmbrrship@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) held their 2003 fall meeting on October 11 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 dates are September, December, March and June.

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

The North Carolina Palm Society met at Bald Head Island in June and at the home of Bob Snyder in Winston-Salem in September. Bob has a fantastic garden that features lots of evergreens. He also has palms (*Trachycarpus fortunei*, *T. wagnerianus*, *Sabal minor*, *S. sp.* "Birmingham", *S. palmetto*, the Brazoria (TX) *Sabal* hybrid, *Rhapidophyllum hystrix* and *Serenoa repens*), several species of Eucalyptus, *Camellia*, *Choisya*, *Persea*, a few *Magnolia* species, and various others. He has intermingled tropicals in with the evergreens, using bananas, cannas, gingers, and dahlias

For more information on the North Carolina Palm Society, email Pete Sayre at <ncpeps@nc.rr.com> or visit their website at www.ncpalm.homestead.com.

Florida First Coast Chapter

For information regarding the Florida First Coast Chapter, please contact Ed Brown by email at <edbrown_3@hotmail.com>

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 met at the home and garden of Horace Hobbs and Cynthia Ford on October 11th in conjunction with the IPS Board of Directors Meeting. Members and guests were treated to a tour of the wonderfully planted Hobbs garden and a Mexican catered dinner (complete with mariachi band). Local members enjoyed the opportunity to visit with the IPS Directors in for their annual meeting.

The IPS directors and guests were also treated to a reception, garden tour and BBQ dinner at the home of Jim and Liz Cain in west Houston on Friday, October 10th. Many were surprised by some of the palms that could be grown in Houston, even with protection.

On Sunday, October 12th, IPS Directors, Houston Area Chapter members and members from The Palm Society of South Texas jointly met for Moody Gardens palm tours by Moody's Gary Outenreath, followed by reception and hors d'oeuvres at Moody Gardens Hotel Hummingbird Terrace.

Those who could stay an extra day joined in on Monday, October 13th, for a tour of the Brazoria Hybrid Sabal Palm Grove near Sweeny, Texas. Lunch was provided.

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 has the following additional 2003 meetings scheduled:

- November 15, Charlie & Lana Vieh, San Benito, TX (Rangerville)
- December 13, Ruth Merrill, Los Fresnos, TX (Casa Chachalaca, Bayview)

There will be more about the above meetings in the next *Supplement*. Check the website <http://www.raingardens.com/psst/> before making plans to attend, as our schedule has been known to change on short notice. You may also send an email to John "Jv" Volk <iamjv@yahoo.com>, Lloyd Van Epps <Leeve3311@aol.com> or Jana Meiser <jbmeiser@raingardens.com>.

Asociación Venezolana de Palmas (Venezuelan Palm Society)

AVEPALMAS' activities this year have concentrated on excursions to palm plantations belonging to different members in different parts of Venezuela.

The first excursion went to Caruao, which is located at sea level near the eastern border of the state of Vargas and includes the northern slope of the national park of AVILA, where the landslide disaster of December 2000 occurred.

In Caruao, three members of AVEPALMAS have their plantations. The first one was started thirty years ago by Capt. Harry Gibson and includes some rare fruit trees. His

place is located very near a tourist attraction called Pozo del Cura with waterfalls and natural swimming pools in the river Aguas Calientes. Harry Gibson also has a great private palmetum in his Altamira garden in Caracas. He is an honorary member of AVEPALMAS.

Close to Gibson's plantation in Caruao is Dr. Omar Dominguez' palmetum with thousands of palms distributed on a sizable lot which includes a motel called Posada Aventuras Caruao and a chalet higher up in the mountain. Dr. Dominguez is vice president of AVEPALMAS.

The third palm plantation visited on this excursion was a nursery called Vivero El Taramutal located in La Sabana, quite close to Caruao. It belongs to Jorge Abreu, who is also a board member of AVEPALMAS. He has many *Bismarckia nobilis*, *Cyrtostachys renda*, as well as lots of other ornamental palms, rare *Zamias*, and a *Phoenix dactylifera* planted in the ground already yielding fine date harvests.

The second two-day excursion this year went first to the University of Carabobo in Valencia, where an interesting palmetum is being created on the university campus that contains two artificial lakes close to the modern university buildings. We do not have an inventory list so far but it is said to contain around 200 different species. Close to the university is the palm nursery of the Pfeiffer family in Naganagua. Instead of planting many of the same species, it would be more interesting to see a selective collection directed by a palm specialist. Cesar Diaz, who owns a palm nursery in Caracas, has been assisting the university.

The main attraction in this two-day trip was the Cañaote Jardín Botánico plantation of David Clulow near Tinaco in the state of Cojedes. David, who is also a member of the AVEPALMAS Board, has around 150 different palm species and 300 different tropical fruit trees. This is one of the most important collections in Venezuela, with many of the plants having been raised from seeds. All species have been carefully identified with computer-made weather resistant labels. David, an experienced cultivator, is well known in the UK where he made some famous magnolia hybrids. He has now translated this activity to the tropical *Cannaceae* family. Cañaote Botanical Garden is located close to a national park in low-level tropical estate of about 600 hectares.

The third excursion this year went to Las Mercedes near Tiara, about 3,000 feet above sea level, belonging to Raoul Held, another member of the AVEPALMAS Board of Directors. Raoul has nearly 100 different species, and all seem to do well at this altitude where his garden is located in a rain forest. He even has his own streamlet water during the dry season.

To our great regret the creator of the palmetum in the Caracas Botanical Garden, August Braun, who was an honorary member of the International Palm Society and of AVEPALMAS, has passed away. A *Corypha umbraculifera* that he planted thirty years ago started its flowering during the first quarter of the year, as was reported in our April bulletin. During a religious service in the garden, a new *Corypha* was planted together with his ashes near this impressive beautiful flowering palm.

A seminar called "*Salve Corypha*", dedicated to the palms, was organized by the Botanical Garden shortly after August Braun's death and much publicity was given to the flowering of the *Corypha* palm.

Three editions of AVEPALMAS bulletin (in Spanish) have been issued so far in 2003.

The next excursion will take place on November 15th, this time to the palmetum and nursery at Osma, between La Guaira and Caruao, owned by our treasurer, architect Francisco Monaldi, who has also an estate for tourist development in the Paria region of the eastern part of Venezuela.

Sven Nehlin, <nehlin@cantv.net >
President, AVEPALMAS

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

CALENDAR of

Upcoming Palm Tours and Travels

December 1, 2003: The South Florida Palm Society will hold its "World's Largest Palm Holiday Party" at Fairchild Tropical Garden, with an auction and covered dish dinner.

December 4-6, 2003: A new edition of the "Biennale Européenne du Palmier" will be featured at Villa Ormond at San Remo (Italy). The meeting theme will be "Les Ravageurs des

Palmiers," insects that utilize and damage palms. This event will have experts from the USA, France, UK, Italy, Morocco and Tunisia, and will offer simultaneous translation in English, French Spanish and Italian. Registration fee is 100 Euros (with discounts available for palm researchers and certain other individuals. For registration information email setambie@sistel.it or telephone Claudio Littardi, telephone +39-(0)183 999 011.

December 13, 2003: The Grawboskis will host the CFPACS Christmas Social & Plant Sale on December 13th, from 11:00am- 3:00pm in Cocoa Beach, Florida.

December 13, 2003: Palm Society of South Texas Meeting will be held at the Ruth Merrill residence in Bayview, Texas.

January 23, 2004: The Hawaii Island Palm Society Annual Meeting and Auction for 2004 will be at Wailoa Park.

Jan. 31 and Feb 1, 2004: CFPACS Palm Fiesta will feature a personal tour of the Montgomery Botanical Center in Coral Gables, FL on January 31, 2004. On Sunday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m., Richard Moyroud will give a tour of the Mesozoic Landscapes Nursery (See more under Central Florida affiliate write-up.)

March 13-14, 2004: The PACSOA 2004 Dinner and Show will be March 13-14th at Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. Mark your calendars now.

March 2004 (exact date to be advised): The Palm Society of South Florida's Spring 2004 Show and Sale will be held at Fairchild Tropical Gardens in Florida.

May 8-16, 2004: IPS Biennial in Hawaii, May 17-22 IPS Post-Tour to additional destinations in Hawaii. See more details on Page 1 in this *Supplement*. Full information was in the separate Biennial *Supplement* mailed with the *Palms* 47(3) issue.

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

The *Supplement to Palms* is looking for additional news input from or about local palm enthusiasts around the world. Items can be on any subject that would be of interest to members of the IPS. Send by email to *Supplement* Editor Jim Cain at <palm_dude@pobox.com > or send by regular mail to Jim at 12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077-3910, USA.

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Bios for Candidates for IPS Directors 2004-2008 Term

LYLE ARNOLD is a resident of Poway, just north of San Diego, and became a member of the International Palm Society and Southern California Chapter of the IPS about fifteen years ago. For several years he also served as a member of the board of directors of the Southern California Chapter. By training Lyle has a Ph.D. in Chemistry and has been a faculty member of the Medical School of the University of California at San Diego, followed by a career of more than twenty years in senior management positions of five different biotechnology companies. Lyle is active in a variety of plant related activities and has been growing palms for more than twenty years. His current palm dominated garden has become a regular location for various fund raising activities.

BILL BAKER of Austin, Texas, remembers that as a fourth grader from New England he was vacationing in Florida and became fascinated with palms; within a week he knew the differences between dates, coconuts, and royals. As an adult he now lives where he can grow palms and has taken full advantage of that fact. Bill is a member of both the Houston Area Chapter of the IPS and the Palm Society of South Texas, and is a past Chairman of the latter group. He has contributed articles to the *Bulletin of the Palm Society of South Texas* and to publications in Canada and France. Having grown up near the border with Canada, he began speaking French at an early age, and in later years, living near the Mexican border, he learned Spanish. Bill graduated from Saint Michael's College with a major in American Studies and French followed by extensive graduate work in geography at the University of Vermont. For most of his adult career he has worked in the field of Emergency Medical Services but is currently with a company providing flood certifications for mortgage lenders. In his spare time Bill manages a small palm consulting and nursery business.

LIBBY BESSE and her husband By of Sarasota, Florida, have been growing palms on Florida's West Coast for 45 years. Their garden has become a frequent meeting spot for palm and cycad enthusiasts as well as for the Central Florida and Southwest Florida Chapters. For many years Libby was associated with the Marie Selby Botanical Garden and traveled extensively with the Selby staff on more than 20 plant-collecting trips throughout the tropics. An IPS Director since 1988, Libby arranged for the Board of Directors Meeting in Sarasota in 1995, and again for the Board Meeting in Miami in 1999. She is the current Administrative Secretary for the Society.

JEFFRY BRUSSEAU maintains a two-acre garden "Cuesta Linda" in Vista, California, which is home to several thousand species of palms, cycads, ferns, bamboo, succulents, bromeliads, cacti and assorted tropical vegetation. Other involvements include membership in several plant societies, Board of Director and Officer positions in three commercial Owners Associations, ownership of a commercial nursery, and the restoration of the family's Historical home. Jeffry is hard working, persistent, determined, and extremely detailed oriented. He believes in living life to it's fullest and strives for excellence in all matters of his life.

JIM CAIN of Houston, Texas, an IPS member since the early 1970s, played a key role in organizing the Houston Area Chapter. Since stepping down as local IPS chapter president in 1989, he remains active in his local group. Jim served as IPS President from 1992-1996 and then as Corresponding Secretary from 1996-2000. Jim has been the IPS Supplement Editor since the inception of the regular *Supplement to Palms*. His palm activities are purely an avocation, unrelated to his employment. However, his work has taken him throughout the world, providing the ability to meet with IPS members in Australia, Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and the Caribbean. This has strengthened his goal of forging stronger rapport between the IPS and its affiliates worldwide.

PAUL CRAFT is a horticultural consultant residing in West Palm Beach, Florida. His interest in palms first began when he moved to Florida from Ohio in 1974, but it was not until the mid-80s when attending

a palm sale at Fairchild Tropical Garden that the palm bug really hit him. Palm Nuts, a nursery specializing in palms and cycads, was sold in 1999 to allow more time for traveling and writing. Paul was the founding President of the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society as well as the Founding President of PACSOF (Palm and Cycad Societies of Florida). He continues to be involved with hobbyists, commercial growers, researchers, botanical gardens, and other palm nuts throughout the world. Education, conservation, and just making people aware of this wonderfully diverse family of plants are still his main goals. Since 2000 Paul has been a Vice President of the IPS.

JOHN DE MOTT, a South Florida resident involved with commercial ornamental horticulture for over 35 years, is the owner and operator of Redland Nursery, Inc. He has introduced many “new” palms to the industry. John has worked closely with Montgomery Botanical Center and the Florida Nurseryman and Grower’s Association in the development of a seed bank. John has been married to Carolyn for almost 34 years. They have two children: Jeffrey 20 and Jenifer 19, both college students. John was a fireman for 28 years, and holds a commercial pilot’s license. His latest passion has been the forming of the “Florida Keys Botanical Center”, a 501c3 corporation, which is being developed on a nine-acre site on Big Pine Key in Monroe County with hopes of maintaining germ plasm, primarily from the Caribbean Basin. He even talked Paul Craft into being the Director!

GARRIN FULLINGTON: I fell in love with palms when I was six years old and living in Illinois. Luckily family on both sides moved to southern Florida and to the Sarasota area where, in my youth, I was able to nourish my interest, which grew into a passion. I moved to the San Francisco area in 1963 and began my many trips the Andes and elsewhere to begin introducing more cool growing species into cultivation, particularly *Parajubaea* and *Ceroxylon* species. The large *C. quindiuense* and the *C. vogelianum* in Golden Gate Park’s Strybing Arboretum were from seeds I collected, grew, and donated to the arboretum. I was instrumental in initiating the Lakeside Palmetum in Oakland and was its caretaker for some years. In Hilo I initiated the palm plantings at the zoo, which have become extensive. I have been a member of the IPS since 1972, and have missed, I believe, only two or three biennials in that time. I have a three-acre garden here in Hawai’i that contains many rare mature and younger palms.

HARESH lives in Madurai, in the state of Tamil Nadu, India, and has been studying and growing palms for nearly 30 years. Palms are the integral part of his plant hobby that also includes tropical flowering trees, succulents and orchids. As a business executive, his work provides extensive travel opportunities to visit gardens and growers in the US, Europe and in many parts of Asia. Hareesh is currently involved in developing two gardens near Madurai. He hopes to take more time off in the coming years to visit threatened habitats and to study the palm populations in his part of the world. He says, if elected, he will bring his business management and international exposure to the society.

ROLF KYBURZ of Browns Plains, Queensland, Australia, owns and operates a large seed distribution company, K-Palms Nursery & Seeds. Working with his wife Noorizah, he ships seeds of palms, cycads and other rare and exotic plants to more than 70 countries. He also operates a palm and cycad propagation nursery that produces hundreds of species of germinated seeds and small plants. In order to study, photograph and learn about plant habitats, Rolf travels extensively to the remaining forests and jungles of the world. He has been a regular attendee of recent IPS Board of Directors meetings and has been to most of the IPS Biennial meetings. Rolf has been Vice President of the IPS since 1996.

LELAND LAI of Topanga, California, is current Vice President of the International Palm Society and a Board Director for the Palm Society of Southern California. Born and raised in Hawaii, his love for tropical flora and fauna has captivated his work and outside interests with more than a passion. Leland has built his career assisting in the development of sustainable aquaculture: producing and distributing biological and artificial larval and maturation diets, designing hatchery modules for seed stocks, and providing bio-technology in the form of aquatic genetics for selective breeding.

LEONEL A. MERA, from the Dominican Republic, has been an IPS member since 1991, and has attended all biennials since then. He maintains a large collection of dry weather tropical palms and has had six years of experience in the trade of Caribbean palm seeds. His main work is as an architect and he

has dedicated the past year to large scale landscaping design. His greatest interest is to promote palms and trees from his native Dominican Republic.

LARRY NOBLICK of Miami, Florida, is the Collections Manager/Palm Biologist of the Montgomery Botanical Center (MBC). Trained as a plant taxonomist, he first became interested in palms as a Peace Corp Volunteer in Brazil 25 years ago. As an active palm explorer and collector, he has traveled in numerous countries gathering research materials and introducing many varieties of palms, some poorly known and some new to science, not only to South Florida, but also to many other national and international botanical gardens. As a palm scientist, he and a colleague are currently working on a grant to discover the relationships between the coconut and its relatives. As Collections Manager at MBC, he has contributed to designing, developing and managing an extensive scientifically valuable collation of palms on the 120-acre site along with its associated database and mapping. Over 1,100 palms currently flourishing at MBC are directly related to his collecting activities. MBC is and will continue to become a very popular site to visit for many palm scientists and enthusiasts alike and has hosted a past IPS Board of Directors meeting.

JOHN REES of Camarillo, California, is a retired professor of geography at California State University, Los Angeles. He joined the Palm Society in 1957. John began growing palms after collecting seeds in Mexico while doing fieldwork for his Ph.D. at UCLA. Since then he has collected palm seeds in Australia, New Zealand, China, and in Central and South America. For many years he grew all his plants, even large palms and cycads, in containers. Recently he planted an expanded palm garden at his home in Camarillo. John served as an IPS Director for the 2000-2004 term and is also a Board Member-at-large of the Palm Society of Southern California. He has contributed articles to *Principes* and the *Palm Journal*, has co-authored a book on palm sago, and has made presentations to various groups about traditional uses of palms. John has attended three of the last four biennial meetings. In 1996, he organized and guided the IPS Biennial Post-Conference Tour to Ecuador.

SUE ROWLANDS of Riverside, California, joined the International Palm Society and the California Chapter in 1988. She served as a Director of the Southern California Chapter of the IPS as area Chairman for Orange and Riverside Counties from 1994 to 1998. She served as Chairman of the IPS Biennial held in Southern California in 1996 and became a Director of the IPS the same year. As an IPS Director, she served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee for 2001-2002. She is presently serving as a member of the Finance Committee and is the Corresponding Secretary. She has attended all Biennials and Board meetings since being elected in 1996 and has contributed articles to the Southern California *Palm Journal* and to *Palms*.

HOWARD WADDELL of Miami, Florida, has been a member of the IPS since the mid-1980s. He has served as Treasurer of the South Florida Palm Society since 1997 and of the IPS since 2000. Howard has led successful efforts to improve the Chapter's financial management, create an endowment fund, update its by-laws, and strengthen its local marketing activities. In recent years Howard has hosted garden tours at his home for both palm society members and for Fairchild Tropical Garden's palm culture classes. Howard is the author of *Principes/Palms* articles *Ecosane and the Growth of Containerized Palms*, *The Successful Palm Sale*, and *A New Palm Cultivar: Cyrtostachys renda 'Theodora Buhler'*. Howard is president of a marketing research and consulting firm that serves clients throughout the U.S.

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