

**2006 IPS Biennial Meeting  
Dominican Republic**

The 2006 Biennial Meeting of the International Palm Society will be held in the Dominican Republic on October 1-8, 2006. The Biennial will kick off in Santo Domingo with visits to a number of gardens and then move into other areas of the country, visiting a number of palms in habitat. Dominican member Leonel Mera is assisting the IPS with local arrangements.

There will be no IPS-sponsored Post Biennial Tour associated with the 2006 Biennial.

See the article on the 2006 biennial in this issue of *Palms*.

Registration and itinerary details will be provided on [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org) as well as in a March 2006 *Supplement to Palms*.

**Elections for IPS Directors  
2006 – 2010 Term**

Nominations are now closed for IPS Directors to serve for the years 2006 to 2010.

Your tear-out **Election Ballot** will appear in the March 2006 *Supplement to Palms*, with election results to be published in the June 2006 *Supplement*.

Any last minute questions concerning the nominating and election process may be sent to Faith Bishock, Chairman of the Nominating Committee; or Libby Besse, Administrative Secretary. E-mail messages are preferred.

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The Nominating Committee for the upcoming election is comprised of Faith Bishock, Chair, and Libby Besse, Horace Hobbs, Jeanne Price, Randy Moore, and Sue Rowlands.

**A Riverboat Tour  
to**

**See the Palms of the Amazon**

Once again The New York Botanical Garden will offer a *Palm Tour of the Amazon*. This tour is designed for palm enthusiasts who are interested in experiencing the rich and diverse palm flora of the Amazon. The tour will be led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden.

The 10-day trip is planned for 9-19<sup>th</sup> October 2006, immediately following the IPS biennial.

See the advertisement in this issue of *Palms*, or go to the tour web site for information and the booking form: [www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmstour/](http://www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmstour/)

For additional information contact Andrew Henderson at [ahenderson@nybg.org](mailto:ahenderson@nybg.org), by phone at 718 817 8973, or by mail at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458.

**NEWS FROM AFFILIATES**

**Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia**

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:

- Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society
- Sunshine Coast Branch
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Rockhampton Palm & Cycad Society
- Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Soc.
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia

For information on PACSOA or the *Palms and Cycads* magazine write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064 or e-mail <[enquiries@pacsoa.org.au](mailto:enquiries@pacsoa.org.au)>. Also be sure to visit the PACSOA website, [www.pacsoa.org.au](http://www.pacsoa.org.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 e-mail Mark Wuschke <mark@hubbub.com.au> or Hugh Kunze <hugh.kunze@uq.net.au>.

### **The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, (PACSOM), PACSOA Branch**

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) held their year end "Break up" on November 27th. Details were not available at press time and should follow in the next issue.

The Society meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month at the Farleigh Mill Clubhouse, unless an alternate venue and/or time is specified. For more information, write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or send an e-mail to Margaret Bazley, PACSOM Newsletter Editor, <bazleym@dodo.com.au>.

### **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 e-mail Jeanne Price <pacsoap@spiderweb.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 or e-mail to <licorice@cqnet.com.au>.

### **Tropical Garden Society of Sydney**

At the September meeting of the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney, Brian Gerhard gave an interesting talk and demonstration about Australian native orchids and the exciting results of hybridization.

At the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Norma and Ian Edwards gave a slide presentation on a trip by sea along the Kimberly Coast, from Broome to Darwin. Members also celebrated Christmas with an extended refreshment break at this meeting, in lieu of a member-hosted party.

The Society plans a gardens visit day in February 2006, with exact times and venue to be advised in the next Sydney *Tropica* newsletter.

Membership in the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney (Incorporating the Palm and Cycad Society) costs A\$20.00 per year (or A\$25 for family membership). If you wish a membership form or additional Society information, see <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/index.htm> or e-mail Ian Edwards <ianse@ozemail.com.au> or contact Paul Anderson (Secretary), Tropical Garden Society of Sydney, P. O. Box 2, Empire Bay, NSW 2257. Ph. (02) 4369-1422 after hours.

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

At the September PACSOWA general meeting, George Sevastos gave a detailed and very informative general talk on the palm genus *Dypsis*. Included in the talk were dozens of potted specimens brought in by members. *Dypsis* is a genus of about 140 species, found on the island of Madagascar and the adjacent Comoro islands and Pemba off the coast of Tanzania

George Sevastos also gave a brief talk on the palm genera *Physokentia* and *Cyphophoenix*, providing much information about the various species. *Physokentia* is a genus of seven species distributed around the Pacific islands of New Britain, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu to Fiji. *Physokentia* is closely related to *Cyphosperma*, *Burretokentia* and *Veillonina*. They are small to medium sized solitary, feather leaved palms with a conspicuous crownshaft. The stem has a prominent basal cone of stilt roots. *Cyphophoenix* is a genus of two species (*C. elegans* and *C. nucele*) endemic to New Caledonia and occurring on soil types of different structures. For more see the October issue of *PalmsWest* magazine, where George's descriptions are reproduced in full.

At the general meeting of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the Bring 'n' Buy Bench and Library opened at 7:30pm. Gary Pike gave a short talk on the Oil Palm (*Elaeis guineensis*), a very fascinating plant with a very critical role in the economic development of some Southeast Asian countries. President Don Clemkey conducted a hands-on, practical demonstration of how to successfully divide *Rhapis* palms. Don used one of his own variegated *Rhapis excelsa* "Zuikou," for this demonstration, going through the process step by step. Don's tips for a successful operation:

- Spring is the ideal time to re-pot *Rhapis*
- Wash off all the potting mix from the parent plant
- Make sure any potential pups have a good root supply independent of the parent plant (at least 2-3 good roots)
- Pups should not be removed unless they have produced at least 7-8 leaflets
- Make the cuts with sharp, sterilized secateurs to avoid bruising and fungal infections
- Plant pups into a fresh, open-draining potting mix
- Do not fertilize pups for six months or so after potting
- Water-well pots are best for *Rhapis* potting
- If in doubt, leave suspect pups another year

PACSOWA was also pleased to announce that LotteryWest awarded the Society a grant of A\$5,580 for the purchase of a large tandem wheeled, covered trailer to serve the Society's transport needs at Gascoyne Park and other major community events.

Several society members had their gardens on show. The gardens of John Banasiewicz and Faye Arcaro were open under the Australian pen Garden Scheme on the weekend of November 12-13. The gardens are near each other in Jandakot (John's garden is at 16 Lakes Way, and Faye's is around the corner at 20 Clements Place), so both could be seen on the same outing. Both gardens are spectacular, but they are very different from each other.

Also, the gardens of Russell & Bernie Dyer, Faye & Eddie Arcaro and Gary & Anne Pike were featured in a special tropical gardening edition of Channel 9's "Gardening WA" on November 12<sup>th</sup>, with the Dyer garden also featured in the Sunday Times gardening insert the next day.

The General meeting of November 22<sup>nd</sup> featured an interesting talk on cycads from Bill Gaynor, one of Australia's leading experts on cycads. Ralph Coppola, resident *Trachycarpus* specialist, gave a short talk on *Trachycarpus wagnerianus*, with which he is very familiar.

The Society mounted a small display at the Cannington Agricultural Show, November 4-5, by invitation. The response from the public was very positive and provided an opportunity to draw attention to the annual sale and display the next weekend.

The Cannington Display, sponsored by the Palm and Cycad Society and the Fern Society, was held on November 19-20. This is the biggest PACSOWA event of the year. Members provided lots of help with pick-up of plants, set-up on Friday, clean-up on Sunday and staffing the canteen, selling plants and generally being around to assist the public during the event. Thanks to show coordinator, Ralph Coppola, and members for their contributions.

The Annual PACSOWA Christmas party will be hosted by John and Ann Ellement at their lovely property, Palm Lake, at 24 Collis Rd, Wattleup, on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

"Busy Bees" were held in Gascoyne Park on September 19<sup>th</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next will be December 11<sup>th</sup>. The Park looks great and no major damage was observed after the tornado that went through the area and did some damage to neighboring Kingsley.

One big task undertaken at the October Busy Bee was planting of a huge clump of the Florida palm *Acoelorrhaphe wrightii*, a beautiful specimen with seven well developed trunks about 3.5m high and weighing about half a ton. A huge hole had to be dug to plant this palm but with a bit of ingenuity it was accomplished. A very special thank you to Ralph Coppola and John Ellement for making it possible to dig up and transplant this beautiful specimen. Thanks also to Norm Patterson for providing the palm at a very special price.

**PalmsWest** Subscription fees 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 information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA), see [www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest](http://www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest) or e-mail to Gary Pike at < [gpike@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:gpike@dpc.wa.gov.au) >

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

At the September 2<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society meeting, Kevin Johnston led the discussion on "All you ever wanted to know about palms but were frightened to ask." Part of his talk was to point out how big some palms get with advice about not planting them in the wrong place. Think about their size at maturity. Variability within species was also discussed. There were many photos of Kevin's own garden.

The meeting was well attended. General business included helpers needed for the upcoming Ellersie flower show. Also discussed

was the upcoming field trip to the Bay of Plenty later in September. The raffle prize was for the evening was *Chamaedorea costaricana*.

On October 4th, Donald McPherson spoke on "New trends in nursery culture," focusing on three trends he noticed from his recent trip. Changes are underway in Europe to end peat-based potting mixes, yielding mixed results with the attempt to move to materials from composted green wastes. More predator activity is observed within the mixes and they also tend to produce lots of fine particles that settle into the bottom of bags under irrigation.

There was a section on biocontrols (he markets some of these), with a useful Australian book on the subject being passed around. *Hypoaspis*, a NZ sourced fungus gnat predator which also can deal with things like root mealy bugs, sounded promising. He also discussed a possible trend to large hard pots (with handles attached) up to 160 liter size, from Italian manufacturers. Donald had been an early proponent of the currently common "carry bags" for landscape grade plants, and he thinks the added cost, but better looks, of the hard pots would be absorbed in the overall costs of landscape grade stuff. Kevin Johnson pointed out difficulties in getting plants out of big pots, and he sounded like he's going to stay with "carry bags" which can be cut off the root system of the plants much more easily.

The November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting suffered from poor attendance. The talk for the night was by Roger Milne, a good speaker. Roger described his trip to the Auckland Islands and Campbell Island, mainly covering seabirds and seals and an occasional plant reference. He also showed some slides. A short discussion on *Caryota* species focused mainly on comparisons between *C. ochlandra* and *C. maxima*. A brief talk on the Ellersie flower show and a reminder of the upcoming garden visit were given. There was a raffle and plants for sale, as usual.

Dick Endt was interviewed on Maori Television at Landsendt about the variability of different "Nikau" as well as the other palms growing at Landsendt.

*NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine* Issue #97, [Southern Hemisphere] Spring 2005 featured articles on growing *Howea*. The next issue will focus on *Clinostigma* and *Satakentia*, as well as with the cycad genus *Cycas*.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society or its quarterly magazine, e-mail

Gary at the above e-mail or to President John Lok <john.lok@xtra.co.nz>.

Most of the above NZP&CS news items about meetings and events were extracted from original internet postings by Gary Coleman <aries@splurge.net.nz> and others on the NZ Society mail server. To subscribe to this group, send an e-mail to <nzpalmycad-subscribe@yahoo.com>. The remainder of the news was taken from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine*.

### **Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News**

The November 28 general meeting of the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) at Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver featured a slideshow by Gerard Pury of his visit last summer to his native Switzerland and the surprising range of exotic plants found there. Elections for Society officers for 2006 were also conducted at this meeting. Current President Jay Rowland has stepped down to take on other activities in the club. Society member Edith Camm will assume the Presidency.

Other changes include Michael Ferguson, Editor of *Hardy Palm International* (HPI), retiring after seven years as Editor. Under Ferguson's stewardship, HPI has grown into an all-color journal chronicling Society events and featuring stories about gardeners and gardens in temperate areas around the world. Beginning with the February 2006 issue, HPI will be co-edited by former Editor Nick Parker handling the creative side, and Jay Rowland handling the layout and production.

Society events for next spring and summer are being planned and will be announced over the winter. Meetings planned for 2006 at Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver are:

- March 25<sup>th</sup>
- May 29<sup>th</sup>
- September 29<sup>th</sup>
- November 27<sup>th</sup>

All meetings begin at 7:30 pm. Admission is free and the meetings are open to everyone.

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

### **South African Palm Society**

The South African Palm Society (SAPS) Annual General Meeting (AGM) for this year took place in Levubu during the long weekend from 16 to 19 June 2005.

For more on SAPS, contact Secretary Louise van Rensen <vrensen@lantic.net >

### **Palmeraie-Union, the Reunion Palm Society**

There was an error in the IPS Roster distributed earlier this year. The Vice President of Palmeraie-Union is Nicole Ludwig, who has served in that role since our April 2004 Assemblée Générale.

Thierry Hubert,  
Chairman of Palmeraie-Union

### **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 on-line journal. Membership and on-line upgrades are available on the EPS website [www.palmsociety.org/join/english1.shtml](http://www.palmsociety.org/join/english1.shtml). See the public area of the EPS website for full index of the issue #51. It is also possible to download an earlier edition (#42) to get a flavor of the on-line journal version

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.

### **Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society**

For more information about *Fous de Palmiers*, contact Steve Swinscoe at <manatte@libertysurf.fr > or check out the Fous website at [www.fousdepalmiers.fr](http://www.fousdepalmiers.fr).

### **Association Chambeyronia New Caledonia**

Contact Secretary Jean-Pierre CANEL <jpcan@canl.nc > or President Jean PIERSON <pierson@socatrans.nc > for more information on *Association Chambeyronia*.

### **"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. E-mail Jörg Witticke <Palmenfreunde@aol.com >

### **Hawaii Island Palm Society**

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) were privileged to tour Howard and Mary Ann Rogers' Onomea Bay Garden. This garden provides a magnificent view of the ocean from Onomea Bay to Hilo Bay and overlooks the Hawaii Tropical Botanic Garden. Most of the palms in this mature collection were planted over thirty years ago.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Jenny Johnson <johnsons@hawaii.rr.com >, Secretary Rich Rawlinson <bjrrich@ilhawaii.net > or Membership Chair Grace Kissell <kf@interpac.net >.

### **The Palm Society of Maui**

For further information on the *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echernach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (email to Sunya at [evitaazul@yahoo.com](mailto:evitaazul@yahoo.com) or telephone to cell phone 808-280-5051).

### **Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News**

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### **Northern California Chapter, IPS**

Our first Fall meeting was Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, hosted by long-time members Richard and Sandra Smith of Atherton. Richard is the research scientist who performed the horticultural miracle of growing date palms by tissue culture from date palm offshoots. His successful experiment for the date growers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Southern California amazingly produced fruit that came true. Many members remember the fascinating talk he gave a few years back at a Northern California Palm Society banquets. Richard's genuinely Mediterranean garden is definitely a scientist's garden. Most of his palms were started from seed or 1-gal. pots about 18 years ago and are

grouped both by watering needs as well as by genus as much as possible. As most of them receive little or no summer watering, this meeting gave us all the opportunity to see what will really thrive in dry-Summer Mediterranean conditions. As such, it was a serendipitous event as we embark on our ambitious project to create a Mediterranean garden around the fountain at the entrance of the Oakland Palmetum.

It was a beautiful Indian summer day with good attendance and a strong auction with receipts of \$1,009. We also earned \$220 from the sale of palm fertilizer. Of much interest was the hedge-like planting of *Chamaerops*, displaying the extreme variability of this most adaptable and variable monotypic genus. We also saw a lax-leaf *Butia*, a hybrid "*stricta*" form of *Syagrus*, and other groupings of *Brahea*, *Ceroxylon*, and *Chamaedorea*.

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If you are a member of the International Palm Society and wish to be added to the Palm Society of Northern California Chapter mailing list, send an e-mail to the secretary <Edith@PalmPaintings.com > or write Edith Bergstrom (Secretary) at P.O. Box 126, Palo Alto, CA 94302. Include your mailing address, phone number and e-mail address. We hold regularly scheduled meetings and auctions at local gardens and at our Palmetum. There is no additional fee for Northern California Society membership. You are also encouraged to visit the Northern California Chapter website at [www.fremontica.com/palms](http://www.fremontica.com/palms).

### **Palm Society of Southern California**

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, the Palm Society of Southern California gathered for its final 2005 meeting at Robert and Sarah Bunkall's oceanfront garden in Laguna Beach. The last time the Bunkalls hosted a PSSC meeting was approximately 15 years ago, so their palms have grown and matured immensely over the years. Their garden has many large mature specimens.

As an added feature to PSSC auctions, a silent auction for rare palms is now offered. This should be a treat for those palm enthusiasts looking for difficult to find species.

The Bunkalls had a special request for attendees. Some of their palms were not identified, so everyone had a chance to identify these palms. Signs with pens were posted at each

"unknown" palm. Members contributed to the potluck lunch.

The PSSC Annual Banquet will be held on January 28, 2006, at the Catamaran Resort & Hotel in San Diego. Visit the PSSC website for further details on the Banquet.

In general, meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every other month in the following order of rotation:

- January 2006: Banquet (This year held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday)
- March 2006: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- May 2006: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- July 2006: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Sept. 2006: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Nov. 2006: San Diego/Imperial Counties

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

### **South Florida Palm Society News**

The South Florida Palm Society's Holiday Party is scheduled for Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden Auditorium.

For more on the South Florida Palm Society, write Secretary Adrienne Gricius by e-mail to <[palmgod@earthlink.net](mailto:palmgod@earthlink.net)> or see their website at [www.plantapalm.com/southfl/](http://www.plantapalm.com/southfl/).

### **Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society**

The PBP&CS regularly meets on the first Wednesday of each month at Mounts Botanical Garden in West Palm Beach, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the main building auditorium, except for the annual picnic in September. The *Palm & Cycad Times* is now quarterly, with issues in February, May, August and November.

Due to Hurricane Wilma, there was no meeting of the Society on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Society will resume our regular meetings in December.

For more on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact President Kitty Philips <[kitty.philips@fnf.com](mailto:kitty.philips@fnf.com)>, Membership Chair Susan Cioci <[d.cioci@att.net](mailto:d.cioci@att.net)> or Secretary Ruth Sallenbach <[diznee920@aol.com](mailto:diznee920@aol.com)>.

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

Approximately sixty members attended the September Central Florida Palm & Cycad

Society meeting held at Rob and Tracey Pittman's property situated along one of the canals of the Little Manatee River in Ruskin. It was an ideal setting for a meeting with a great many palms, cycads, and other exotics along with a view of the water set on a fairly spacious piece of land. There were many palms to be viewed of all sizes, from juvenile to mature specimens. Palms of special interest included *Howea forsteriana* (sizeable specimens), *Phoenix sylvestris* with beautiful silver color, a *Hyophorbe* hybrid with an emerald colored crownshaft, *Beccariophoenix madagascariensis*, a *Wodyetia* x *Veitchia* cross, *Kerriodoxa elegans*, and *Sabal* species.

Rob led the guests on an extensive tour of the property providing information on each specimen planted. After the tour of the garden a delightful catered Cuban lunch was enjoyed by the guests. Tom Broome and John Bishock headed-up the auction, which, as usual, provided for the main entertainment of the day. A plant sale followed the auction. Per the CFPACS website "It was a wonderful meeting and a big thank you goes out to the Pittmans for sharing their property for the day with the CFPACS members and general public." Thanks also to Tom and Karen Barrese for their efforts in organizing the meet.

Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, features a Holiday Palm Social and Quarterly Meeting with tours of up to four gardens in the morning. From the CFPACS website, the gardens to be toured are:

- Dave Reid's property located at 100 Hilliard Lane or 6845 South Tropical Trail Merritt Island. Dave has a variety of palms in their juvenile state as well as an abundance of tropicals. Two miles North of Pineda Causeway (SR 404).
- Charlene and Greg Palm's property located at 220 Ocean Spray Avenue in Satellite Beach. Charlene and Greg have an established garden with a handful of unique mature specimens.
- Neil Yorio's property located at 211 Wimico Drive in Satellite Beach. Neil has "lots of cool stuff here. Probably even more since our last visit."
- Scott Ward's property at 500 Orlando Boulevard in Indialantic. An elegant collection in a well-laid out garden.

The garden tours will be followed by lunch, and then a plant auction/sale will finish off the day at

Mark and Diana Grabowski's wind/salt tolerance proving grounds located in Cocoa Beach on the ocean. Although the garden suffered during the 2004 hurricane season, the Grabowski's garden is a nice location for a holiday social and definitely the test site for what to grow on the beachside. Members were to bring a covered dish of choice for the lunch.

The CFPACS Seed Bank continues to provide palm and cycad seed via their on-line service. Recent palm seed offerings include the following, among others:

- *Acoelorrhaphe wrightii* (Paurotis Palm), donated by Dean VanderBleek
- *Adonidia merrillii* (Christmas Palm), donated by Rick Leitner and Paul Drummond
- *Attalea speciosa*, 15 seeds resembling small coconuts, 3 to 4 inches long)
- *Butia capitata* (Pindo Palm), donated by Dean VanderBleek
- *Bismarckia nobilis*, some 200 golf-ball sized seeds available
- *Carpentaria acuminata*
- *Caryota mitis*, 100 seeds
- *Chamaedorea cataractarum*, donated by Ken Hoddelmann
- *Chamaedorea radicalis*, compliments of Dean VanderBleek
- *Chamaedorea microspadix*, 250 seeds
- *Chamaedorea seifrizii*, donated by Dorothy Kellogg
- *Chamaerops humilis* (Mediterranean Fan Palm) donated by Ken Hoddelmann
- *Coccothrinax barbadensis*, 350 seeds
- *Coccothrinax miraguama* (Miraguama Palm), donated by Eddie Williamson
- *Dypsis decaryi* (Triangle Palm). from Thailand, donated by Mike Dahme
- *Dypsis* sp. "Mahajunga", 40 seeds
- *Latania lontaroides* (Red Latan Palm), donated by Faith and John Bishock
- *Licuala spinosa*, donated by Mike Dahme
- *Livistona rotundifolia*, 100 seeds
- *Phoenix canariensis*, 90 seeds
- *Phoenix reclinata* (Senegal Date), donated by Dorothy Kellogg and Ken Hoddelmann
- *Pritchardia affinis*, from the Island of Hawaii, gathered and donated by Mike Merritt
- *Pseudophoenix ekmanii*, 250 seeds
- *Ptychosperma elegans*, donated by Rick Leitner and Paul Drummond

- *Ptychosperma microcarpum*, donated by Faith and John Bishock
- *Ptychosperma schefferi*, donated by Rick Leitner and Paul Drummond
- *Syagrus amara*, donated by Rick Leitner and Paul Drummond
- *Syagrus botryophora* from Claudia
- *Syagrus coronata*, from Mike Dahme
- *Sabal causiarum*, from Dean VanderBleek
- *Serenoa repens*, also donated by Dean
- *Syagrus romanzoffiana* (Queen Palm). Both seeds and seedlings available
- *Syagrus schizophylla*

If you are not on the CFPACS Seed Bank distribution list and wish to be, please e-mail Claudia Walworth, at <orlbroker@aol.com>.

For more on CFPACS, check out the website at [www.cfpacs.com/](http://www.cfpacs.com/), or contact Secretary Chuck Grieneisen <chuckfg@mpinet.net> or Membership Chair Karen Barresse <cfpacsmbmrship@aol.com>.

### Florida First Coast Chapter

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### PACSOF - Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida — Palm Fest 2005

For more on the Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida, Inc. (PACSOF), contact Jody Haynes, Webmaster, <<http://www.plantapalm.com>>.

### Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

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### Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

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

The Fall 2005 Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) meeting was held October 8<sup>th</sup> at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens, Savannah, Georgia. The day featured a tour of the gardens, emphasizing the hardy palms, citrus and banana collections (at the peak of their perfection), and plant sale.

The quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) is *Southeastern Palms* (formerly *Rhapidophyllum*). The journal is included with membership. Publication dates are September, December, March and June.

Southeastern Palm Society membership dues are \$20 for one calendar year (\$25 outside the US, Canada and Mexico, payable in US funds). Dues money received after October will be applied to the next year's membership unless applicant requests to apply it to the current year. For more information, visit the SEPS website at [www.sepalms.org](http://www.sepalms.org) or contact Will Taylor, Memberships, at <tnpalmdude@aol.com>.

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

### News from the Palm Society of South Texas

The August meeting of the Palm Society of South Texas was held at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. Meeting summary and photographs are on the PSST website at [www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org](http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org). A recap of John Volk's online meeting summary follows.

"This month our society met up in Good Old San Antonio... Our members started showing up at noon to have lunch at the Carriage House Kitchen on the Botanical Gardens property. There we had a wonderful lunch, most of us



enjoying the festive salads for which this cafe is known.”

After lunch, the PSST members met up with Paul Cox, who gave a history of the gardens as well as conducted a tour of the palm gardens. Paul provided us with “some interesting history and stories of how some of the palms came to be residents at the gardens.”

After touring the palm gardens, some members enjoyed the remainder of the botanical gardens, while others opted to visit Father Leo's garden at the Oblate School of Theology. Father Leo, a PSST member, has assembled a very impressive San Antonio palm garden. In his collection he has *Butia x Syagrus* (mule palm), *Acrocomia aculeata*, *Livistona decipiens*, *Bismarckia nobilis*, bottle palm, *Wodyetia bifurcata*, *Phoenix roebelenii*, *Dyopsis decaryi* and many more.

The October PSST meeting was held at Jack and Linn Keller's home and garden in Bay View, co-hosted by Rod and Donna Patten. Jack and Linn, who have been active members in the society for many years, graciously invited the members to visit their property on a beautiful *resaca* lot near the Texas coast. Rod and Donna are relatively new members and wanted to help entertain this month's meeting. Upon arrival, members toured the grounds and enjoyed the *resaca* view. Members enjoyed the relatively cool October day and basked in the Texas sunshine. A plant auction followed a short society meeting to discuss future meetings and bulletin articles. Members were generous with both their donations as well as purchases.

After the meeting and auction, most of the members visited the nearby home and garden of Jim Sommerfrucht. Jim invited members to tour the gardens and to pick carambola (star-fruit) that was ripening on the trees.

Additional meetings planned for 2005 included:

- November 19, 2005 - Darryl Smith in Corpus Christi
- December 10, 2005 - Christmas party at Ruth Merrill's; members and their families only please

The PSST has its own domain name, <http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org/>. Be sure and check there for upcoming meeting news.

[Above PSSC information taken from John Volk's on-line meeting summaries on the PSST website. Appreciation to John for the use of this information.]

## Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

The Houston Palm Society met on September 10<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jim and Elizabeth Cain in west Houston. The Cain garden is quite mature with many palms in seed at the time of the meeting. Seeds of *Arenga engleri*, *Phoenix dactylifera*, *Rhapidophyllum hystrix*, *Livistona chinensis*, *Chamaedorea radicalis*, *C. microspadix* and several different *Sabal* species were available for members and guests to take away. The Society had not met at the Cains since the IPS Board of Directors meeting in 2003, and members were amazed at how much some of the palms and other tropical plants had grown in that interim. Liz and Jim prepared a barbecue dinner, enjoyed by all after tours of the garden.

Dallas Member Tony Cerbone announced that the plan for the palm collection at the Dallas Arboretum has been updated. The plant list is now complete, drainage concerns have been addressed and the major design has been completed. An image of the latest plan for the palm collection can be seen at <http://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/tonyndallas2002/detail?.dir=9e3f&.dnm=2ed5.jpg&.src=ph>.

The planting has been designed to create beautiful views while containing a horticulturally interesting collection of appropriate cold hardy palms. Other native and well adapted plants have been incorporated with the palms to help create a tropical look. Per Tony, “This general first plan looks good but needs further tweaking to create the final plan.”

Tony also reported that the Dallas Garden Tour was a success. “Hurricane Rita produced some wind but not a drop of rain. The clouds dropped the temps out of the 100's and gave us a comfortable day in the 80s.” The event was well attended and the six beautiful gardens, all unique and special in their own way were enjoyed by the crowds.

For information on the Houston Chapter, see [www.palms.org/houston/](http://www.palms.org/houston/) or e-mail local president, Paul Norris, <[poollovers@pdq.net](mailto:poollovers@pdq.net)>

## Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador

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## Asociación Venezolana de Palmas AVEPALMAS

AVEPALMAS, the only palm association to date in South America, has inaugurated its own website, <http://www.avepalmas.org/>. The current officers of AVEPALMAS are listed on [www.avepalmas.org/directorio.htm](http://www.avepalmas.org/directorio.htm):

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