

LAST CHANCE FOR CHANGES TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER INFORMATION

A New MEMBERSHIP ROSTER will be prepared soon and distributed with the June 2005 issue of *Palms*. Please check the information on the prior Membership Roster and advise the IPS of any changes in your address, email, telephone or fax. Do so before January 31, 2005 to ensure that your changes make the Roster.

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IPS Board Meeting in April

The Board of Directors of the International Palm Society will be meeting in late April at the Montgomery Botanical Center. If you have any information you would like to have considered by the Board, please contact Paul Craft, President of the IPS.

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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
 - Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
 - Rockhampton Palm & Cycad Society
- Other Australian States:
 - Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Soc.
 - Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia
 - Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia, Inc.

The PACSOA Annual Dinner and Show for 2005 was held at Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens in Brisbane on March 12th and 13th.

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

Far North Queensland Palm & Cycad Society

For information about the Far North Queensland Palm and Cycad Society (FNQ-PACA) 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 the FNQPACA website www.geocities.com/fnqpaca/.

Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

For information 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,

For information 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>.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney (IPS Chapter)

The Tropical Garden Society of Sydney (Incorporating the Palm and Cycad Society) held their 2004 Christmas Party at the home and garden of Fred and Denua Moody

The Society meeting of November 23rd, 2004, featured a large number of auction plants and all were sold. Palms included were: *Chamaedorea elatior*, *C. metallica*, *C. radicalis* (multiple), *C. stolonifera*, *C. woodsoniana*, (multiple), *Normanbya normanbyi*, *Lytocaryum*

weddellianum, *Reinhardtia gracilis*, and *Sabal minor*. Other plants in the auction included aroids (*Aglaonema* 'Parrot Jungle', *Alocasia cucullata* (Chinese Taro), *A. wentii*, and *Anthurium longipeltatum*), *Marantaceae* (*Calathea* 'Thai Beauty', *Ctenanthe lubbersiana*), Bromeliads (*Aechmea* cv., *A. gamosepala*, *Neoregelia* 'Grace' and *Nidularium innocentii* var. *wittmarkiana*), Gingers (*Costus barbatus* and *Hedychium gracile*), a fern (*Asplenium obtusatum*), *Cordyline terminalis*, a lily (*Eucharis grandiflora*), *Hibiscus cooperi* 'Rose Flake' and the rainforest plant *Davidsonia pruriens*.

The 2005 Annual General Meeting was held on January 25th for election of Officers and Committee. Speaker at the meeting was Society President, Fred Moody who concluded his slide presentation of recent visits to some of the great gardens of the world, this time including Frankfurt, Lednice, Geneva and Singapore Botanic Gardens.

The March 22nd meeting featured Gleness Larnach of "Bromeliads Australia" who gave a presentation on "Bromeliads, their care and propagation". Gleness also brought along some collector's items for sale.

The March color issue of "*Tropica*" featured two main themes:

- Gingers, for Sydney gardens.
- *Chamaedorea* for Sydney gardens, Part 3: the smaller solitary species, including: *C. adscendens*, *C. allenii*, *C. deckeriana*, *C. elegans*, *C. ernesti-augusti*, *C. frondosa*, *C. geonomiformis*, *C. metallica*, *C. oreophila*, and *C. tenella*.

The Open Garden Scheme featured a visit to "Tropical Breeze", the private garden of one of the Society members, Helen Curran, located at 24 Johnson Avenue, Seven Hills, on February 5th and 6th. Helen is the Sydney representative for the *International Cordyline Society*. Her garden boasts a collection of well-grown *Cordylines* set amongst bamboo, palms, acahyphas, bromeliads and other tropical foliage beauties. The rear garden features a Balinese style pavilion and swimming pool with a waterfall set in tropical foliage and is a credit to Helen and her husband Neil who have done all of the work themselves. The garden has survived winter low temperatures of -3 degrees Celsius and due to Helen's busy schedule it generally survives on natural rainfall.

For more information see the website at <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/index.htm>, or

you may contact Paul Anderson (Secretary), Tropical Garden Society of Sydney, P. O. Box 2, Empire Bay, NSW 2257. Ph. (02) 4369-1422 after hours, or email Ian Edwards at <ianse@ozemail.com.au>

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, PACSOA Branch

For information on the Society, write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or send an email to Margaret Bazley <bazley@dodo.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' if calling from outside Australia] or email to <licorice@cqnet.com.au>.

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 Dr. H. Ottley <HARVEY@octa4.net.au>.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

At the November PACSOWA meeting, Norm Patterson presented a video and slide presentation of his and Gwen's recent trip to the Pilbara and Kimberley which included visits to a number of palm nurseries and some little known out-of-the-way places along the coast. Barry Shelton gave a short talk on his and Chris' road trip from Perth to Kalbarri and points in between. Barry's article on this trip is published in three parts in the last three editions of *PalmsWest*.

The Christmas party was a great evening, thanks to the generosity and hard work of hosts Norm and Gwen Patterson.

The main talk for the January 25th PACSOWA meeting was on "Palm & Cycad Look-alikes and Companions", hosted by John Banasiewicz. The meeting showcased plants that

complement palms and cycads or are used as companion plants in tropical gardens, e.g., elephant ears, ferns, *Strelitzia*, *Pandanus*, *Monstera*, *Cannas*, travelers palms, bananas, *Beaucarnea* (ponytails), etc. The list is endless. In the February issue of PalmsWest, George Sevastos provided detailed notes on some of the plants featured, including:

- *Carludovica palmata* (Panama Hat "Palm", not a palm but in Cyclanthaceae family).
- *Pandanus utilis* (called Madagascan Screw Palm or Screw Pine, in Pandanaceae family).
- *Molinieria capitulata* (Queensland palm grass in family Hypoxidaceae) which resembles juvenile *Syagrus* palms.
- *Beaucarnea recurvata* (Ponytail "Palm", in the Agavaceae family)
- *Dracaena marginata* (also in Agavaceae)
- *Aspidistra elatior* (Cast Iron plant in Liliaceae), resembles *Bactris trailiana*.

The main talk on February 22nd, was on "Propagating Cycads" and covered all aspects such as pollination, seed germination and the techniques involved in taking 'pups' from the parent plant. This talk will be led by Norm Patterson with help from other experts.

There was a great selection of plants at the February meeting, including a large (2 meter) Coconut Palm and some rare *Licuala* seedlings. Thanks to Reg and Dale Lysle for bringing them.

In light of the problems with Busy Bee attendance levels reported in January, a number of experienced members (led by George Sevastos and Norm) provided background and historical perspective on Gascoyne Park. A brief recap of that is given below, with more in PalmsWest. Norm described the dedication, enthusiasm and plain hard work of the founding members in the early days in getting the Park going. The original members used to meet each other when selling palms through ads in the papers and eventually decided to form a club to pursue their common interests. An early attempt to establish a botanic garden at Hartfield Park in Forrestfield failed though theft and vandalism, damage to plants and lack of watering. It was eventually abandoned.

In the early days at Gascoyne Park, there were many long working bees and planting marathons where members even camped overnight to protect the plants! Some of the pioneers of those times were Ken Adcock, John Banasiewicz, Eric Mole, the Pattersons,

Skinner, Lanes, Lees, Ercegs, Tomlinsons and Lewkowskis. There was a great team spirit among the group.

George Sevastos described the formal background of the establishment and history of the Park. In the late 1980's, the Society was looking to acquire land to establish a palm and cycad botanic garden. The then Shire of Wanneroo, now the City of Joondalup, came to the rescue and Gascoyne Park was established in 1989. The Park is located in the northern Perth suburb of Woodvale. The Park covers an area of 5.2 ha (12.9 acres) and has thousands of palms, cycads, eucalyptus trees and other native vegetation. The Park resembles a small tropical island in the middle of the Pacific. Since its acquisition, the Park has gone through different stages of transformation to where it is today. Through hard work and sheer determination, the Park is looking better than ever.

Three area zones have been established to accommodate the different plant species as not all plants can thrive and survive in the same type of environment:

- Open Savannah — plants more suitable for drier areas
- Open Forest — semi-shaded and more sun tolerant species
- Rainforest — dense planting creating a microclimate for shade loving plants

There are approximately 2,000 palms and cycads planted in the Park with some well established species. Some 500 or more have been lost to theft and/or vandalism over the years. There are over a 100 species of palms representing 38 genera and about 35 species of cycad representing 7 genera. The first official listing of species was conducted in November 1996 by Barry Shelton and George Sevastos and took two full days to complete.

The official opening was held in March 1996 and was attended by the Hon Cheryl Edwardes MLA, Member for Kingsley and the Mayor of Wanneroo. More than 100 people attended including local residents and Society members. It was a resounding success.

Busy bees are held once a month, usually on the fourth Sunday of the month. The dates are published in PalmsWest. Duties include pruning, weeding, spraying, planting, fertilizing and mulching. The aim is to keep the Park clean and tidy at all times.

Gascoyne Park is well known in gardening circles throughout Australia and is the biggest

and most diverse collection of palms and cycads in Western Australia. 2005 will be its 20th anniversary. The hope and plan is that the work of the Park founders will not be wasted and that the Park continue to be developed and maintained so that future generations can enjoy and learn from this magnificent resource.

The last Busy Bee for 2004 on December 12th only had three attendees — Tony Bowyer, Ian Judge and George Sevastos. Due to the small attendance, all efforts were directed towards pruning, tidying up fallen fronds and planting. In addition to pruning, six Cuban *Roystonea* were planted, four next to the gazebo and Royal Avenue and the other two in the *Chamaedorea* enclosure.

PACSOWA met on March 2nd at the Rotary Hall. The main talk was by local bromeliad expert, Don Woods, who educated members and guests on the propagation, care and culture of bromeliads. Don Clemkey gave a short talk about two cycad species which are native to the northwest of Western Australia, *Cycas furfuracea* and *C. armstrongii*.

The Cannington Palm, Cycad and Fern Show and Sale held last November 27-28 at the Cannington Showgrounds was a huge success. Many members and guests attended, putting forth a great effort for the event. Sales revenues were well up over last year.

Subscription fees for the 2004-2005 financial year are A\$20 for single membership and A\$25 for families. There is a once-off joining fee of A\$5 for new members. On payment of fees, members will receive a membership card from the Treasurer.

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

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The December 2004 meeting of the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society was attended by a many — the most for a long time. The meeting got straight into the auction which was all of palms and cycads. Many plants would be considered rare including some rare *Encephalartos* and some hard to get 20-year old *Macrozamia* -ex Barbara Jury stock. There was an excellent range with things like *Pritchardia* sp. been offered (one *Pritchardia* brought by

Brent Hubbard was so large it was not brought inside.) A good night for all there

The Society 2005 program got underway on February 1st, featuring a guest speaker from England, Stuart Dixon. Stuart is a lecturer in horticulture and well-known broadcaster from *Down to Earth Garden Talks*. This was a most entertaining evening. There were also the usual activities: trading table, raffle etc.

A Palm & Subtropicals Trip to the “Far North” trip by minibus was arranged for the weekend of February 19-20th — “two days of wandering around some great palm, cycad and other plant locations from Whangarei, carrying on north to just beyond Awanui.” On Saturday, the meeting took in the Austin Brothers just south of Kaitia and moved on to Peter and Pauline Enticott’s Lake Ngatu Plantations near Waipapakauri and then north to Awanui, with the evening spent at Mill Bay Hotel in Mangonui. Places visited on Sunday included Lindo Fergusson’s Mangonui property, PalmCo at Kerikeri and Russell Fransham’s nursery at Matapouri Bay. Thanks to Philip Millar for coordinating this event.

The March 1st meeting was attended by about 45 members. General business started the evening, including which seeds have been sent out recently by the Seed Bank, the upcoming annual sale requirements. The show’s stall is being used by the NZ society to raise money to fund our effort to add to our MAF list, handled by Michael Budd. An upcoming nursery visit was mentioned and Philip Millar is handling that, so contact him for more information.

The speaker of the night was John Lok and the subject was the Cycad Conference 2005 which he attended. We saw photos of a couple of gardens and nurseries in the USA. Some of the *Encephalartos* were impressive; especially an *E. princeps*. Species like *E. whitelockii* and *E. kisambo* were shown and it was obvious that size must be considered when selecting planting locations for these. One of Gary Coleman’s favorite *Encephalartos* (*E. cerinus*) then we moved onto Mexico and mainly *Dioons*. John indicated that most *Dioon* species look very similar. Photos of *D. califanoi* and *D. purpusii* probably did not do these species justice. *Ceratozamia* species also got a mention.

The NZ Palm & Cycad magazine has recently included articles on various New Zealand growing experiences with various species of *Dypsis*. The more uncommon ones were covered in Issue 94 (NZ Summer 2004-

2005) with a focus in the March 2005 issue on experiences with *Dypsis decaryi*, *D. decipiens*, *D. lutescens*, and *D. baronii*.

The Society Seed Bank (Gary Coleman) sent out the following seeds at the end of December 2004: *Alloschmidia glabrata*, *Chamaedorea cataractarum*, *C. glaucifolia* and *Basselinia gracilis*. Had hoped to also have *Dioon califanoi* but not enough arrived.

Most of the above NZP&CS news about meetings and events were extracted from original internet postings by Gary Coleman <aries@splurge.net.nz> on the NZ Society mailserver. The remainder were taken from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine*.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society or its quarterly magazine, email Gary at the above email or to President John Lok <john.lok@xtra.co.nz> or 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 list server messages.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The February 28th meeting of the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) was held at VanDusen Gardens in Vancouver and featured a slideshow of New Zealand, Australia and Cook Islands flora by Monica Semsch. Additionally, there was a workshop at the break, with Jay Akerley and Holli Benjamin (Certified Horticultural Technician) demonstrating vegetative propagation for succulents to assist members in properly dividing Agaves and other succulents.

The next meeting will be held on April 6th. It will feature slides of Members' Gardens. [*The March 28th meeting was cancelled due to Easter Holiday, replaced by this one.*]

Additional meetings planned for 2005 at Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver are:

- May 30th,
- September 26th
- November 28th

The Society's Annual Plant Sale will be held at Lansdowne Mall in Richmond, BC. Members and guests will have a chance to purchase a

selection of rare and exotic plant specimens not normally available in commercial nurseries. Dates are yet to be finalized, but the sale will likely take place April 20 to April 24, 2005. Return to www.hardypalm.com for further details.

Hardy Palm International is now published as an all-color journal, beginning with the February 2005 issue, #61. Henceforth, all photographs, advertisements and cartoons submitted will be reproduced in full color.

The combination of increased postage (especially to the US and Europe), fluctuating currency and rising printing costs would have led us to annual membership price increase of \$5.00 at this time. We thought that to give the best value to our members we have taken this opportunity to go to a full color edition for only \$5.00 more. We think the evolution to full color is fantastic and as you browse through the first color journal you will agree it is well worth the additional cost. Beginning January 1, 2005, annual subscription/membership rates will be:

- Canadian addresses: \$CDN 40
- American addresses: \$US 40
- International addresses: \$US 45 or 35€

For those who have paid in advance PNWP&EPS will not be asking for more money. However, to try to make it fair to all subscribers we will be moving the renewal earlier for some of you. We'll give you lots of notice. And, of course, anyone that wishes to cancel his or her subscription will be cheerfully refunded their money.

For additional information on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society or its journal, **Hardy Palm International**, see <http://www.hardypalm.com/> or email President Nick Parker, <parkern@douglas.bc.ca>.

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. The group had 300 online members as of May 2004, with as many as 5,000 visitor hits per month. Issue 49 of **Chamaerops** was published (in both hard copy and online in September 2004.)

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.

Association Chambeyronia New Caledonia

Jean PIERSON is President of the *Association Chambeyronia* (since August 2003.) *Association Chambeyronia* meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month. For more, contact Jean Pierson, <pierson@socatrans.nc>.

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

On March 12th and 13th, the Fous de Palmiers had a stand at the Exposition of R.A.NA.PE.Co in Ile-sur-Tet in the eastern Pyrénées. On April 3rd, the Fous is scheduled for a visit in Perpignan (eastern Pyrénées) with l'Association Botanique de la Calalogne Nord to see *Chamaerops humilis* in habitat.

The Fous is organizing a weekend trip in May with members from the North of France and Belgium to visit the Serres Royales de Laeken in Brussels, with guidance by Eric, who has cultivated the palms for more than thirty years and with Gand, coordinating with members in the north and in the Paris region.

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.

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>.

"Palmenfreunde" in Germany

Palmenfreunde publishes a journal entitled *Palmen und Mehr* (in German) of about twenty A5-sized pages with many palms photographs in color. Membership is 22 Euros per year. Contact Jörg Witticke <Palmenfreunde@aol.com>

Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

For information, email Thierry Hubert: <palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr> or Corresponding Secretary Philippe De Vos <de-vos.denis@wanadoo.fr>

La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]

The Spanish Palm Society, La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas, produces the Spanish palm publication, *Espadice*, on a semiannual basis. This full color journal, averaging 24-28 pages per issue, is available for subscription for 30 Euros per year.

For information on the Spanish Palm Society, La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas, or to subscribe to *Espadice*, email Santiago Orts, <sorts@huertodelcura.com>.

Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador

For more on Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador contact their President, Rodrigo Avila <rodrigo@bismarckia.com>.

Hawaii Island Palm Society

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) met on February 25th to hear Dr. Scot Nelson's presentation on palm diseases. Scott is an Extension Specialist in Plant Pathology with the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, responsible for plant disease education and research programs throughout the State of Hawaii.

The Society's Annual BBQ, elections and auction were held on January 21st, 2005.

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 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).

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

The Gulf Coast chapter had previously postponed the scheduled October (Fall) meeting due to damage and debris from Hurricane Ivan. The meeting took place on February 13th at the home of Maxwell Stewart in Mobile. Hayes Jackson, the Urban Agent for the Louisiana Co-op Extension System in Anniston, AL. The group also celebrated the 100th birthday of Max Stewart's *Phoenix canariensis*, which came by rail from California in 1905.

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

The Palm Society Northern California Chapter held its final meeting of 2004 for all members on Sunday November 21, 2004. The meeting was at the Lakeside Garden Center in Oakland, California, positioned 37.77° north of the Equator and 122.22° west of the Greenwich prime meridian. Oakland averages 42 feet above sea level and is just across the bay, easterly from San Francisco. The weather was cool, but it was not raining.

Our meeting began at noon with a Palmetum tour and retreated to the meeting room for pot luck and regular meeting directed by Dan Sekella. Dan discussed the chapter's 501c3 tax status, which is posted on our website. Dan also detailed a complete synopsis of progress that our chapter has made in the past year. Dan also explained that we will soon mail ballots for our election of board members. Vice President / Treasurer Darold Petty did not attend, therefore a financial report was also presented by Dan Sekella.

The meeting was turned over to member Dr. Thomas Jackson and guests were treated to an incredible video of his recent Hawaii IPS 2004 biennial trip with his wife, Kathy. Everyone was amazed and delighted with the content. Twenty-four members were in attendance.

Our next meeting date is tentatively planned for early spring and likely to be in the garden of Doctors Tom Jackson and Kathy Grant in Ross.

Dennis Valdez,
Secretary

For more information about the Northern California Chapter, contact Dan Sekella, <sekella@pacbell.net> or Chapter Secretary, Dennis Valdez, <VergeFusee@aol.com> or see the Northern California Chapter website at www.fremontica.com/palms.

Palm Society of Southern California

We have had the rainiest winter in over 100 years and are set to break the record for the most rain ever in Southern California. Daytime temperatures have been cool, but the overnight

lows have been very mild. Summer growth should be spectacular.

Talking about a perfect weekend, the 2005 PSSC annual banquet was held at the Catamaran Hotel in San Diego on January 22nd with a few of us staying overnight to ease the long drive home. This has got to be one of the better banquets with 118 attendees and a great buffet spread that people talked about. If you haven't been to the Catamaran, you've missed a great experience and collection of palms which Bill Evans has supported for years. Among the jewels were the largest *Jubaeopsis caffra*, a *Dypsis leptocheilos* with 12 foot of trunk, and a multi-headed *Phoenix roebelenii*. This was a first-time planning event by Shirley Chang, table centerpieces were put together by Louise and Dave Minks, and registration check in assisted by Paulette Lowe and Jo Zagar. We also had the honor of attendance by Dan Sekella and his wife. Don has been President of the Northern California Palm Chapter since 1990. Making the job a lot easier was the wonderful and courteous staff of the Catamaran. Thank you, Bill Evans.

Paul Craft (IPS President) was guest speaker who took us on a wonderful tour of palms of the Dominican Republic and Cuba. The 2006 IPS Biennial will be hosted by Leonel Mera in the Dominican Republic for all of you *Pseudophoenix ekmanii* lovers. The day was capped by our auction and raffle with great deals in palms, cycads and other tropicals.

The annual banquet marks the change of officers voted in during the November election. The Board wishes to express its appreciation to Jerry Anderson for his dedication, leadership, and service during his two-year term as our President. Thanks Jerry!

The following are the 2005-2006 Officers, Directors and Board appointed Positions:

- President: Leland Lai
- Vice President: Ed Arends
- Treasurer: Don Martin
- Past President: Jerry Anderson
- Membership and Bookstore Chair: Tim Cooke
- Banquet Chairperson: Shirley Chang
- Webmaster: Chris Stevens
- Production Chairperson: Ralph Velez
- Seed Bank: Dan Lowe
- Auction Coordinator: Charlie Johnson
- Ventura/Santa Barbara County Area Chair: John Rees
- Orange/Riverside County Area Chair: Johnny Mendoza

- San Diego/Imperial County Area Chair: Phil Bergman
- Members at Large: Don Kurth; Kevin Weaver; Bud Zager
- Palm Journal Design Director: Larry Evans
- Welcoming Chair: Paulette Lowe
- Membership Inquiries: Jim Wright

Additional meetings planned for 2005 are:

March 2005: Orange/Riverside Counties

May 2005: San Diego/Imperial Counties

July 2005: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties

Sept. 2005: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Co.

Nov. 2005: Orange/Riverside Counties

For more information on the Southern California Palm Society, visit the new PSSC website <http://www.palmssc.org>.

South Florida Palm Society News

The South Florida Palm Society's 2005 Spring Palm and Cycad Show and Sale has been set for March 19th and 20th, with "Mexico and Central America" as the theme. Details will be covered in the next *Supplement to PALMS*.

The South Florida Palm Society met on February 7, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Auditorium.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 4th, with a Spring Field Trip set for April 16th. The field trip will start at Jeff Chait's house at 9621 SW 102nd Street, Miami at 10 a.m., and will include free lunch for members (\$10 for guests).

Society Officers for 2005 are:

- President: Ken Johnson
<kenjohnsonpalms@earthlink.net>
- Vice President: Billy Olson
- Treasurer: Larry Davis
<palmsncycads@yahoo.com>
- Recording Sec.: John DeMott
<redland@netrus.net>
- Corresponding Sec.: Bill Sears
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For more on the South Florida Palm Society, write Secretary Adrienne Gricius by email to <palmgod@earthlink.net> or see their website at www.plantapalm.com/southfl/.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The Great Annual Picnic and Palm Auction was held on Saturday, March 12th, at Ruth Sallenbach's Fabulous Palm Jungle. In addition to Sale and Raffle, Dale Horton conducted tours of the garden.

Additional Palm and Cycad sales are planned at Caloosa Park, Boynton Beach for:

- Spring, April 9 & 10,
- Fall, October 8 & 9

An additional sale on December 3rd and 4th is tentatively planned for Okeeheelee Park.

The first 2005 meeting was on January 5th at Mount's. It featured a talk by Cathy and Lew Berger on palms seen in Hawaiian botanical gardens visited during the last IPS Biennial.

The PBP&CS regularly meets on the first Wednesday of each month, keeping the annual picnic in September. The *Palm & Cycad Times* is now quarterly, with issues planned for February, May, August and November.

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

Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

The next chapter meeting will be a tour of two gardens Naples. Final date has not been set due to the "hurricane delays".

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

Florida First Coast Chapter

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

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The last issue of the *Supplement* incorrectly stated that the CFPACS September meeting was cancelled because of the hurricanes that seriously impacted local members.

The September meeting of the CFPACS was held in the Orlando area on September 18th, 2004, in the interval between Hurricane Francis' departure and the advent of Hurricane Jeanne. The meeting venue was indoors at the air-conditioned Gaylord Palms Resort in Kissimmee. This is an 8-story hotel angled into an atrium higher than the hotel building itself. The atrium contains 4.5 acres at ground level, with an artful series of terraces and levels, accessed by numerous broad staircases. Arranged between the ponds, restaurants and

bars were 28 species of palms, orchids, bromeliads, *Bougainvillea*, *Hibiscus*, *Caladium*, ginger, etc. A good-sized *Cyrtostachys renda* was located in a rather obscure corner. The atrium's many coconuts (*Cocos nucifera*) and *Roystonea* are certainly not evident on the outside streets of the Orlando area.

Willie Tang showed slides and explained the cycad conservation (*Cycas debaoensis*) project in China that he has helped create and which CFPACS has continued to assist in underwriting. Palms seen by Willie in association with these cycads include the cliff-dwelling *Guihaia argyrata* and *G. grossifibrosa* and a large *Caryota* species that has become evident in areas where the original forest had been cleared. An unrecognized *Rhapis* species was also encountered on the trail. Some introduced palms were also in evidence, with the most common being the Australian *Archontophoenix alexandrae*.

After the morning presentation and lunch, members and guests moved on to Dave Witt's for the plant auction and sale.

The Winter meeting of the CFPACS was held in Sarasota on December 11th, 2004, hosted by Rob Branch. Rob has about 175 palm varieties planted on his one-acre garden, with another 50 planned for the Spring of 2005. Landscaped pathways lead from one enchanting area to another. [Note that Sarasota was spared by the 2004 hurricanes that devastated so much of Florida's coastal area.]

Diana Wehrell-Grabowski is the new President of CFPACS, taking over from Ray Hernandez who has served the past two years.

Palm seeds recently distributed by the CFPACS Seedbank (with prices) include:

- Arenga tremula* \$0.25 ea (few)
- Attalea speciosa* \$0.40 ea (very few)
- Butia capitata* at \$0.20 ea or \$15/100
- Carpentaria acuminata* \$0.20 ea or \$15/100
- Chamaedorea seifrizii* \$0.20 ea or \$20/100
- Coccothrinax boschiana* \$0.30 ea or \$20/100
- C. miraguama* \$0.25 ea or \$20/100
- C. argentata* \$0.25 ea or \$20/100
- C. spissa* \$0.25 ea or \$20/100
- Dypsis decaryi* \$0.20 ea
- Elaeis guineensis* \$0.30 ea (very few)
- Hyophorbe lagenicaulis* \$0.35 ea
- H. versaffeltii* \$0.25 ea
- Licuala spinosa* \$0.25 ea or \$20/100
- Livistona benthamii* \$0.25 ea or \$20/100
- L. chinensis x decipiens* \$0.20 ea
- L. decipiens* \$0.25 ea or \$10/50

- Phoenix roebelenii* at \$0.20 ea or \$15/100
- P. reclinata* at \$0.20 ea or \$15/100 and
- Ptychosperma* sp. \$0.30 ea (few)
- P. lineare* \$0.25 ea or \$20/100
- Sabal mexicana* \$0.25 ea (few)
- Serenoa repens* (green) \$0.25 ea
- Veitchia arecina* \$0.30 ea (very few)
- V. winin* \$0.25 ea
- Wodyetia bifurcata* \$0.30 ea
- Zamia antillarum* \$0.35 ea or \$25/100

If you are not on the list distribution, send an email to brevocolipalms@yahoo.com (Dean Vanderbleek, Seed Bank Chairman).

Dean also expresses many thanks to SW Florida member Frank Cox for his purchase of the 173 remaining robust *Wodyetia bifurcata* (foxtail) seedlings germinated from a donation gathered underneath Ed Carlson's beautiful (pre-hurricanes) Vero Beach specimen during the May CFPACS meeting. Ed's place took quite a beating with the loss of many species, so it may be of some comfort that seedlings from his foxtail palm have recently been distributed from Pine Island, SW Florida up to Baltimore, MD. Thank you, Ed! [This Seed bank report extracted from online report by Dean Vanderbleek, CFPACS Seed Bank chairman]

The new President of CFPACS is Diana Wehrell-Grabowski, who has taken over from Ray Hernandez who has served the past two years.

CFPACS dues have a modest increase effective January 1st, 2005, with local memberships now at \$15 per year or \$30 for three years. For more on CFPACS, check out the website at www.cfpacs.com/, or contact Membership Chair Karen Barresse <cfpacsmbmrship@aol.com> or Secretary Chuck Grieneisen <chuckfg@mpinet.net>.

News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

Officers for the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) are currently:

- President: Joe LeVert (Augusta, GA)
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The Winter 2004/2005 SEPS meeting was held on February 26th, 2005 at the State Botanical Garden of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. This was “a day of special sights, a presentation by one of the world’s foremost palm experts, and our celebrated annual plant auction and plant sale.”

Visit the State Botanical Garden of Georgia online at <http://www.uga.edu/~botgarden>.

Our day began at 10:30 am in the Callaway Building (visitor center) with guest speaker Paul Craft, current president of the International Palm Society and coauthor of *An Encyclopedia of Cultivated Palms*. Paul moved to Florida in 1974 to escape Ohio winters and later became interested in palms after attending a plant sale at Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Since then, he’s helped found the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society and has been involved with hobbyists, researchers, botanical gardens, commercial growers and just about anyone who’s interested in palms. Paul spoke on the palms of Cuba.

There was “plenty of time to tour the botanical garden grounds and for our famous winter meeting plant auction and plant sale.” Auction proceeds went to benefit the Southeastern Palm Society,

The Spring 2005 SEPS meeting will be held April 30th in Anniston, Alabama, with tours of the Anniston Museum of Natural History and the garden of Hayes Jackson, both in Anniston. For more on both, visit <http://www.annistonmuseum.org/> for Anniston Museum of Natural History and <http://photobucket.com/albums/v38/N2tropicAL/> for Hayes Jackson's photo album.

This is SEPS return, after a five-year wait, to Anniston, Alabama — home of the SEPS director for Alabama, Hayes Jackson, and member Dan Spaulding, curator of collections for the Anniston Natural History Museum. The day will begin at 10:00 am with a plant sale in the overflow parking lot of the Anniston Museum of Natural History (that's the parking lot on the right as your drive up to the museum—the one with the cactus and agaves).

At 11:00, a tour of the Museum's gardens, which contains Alabama's largest collection of hardy palms north of the Gulf Coast, will commence. There is no charge to view the gardens at the Museum. Lunch will be on our own. After lunch, please plan on carpooling, if possible, from the Museum and lunch to Hayes Jackson's garden due to limited parking in Hayes' driveway. (Limited really means almost no parking at all, and will be reserved for seniors. Parking is available on the highway in front of Hayes' property.) A map to Hayes' garden will be available from the SEPS website and/or links.

Hayes' six-acre garden contains hardy palms, a desert garden, a bamboo jungle, countless broad-leaved evergreens, conifers, hardy ginger lilies and other subtropicals, parrots and Great Danes. One could easily spend several days studying the plants in his collection. Wear comfortable walking or hiking shoes: the terrain is steep in places.

The name of the quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) has been changed to *Southeastern Palms* (formerly *Rhapidophyllum*). The journal is included with membership. Publication dates are September, December, March and June. The Winter 2004 issue (Volume 12-4) carried additional contact information about all the officers as well as several interesting articles on the *Sabal* known locally in SEPS as *Sabal* “Birmingham”.

Southeastern Palm Society membership dues are \$20 for one calendar year (\$25 outside the US, Canada and Mexico, payable in US funds). Applications received after October will be applied to the next year unless applicant requests to apply it to the current year. For more information, visit the SEPS web site at www.speps.net or contact Will Taylor, <tnpalmduke@aol.com >, Memberships.

[Above information taken from SEPS website and Southeastern Palms journal by Supplement Editor]

PACSOFF - Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida — Palmfest 2005

Palmfest 2005 will be held from May 20th through May 22nd in Fort Lauderdale. The registration cost is \$75.00 and the event host hotel is the award winning Schubert Hotel. [Rooms are \$99.00 per night, with a 2-night minimum reservation. small, quaint, centrally-located private resort of only 30 rooms.] For hotel information call 1-(866) 763-7435 (toll free). An informative and fun weekend is

planned. For detailed information on Palmfest activities and registration form, please go to www.plantapalm.com/palmfest/PalmFest2005.htm.

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

For information regarding the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact Joe Baucum by email at <theanchorage@worldnet.att.net> or by telephone at (504) 689-4243, or any of the officers listed below:

- Kathryn Ostadal, President, (985)-725-0501, kathryn_o@bellsouth.net
- Laurel Von Syda, Vice President, (504)-891-8861, vonsyda2@aol.com
- Ron LaBorde, Secretary/Treasurer, (504)-837-0672, pivoron@yahoo.com

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

The March 19th meeting of the Palm Society of South Texas was held in Corpus Christi with two main events. PSST members John Dillard, Ed Ladd, Wes Popejoy, Jana Whalen, Ellen Fehrenkamp, Daryl Smith, and Jon and Suzie Watson helped coordinate the events. The group met for lunch at Miller's Bar-B-Q restaurant.

After lunch, the group proceeded to the Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens for the afternoon meeting. Members of the Botanical Gardens board explained their plans for palm plantings, and our special guest speaker was Dr. Michael Womack, the Nueces County extension agent and noted horticulturist. PSST is considering giving a monetary donation, as well as palm trees and our expertise, to the Botanical Gardens for their palm gardens. After the meeting, members were encouraged to take a walking tour of the Botanical Gardens.

PSST current officers are:

- The Chairman of our organization is John Volk of San Antonio, serving since 2001.
- The Coastal Bend Vice Chairman is Will Wagner of Victoria, serving since 2003.
- The Rio Grande Valley Vice Chair is Mary Barkarri of Harlingen, serving since 2004.
- The society Treasurer is John Dillard of Corpus Christi, serving since 1999.

Additional meetings planned for 2005 are:

- April 16: John & Mary Barkkari, Harlingen
- May: Romeo & Linda Montalvo, Brownsville

- June: Harlingen Travel Center, George and Virginia Gause hosting
- July through November: to be advised.

The PSST now has their own domain name, <http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org/>. Be sure to check out the lovely photo collection coordinated by Ed Ladd of the White Christmas 2004 in South Texas.

[Above PSSC information taken from PSST website]

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

At the last 2004 Houston Palm Society meeting, Craig Nazor, a cycad specialist gave a great presentation on cycads, thanks to the hosting of Jerry & Fern Seymore of Jerry's Jungle. The rain made for less than perfect conditions but the raffle was very generous and Darren Oeschler gave out various species of *Eucalyptus*.

The next meeting will be held on April 23rd at Darren Oeschler's Park, 9200 Tavenor in Houston, from noon to 4 p.m. There will be a palm sale, swap, raffle and hamburgers and drinks for all. This park has vastly improved and grown since the Chapter visited there two years ago. Darren is proud of it and he advises that he has not lost any of his palms from his Taylor Lake transplanting, except for one *Phoenix canariensis*.

For information on the Houston Chapter, see <http://www.palms.org/houston/>, or send an email to local president, Paul Norris, <poollovers@pdq.net>.

Asociación Venezolana de Palmas AVEPALMAS (Venezuelan Palm Society)

AVEPALMAS - the only palm association so far in South America - has inaugurated its new web site and we invite you to visit us. The old address in the link of IPS affiliates on the IPS website is no longer valid. Make a new link to <http://www.avepalmas.org/>.

We are marketing the idea of "plant rights" and you may read the text that we have elaborated. Maybe it is too early, we have a feeling that we are 20 years ahead in time. To read the text: www.avepalmas.org/rights.htm.

The International Scientific Conference "Biodiversity: Science and Governance" took place at the headquarters of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on 24-28 January 2005 in Paris,

France. AVEPALMAS sent the Universal Declaration of Plant Rights (UDPR) to various participants and in the hope that they will discuss plants, forests, animals in danger of extinction. More details on the conference can be found at <http://www.iisd.ca/sd/icb/>.

P.S. I want to take the opportunity to recommend the palm book "*Palmas en Venezuela*" with excellent photos of 260 different palms described in 424 pages of full color. The authors were Jesús Hoyos (La Salle Institute) and the late August Braun (formerly of the Botanic Garden of Caracas). To order the

book, email hoyosweb@mixmail.com (Jesús Hoyos). (August Braun was an honorary member of IPS and both Braun and Jesus Hoyos are honorary members of AVEPALMAS).

Greetings from Venezuela!

Sven Nehlin

President & webmaster of AVEPALMAS

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For more information on AVEPALMAS, Asociación Venezolana de Palmas, contact: Sven at the above email address.

Final Reminder!

LAST CHANCE FOR CHANGES TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP ROSTER INFORMATION

A New MEMBERSHIP ROSTER will be prepared soon and distributed with the June 2005 issue of Palms. Please check the information on the prior Membership Roster and advise the IPS of any changes in your address, email, telephone or fax. Do so before January 31, 2005 to ensure that your changes make the Roster.

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CALENDAR of Upcoming Palm Related Events

April 3, 2005: Fous de Palmiers scheduled visit to Perpignan (eastern Pyrénées) with l'Association Botanique de la Calalogne Nord to see *Chamaerops humilis* in habitat. (See the Fous website <http://www.fousdepalmiers.fr>.)

April 4, 2005: South Florida Palm Society meeting, Fairchild Tropical Garden, 7:30 p.m. (See South Florida news for more.)

April 5, 2005: New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society meeting, Auckland College of Education, 74 Epsom Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

April 6, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 general membership meeting, Mount's Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m., Main Building Auditorium. (See Palm Beach news.)

April 6, 2005: Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society Meeting, Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (See details under Affiliate News.)

April 9-10, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 Spring Sale, Caloosa Park, Boynton Beach, Florida (See Palm Beach news.)

April 16, 2005: South Florida Palm Society Field Trip. (See South Florida news for details.)

April 20-24, 2005 (tentative): Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society Annual Plant Sale at Lansdowne Mall in Richmond, BC, Canada. (See <http://www.hardypalm.com/> for details.)

April 16, 2005: Palm Society of South Texas meeting, hosted by John and Mary Barkkari in Harlingen, (See www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org/ for details.)

April 23, 2005: Houston (TX) Palm Society meeting Darren Oeschler's Park, 9200 Tavenor in Houston, from noon to 4 p.m., (See Houston Area Chapter News for details.)

April 26, 2005: Palm Society of Western Australia regular meeting at Rotary Hall, Sandgate St., South Perth, W.A. (See www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest/ for more.)

April 30, 2005: The Spring 2005 Southeastern Palm Society meeting will be held April 30th in Anniston, Alabama, with tours of the Anniston Museum of Natural History and the garden of Hayes Jackson (See www.speps.netawebs and SEPS news for more.)

May 3, 2005: New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society meeting, Auckland College of Education, 74 Epsom Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

May 4, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 general membership meeting, Mount's Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m., Main Building Auditorium. (See Palm Beach news for more.)

May ?, 2005: Palm Society of South Texas meeting in Brownsville, hosted by Romeo & Linda Montalvo (See www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org/ for details.)

May ?, 2005: Fous de Palmiers is organizing a weekend trip with members from the North of France and Belgium to visit the Serres Royales de Laeken in Brussels. (See more about this event under Fous de Palmier News in this Supplement and check out the Fous website <http://www.fousdepalmiers.fr> for the final date.)

May 21, 2005: Palm Society of Southern California San Diego/Imperial Counties meeting (See PSSC website www.palmssc.org for more.)

May 24, 2005: Sydney Tropical Garden Society meeting at Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall , 422 Lyons Road , Five Dock, starting at 7:30 p.m. (See Sydney website for more <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/meetings.htm>.)

May 20-24, 2005: PACSOF Palmfest 2005 will be held at the Schubert Hotel in Fort Lauderdale. The registration cost is \$75.00 (See www.plantapalm.com/palmfest/PalmFest2005.htm.)

May 24, 2005: Palm Society of Western Australia regular meeting at Rotary Hall, Sandgate St., South Perth, W.A. (See www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest/ for more.)

May 30, 2005: Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society Meeting, Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (See <http://www.hardypalm.com/> for coming details.)

June 1, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 general membership meeting, Mount's Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m., Main Building Auditorium. (See Palm Beach news.)

June 7, 2005: New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society meeting, Auckland College of Education, 74 Epsom Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

June 28, 2005: Palm Society of Western Australia regular meeting at Rotary Hall, Sandgate St., South Perth, W.A. (See www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest/ for more.)

June ?, 2005: Palm Society of South Texas meeting at the Harlingen Travel Center, hosted by George and Virginia Gause. (See www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org/ for details.)

July 5, 2005: New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society meeting, Auckland College of Education, 74 Epsom Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

July 6, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 general membership meeting, Mount's Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m., Main Building Auditorium. (See Palm Beach news.)

July 16, 2005: Palm Society of Southern California Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties meeting (See PSSC website www.palmssc.org.)

July 26, 2005: Sydney Tropical Garden Society meeting at Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall , 422 Lyons Road , Five Dock, at 7:30 p.m. (See Sydney website for more <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/meetings.htm>.)

July 26, 2005: Palm Society of Western Australia regular meeting at Rotary Hall, Sandgate St., South Perth, W.A. (See www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest/ for more.)

August 2, 2005: New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society meeting, Auckland College of Education, 74 Epsom Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

August 3, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 general membership meeting, Mount's Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m., Main Building Auditorium. (See Palm Beach news.)

August 23, 2005: Palm Society of Western Australia regular meeting at Rotary Hall, Sandgate St., South Perth, W.A. (See www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest/ for more.)

September 6, 2005: New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society meeting, Auckland College of Education, 74 Epsom Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

September 7, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 general membership meeting, Mount's Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m., Main Building Auditorium. (See Palm Beach news.)

September 17, 2005: Palm Society of Southern California Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties meeting (See PSSC website www.palmssc.org.)

September 26, 2005: Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society Meeting, Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (See <http://www.hardypalm.com/> for coming details.)

September 27, 2005: Sydney Tropical Garden Society meeting at Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall, 422 Lyons Road, Five Dock, at 7:30 p.m. (See website <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/meetings.htm> for more.)

September 27, 2005: Palm Society of Western Australia regular meeting at Rotary Hall, Sandgate St., South Perth, W.A. (See www.wawebsite.com.au/palmwest/ for more.)

October 4, 2005: New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society meeting, Auckland College of Education, 74 Epsom Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

October 5, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 general membership meeting, Mount's Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m., Main Building Auditorium. (See Palm Beach news.)

October 8-9, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 Fall Sale, Caloosa Park, Boynton Beach, Florida (See Palm Beach news for more.)

October 25, 2005: Palm Society of Western Australia regular meeting at Rotary Hall, Sandgate St., South Perth, W.A. (See www.wawebsite.com.au/palmwest/ for more.)

November 1, 2005: New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society meeting, Auckland College of Education, 74 Epsom Avenue, at 7:30 p.m.

November 2, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 general membership meeting, Mount's Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m., Main Building Auditorium. (See Palm Beach news.)

November 19, 2005: Palm Society of Southern California Orange/Riverside Counties meeting (See PSSC website www.palmssc.org.)

November 22, 2005: Sydney Tropical Garden Society meeting at Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall, 422 Lyons Road, Five Dock, at 7:30 p.m. (See website <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/meetings.htm> for more.)

November 22, 2005: Palm Society of Western Australia regular meeting at Rotary Hall, Sandgate St., South Perth, W.A. (See www.wawebsite.com.au/palmwest/ for more.)

November 28, 2005: Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society Meeting, Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (See <http://www.hardypalm.com/> for coming details.)

December 3-4, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 Plant Sale, tentatively planned for Okeeheelee Park. (See Palm Beach news for more.)

December 7, 2005: Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society 2005 general membership meeting, Mount's Botanical Garden, 7:30 p.m., Main Building Auditorium. (See Palm Beach news.)

*Please send comments, corrections and other events to Jim Cain,
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Major Publications of the International Palm Society

The Palms and Cycads of Thailand — New Low Price

By Donald R. Hodel, Poonsak Vatcharakorn, and Ken Hill, published in 1998. This 190 page book with 385 color photographs documents 190 species of palms and 10 species of cycads native to Thailand. Sections on distribution, ecology, and keys for genera and species are included.
\$39.95 [postage: add \$7.50 for U.S.; \$10 for non-U.S. surface mail; \$14.50 for non-U.S. airmail]

The Palms of New Caledonia/Les Palmiers de Nouvelle-Caledonie — New Low Price

By Donald R. Hodel and Jean-Christophe Pintaud. Written in English and French. This is an authoritative reference of 37 species of New Caledonian palms found nowhere else in the world, and includes sections on distribution, ecology, culture and keys for genera and species. 128 pages, 180 photograph.
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The Palm Book of Trinidad and Tobago, including the Lesser Antilles

By Paul L. Comeau, Yasmin S. Comeau and Winston Johnson, and published in 2003 by the International Palm Society. This attractive book provides detailed accounts of the native palms of Trinidad, Tobago and the Lesser Antilles. 110 pages, color throughout; maps and species key.
\$39.95 [postage: add \$7.50 for U.S.; \$10 for non-U.S. surface mail; \$14.50 for non-U.S. airmail]

The Palms of Eldorado — New Low Price

This English edition is by French botanist, Francis Kahn, who spent many years studying Amazonian palms in the mythical land of gold, Eldorado. The 252-page book, 84 in color, gives a fascinating account of these forest palms and of their daily uses by the Amazonians themselves. Included are descriptions of 41 genera accompanied by identification keys of principal species.
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John Dransfield and Henk Beentje present a full account of the extraordinarily rich palm flora of Madagascar in this 500-page book. The book features 176 species including 70 species previously unknown to science and described for the first time, and is profusely illustrated with color photographs of palms in their natural habitat.
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COMPENDIUM OF ORNAMENTAL PALM DISEASES AND DISORDERS (Elliot, Broschat, Uchida and Simone, 2004, 69pp., 238 color photos, softcover). This guide covers a wide array of pathogens, deficiencies and more that effect palms. Invaluable for home hobbyist or commercial grower. \$ 50.00

PALM TREES - A STORY IN PHOTOGRAGHS (Leaser, 2005, 144pp., 135 full-color photos, hardcover) The first ever coffee-table book produced on palms. Simply mouth-watering photography!! \$ 40.00

AN ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CULTIVATED PALMS (Riffle and Craft, 2003, 528pp., 929 color photos, hardcover) Definitive account of 890 species of palms. Excellent! \$40.00

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THE CYCADS (Whitelock, 2002, 532pp., 505 color photos, hardcover). \$45.00

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