

Important General Information

2006 IPS Biennial Dominican Republic

October 1–8, 2006

Registration will close when the limit of 200 attendees is reached.

Absolute Deadline
for Registration:
August 15, 2006

Biennial registration is available via the Internet at www.palms.org. See details under Registration Procedures on the website or in the March 2006 *Supplement to Palms* provided earlier. For those using regular mail in registering, a Registration Form for the 2006 Biennial was included within the pages of that *Supplement*; it must be completed clearly and returned by the deadline. Registrants must be IPS members before registering. For family registrations, at least one member of the family must be an IPS member.

ERRATA: Mailing address for Biennial Registrations was incorrectly given in the March Supplement. Paul Craft's correct address is:

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Biennial Overview

The 2006 IPS Biennial is being sponsored by the International Palm Society with Leonel Mera as our local host in Dominican Republic. The Dominican Republic shares the island of Hispaniola with Haiti and takes up the eastern two-thirds of the island. Its population is about 9 million people and Santo Domingo is the capital. Tourism is one of the biggest industries so the country is well set up to accommodate visitors.

The Biennial will begin and end in Santo Domingo. We will travel to the southwestern area of the country and stay in the city of Barahona during the middle of the trip. We will visit the National Botanical Garden as well as go to many habitats of native and endemic palms. We complete the tour by returning to Santo Domingo, where we will get a chance to experience the culture of the country. A farewell dinner will bring the tour to its close.

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

A tear-out **IPS Election Ballot** was provided on the last page (rear cover) of the March 2006 *Supplement to Palms*. Hopefully, each of you voted. Only original ballots postmarked no later than May 31st will be counted.

Election results will be published in the September 2006 *Supplement*, as press timing precluded having them in the June *Supplement*.

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**A Riverboat Tour to
See the Palms of the Amazon
Only a few places left!**

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 10-day tour will be led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden and is planned for 8–18th October 2006, immediately following the IPS biennial.

For information and booking form go to: www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmtour/, the tour web site

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

REGISTER for the 2006 Biennial
online at

<http://www.palms.org>

You can also join the IPS via the website
if not already a member.

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia

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

- Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society
- Sunshine Coast Branch
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- 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, e-mail <enquiries@pacsoa.org.au> or visit the website, www.pacsoa.org.au.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on February 26th at the Farleigh Mill Clubhouse.

PACSOM held their Palm Fête at Farleigh Mill on May 21st. The excellent appearance of the Farleigh Mill palm gardens echoed the attention given to the garden in the several Working Bees held in March, April and May to ready the garden for the Fête.

The May 28th regular meeting was hosted by Hans Querl at his residence north of The Leap on the Bruce Highway.

Guided tours of the Farleigh Mill Palm Garden are slated for June 4th.

PACSOM meets 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, Newsletter Editor, <bazley@m@dodo.com.au>.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

The March 28th meeting of the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney featured Robert Hitchcock of The Orchid Oasis Nursery at Manning Point near Taree. Besides growing exotic orchids, Robert is a keen nurseryman with an interest in other tropical plants especially heliconias and ginger. He has trialed species

and cultivars of both plant families for their suitability for southern gardens. Robert brought along a number of ginger and heliconias for sale, probably one contribution toward the excellent attendance. At the auction there was also a good selection of palms and even more bromeliads including seven varieties of *Neoregelia*.

At the May 23rd meeting, Garry Daly gave his "A Trip to Madagascar" slide presentation. This provided members the chance to see more pictures and hear more details of the trip Garry wrote about in the March *Tropica* issue.

Some members plan to attend the Queensland Garden Expo in Nambour on the Sunshine Coast, which is held on the weekend July 7–9th, then over the next week wander up to Bundaberg to look at gardens, nurseries etc. The President of the International Tropical Foliage and Garden Society, which is based in Bundaberg, has offered to help us find the good places to visit. There is information about the Expo on the website www.homegardenexpo.net

The next color magazine *Tropica* will be published in July, with two main themes:

- The Bromeliad genus *Neoregelia* – "Neos" to the enthusiasts
- Cycads for the garden. Some are better than others for any particular site. Personal experiences with cycads will be shared

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.

Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

The Queensland Garden Expo will be held in Nambour on the Sunshine Coast over the weekend July 7–9th. This should be a great event for those who can attend.

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>.

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>.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

At the March 2006 PACSOWA general meeting, George Sevastos gave a talk on the six species of *Livistona* native to Western Australia: *L. mariae*, *L. estonia*, *L. loriphylla*, *L. victoriae*, *L. alfredii* and *L. occidentalis*. This was the first time that these palms have been discussed in depth at a PACSOWA meeting. Phil Loffman gave a short talk on *Ceroxylon quindiuense*, the Andean Wax Palm, which in its native Colombia grows to be one of the world's tallest palms – reaching up to 60m or ~200 feet tall. This is a dioecious palm that grows at 2,000–3,500m (6,500–11,500 feet) in altitude. It has fronds up to 6m (20 feet) in length and a whitish looking trunk caused by a waxy extrusion that gives the palm its name.

At the April 25th general meeting, Iain McGregor demonstrated a prototype of an ingenious new invention designed to trap mosquitoes for research and other purposes. It uses dry ice (CO₂) (as mosquitoes home in on human breath trails to find their prey) to attract the insects into a cylinder fitted with a small computer fan which then sucks them into a sealed chamber. You simply open the trap in the morning and dispose of the insect bodies. The beauty of this trap is that it only catches biting insects and not non-harmful insects. While not in commercial production yet, a simple do-it-yourself version could be made using everyday components for about A\$50. George Sevastos then gave a short talk on the beautiful cycad *Encephalartos lanatus*.

About 30 members took the PACSOWA bus trip on Sunday, April 23rd, driven by experienced bus driver John Banasiewicz. The trip began with a visit to Botanic Obsession, the garden of Faye and Eddie Arcaro, followed by a free sausage sizzle lunch and tour of John Banasiewicz's garden among the tropical rainforest plants, fern house, frog pond, bandicoots and dozens of other attractions in Jandakot. On the way north from John's to Premier Palms, the bus stopped briefly alongside

some points of interest, including the amazing garden of Cliff Britto and a most spectacular Cuban Royal Palm specimen in a Parkwood. Members then took a visit to Reg and Dale Lysle's Premier Palms nursery in High Wycombe. It was a great day and there were some great bargains.

May 23rd featured the big PACSWOA annual auction, headed up by auctioneer Russell Dyer. Details were not available at press time, but there were at least 59 lots of plants slated for auction, many of them great finds.

At the end of April, PACSOWA participated in Garden Week, held at Perry Lakes from April 28th (Friday) through May 3rd (Wednesday.) This major event of the WA gardening calendar gave the Society lots of exposure. PACSOWA had a small but impressive display and was able to hand out flyers and membership applications to interested members of the public. There was no sale of plants at this event.

On a personal note, congratulations to Gary Pike on his election as vice-President of the Western Australian Horticultural Council (WAHC,) the peak body for all amateur gardening groups in WA. In addition to his role on the WAHC executive, Gary will also act as a delegate for the Palm and Cycad Society. [Gary also serves as Editor of the PACSOWA *PalmsWest* newsletter.]

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 or e-mail to Gary Pike at <gpik@dp.c.wa.gov.au>

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The April meeting of the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society was attended by about thirty members and guests. A call for helpers for the Annual Sale on April 8–9th was made and there was a request for new committee members to step forward for the AGM in October. The evening's program was provided by John Pettit, who spoke on his trip to Portugal. As they have no native palms, a mixture of all sorts were seen there, many of which grow here in New Zealand. These included *Brahea*, *Sabal*, *Archontophoenix*, *Washingtonia*, *Howea* and *Chamaerops*, among others. John told of *Kentia* palms growing under

cover that were so tall the tops poked out and looked like miniature palms with lots of seeds. Most cycads visible were *Cycas revoluta* and some *Encephalartos* and *Zamia* species.

A Palm and Cycad sale was held April 8–9th at the Auckland Botanical Gardens in Manurewa.

The May meeting was attended by a small crowd. General business was covered, followed by the program for the night. This was provided by a knowledgeable speaker from Pacific Growers. He gave a short presentation that covered weed-killers, safety equipment and a range of products serving different applications.

The New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society held a subtropical sale on May 27 and 28th, at the ASB Stadium, Kohimarama.

The NZ Seed Bank has sent out a number of seeds recently, including palm species *Acrocomia aculeata*, *Brahea decumbens*, *Burretioekentia hapala*, *Guihaia argyrata*, *Nannorrhops ritchiana*, *Pritchardia hillebrandii*, *Rhapis excelsa*, *Socratea exorrhiza*, *Syagrus sancona* and *Trachycarpus princeps*. Gary also had some cycad seeds: *Dioon merolae*, *D. holmgrenii*, *Encephalartos altensteinii*, *E. transvenosus*, *E. villosus*, *E. natalensis* x *woodii*, and *E. trispinosus* x *lehmannii*. Per a recent e-mail announcement, the NZ seed bank was also expecting *Ceroxylon ventricosum*, *C. vogelianum*, *Dypsis baronii*, *Laccospadix* sp., *Lytocaryum* sp. and *Parajubaea cocoides* in April or May.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society or its quarterly magazine, e-mail Gary at the e-mail address below or to President John Lok <john.lok@xtra.co.nz>.

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

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The May 29th general meeting of the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) at Van Dusen featured the return to the podium of Society member and North Shore garden writer Roy Jonnsen. Roy discussed the plants and places he visited on his recent visit to southern Australia and showed slides of the

newly discovered *Wollemia nobilis* (Wollemi Pine), *Dicksonia antarctica*, and of course, palms.

This meeting also featured the sale of a new book titled *Betrock's Cold Hardy Palms*.

Other PNWP&EPS meetings planned for 2006 at Van Dusen Gardens in Vancouver are evenings of September 25th and November 27th.

The Society annual spring plant sale was held at Lansdowne Mall in Richmond, BC, on May 20–22. Hundreds of palms and hard-to-find exotics were available for sale.

A garden tour of Westminster Quay has been scheduled for June 25. More details will be provided in the Club's website.

The Summer Barbeque will be held at the home of Charlie Warburton, in Surrey, BC.

Nick Parker

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

For information about the South African Palm Society (SAPS,) contact Secretary Louise van Rensen <vrensen@lantic.net>.

News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

The 2006 General Assembly of Palmeraie-Union was held on April 30th in Saint-Leu, where Max Galbois welcomed members in the beautiful environment of Pointe des Châteaux. President Thierry Hubert presented the annual report and recounted the activities of the prior year.

Many private gardens were visited, including Bruno Ricquebourg's in Saint-Denis, Rashid Ghanty's and Henri Law Wai's in Les Aviron, all offering impressive collections of palms to visitors. In July and November we went exploring wild populations of *Hyophorbe indica* and *Acanthophoenix crinita*. For the first time, we organized a successful annual banquet, held on December 3rd in the mountain spa resort of Cilaos. More recently we revisited Lauricourt Grosset's property in Jean-Petit, which includes collections of palms, orchids and endemic plants from Reunion. On Sunday March 5th members visited Olivier Coton's garden in Terre-Rouge and my own [Nicole Ludwig] garden in Petite-Île.

Other planned meetings and visits for the coming months include:

- Salon du Palmier at Bourg Murat (May 12–14)
- Hiking in the rain forest reserve at Mare Longue (May 21)
- Palms in downtown Saint-Pierre (June 18)
- Martz Palm Nursery in Etang Salé (July 9)

At the General Assembly a new executive committee was elected as follows

- President: Thierry Hubert
- Vice President: Nicole Ludwig
- Secretary: Olivier Coton
- Treasurer: Bernard Martz
- Committee members: Muriel Ballanfat, Henri Brun, Max Galbois, Lauricourt Grosset, Christophe Lavergne, Jean-Jacques Romera, Véronique Tortay

We continue our partnership with the city of Le Tampon on the Palmetum project in Trois Mares; the nursery is growing some 50,000 young palms of 460 different species (twice as many as one year ago).

We are involved in all the steps of protection of our endemic palms, including emblematic *Latania lontaroides* and the newly identified *Acanthophoenix rousselii*. Christophe Lavergne and Nicole Ludwig inventoried and studied three remnant populations of red latan inside Saint-Pierre town limits, while Eloi Boyer harvests seeds and grows young plants of *A. rousselii* for further reintroduction into their natural habitat.

The last issue of *Latania* focused on *Latania lontaroides*, the visit of two gardens near Saint-Denis in the north of the island and the diary of a journey to Brazil; the next issue will be published in June. If you are interested in our 40 page full-color magazine (in French), if you want to know every thing about the life of our association, join Palmeraie-Union; subscription fees are 30 € or 40 US\$.

For more information contact Thierry Hubert at palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr or Nicole Ludwig at nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr

Nicole Ludwig

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. See the public area of the EPS website for full index of the issue #52, published March 12, 2006. Members may now download this recent issue. It is also possible for anyone to download an earlier edition for a flavor of the on-line journal.

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 information about the French Palm Society, Fous de Palmiers, contact Steve Swinscoe at <manatte@libertysurf.fr> or check out the Fous website at 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 € per year. E-mail Jörg Witticke <Palmenfreunde@aol.com>

Hawaii Island Palm Society

On January 27th, the Hawaii Island Palm Society held their annual BBQ and Rare Plant Auction at Pavilion 2 in Wailoa River State Park. A palm giveaway followed the meeting. HIPS officers elected at this meeting for the term of office beginning January 2006, with their e-mail addresses, are:

- President, Jenny Johnson, johnsons@hawaii.rr.com
- Vice Pres. for East Hawaii, Ed Torrison, blackfoot@hawaii.rr.com
- Vice Pres. for West Hawaii, Al Bredeson, alinkona@hawaiiantel.net
- Treasurer, Sue Ellen Rhodes, rhodesjs@interpac.net
- Secretary, Rich Rawlinson, bjrrich@hawaii.rr.com
- Membership, Grace Kissell, gr@hawaii.rr.com

On March 11th, HIPS sponsored a PowerPoint presentation, *Palms of the Pacific Islands*, by Don Hodel. Don's presentation included photos of palms of Samoa, New Zealand, Lord Howe Island and Norfolk Island, many of which are rare and endangered. His travels to these islands were the first part of a five year program to complete a book on these palms.

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

The Palm Society of Maui

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

Phoenix (Arizona) Palm Society

The Phoenix Palm and Cycad Society met on Saturday, April 15th at the home of Rich Zeh, who has a long established collection of cactus and succulents. Rich also has a large new koi pond. Refreshments were served, followed by a talk by Maurice Levin on "*How to preserve the endangered species we are growing in our backyards.*" Maurice brought a number of hardy-in-Arizona plants, seedling to specimen size. Afterwards, the "now famous auction" was held, with ten percent of all proceeds going directly to the club.

See The Arizona Palm and Cycad Society website, <http://azpalmandcycad.org> for more information.

[The above Arizona Palm & Cycad information was forwarded to the Supplement Editor for inclusion in the Supplement, as there is rarely news available from this group of palm and cycad enthusiasts.]

Northern California Chapter, IPS

The Northern California Palm Society held a regularly scheduled work party on May 20th. This was a great opportunity for anyone to learn more about the culture, care and maintenance of palms.

In April, there was also a Palm Saturday held April 8th at the San Francisco Botanical Garden at Strybing Arboretum. Noted author David Leaser gave a presentation and did a book

signing. Maurice Levin conducted a workshop on how to grow cycads in the California climate. Both discussions featured essential information on growing and nurturing palms and cycads suitable for Bay Area gardens. The presentations were followed by a sale of plants that do well in the SF Bay Area and environs.

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.

Palm Society of Southern California

The May 20th Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) meeting featured visits to two private gardens in Camarillo, Ventura County. These two gardens, within walking distance of each other, have seen many changes and have flourished since the last PSSC visit 4 years ago.

The first garden visited was that of Robert and Pam Solakian. Many small and medium-sized palms are growing well under an open canopy of trees. Large *Howea* and *Rhopalostylis* encircle the pool area and many new species rare to the Ventura/Santa Barbara area have been planted in the last four years. Robert is the owner of Santa Barbara Greenhouses in Oxnard and shared tips on greenhouse design, cost, and maintenance with members present. Pam also had her artwork on display.

The second stop on the day's tour was the garden of John Rees and Clarissa Dong. Many large palms and cycads prominent in the garden were moved from their former West Los Angeles residence. Large tree aloes, agaves, yuccas and flowering trees make up the dry tropical area of the garden. A potluck luncheon followed.

On May 27th, the PSSC and Quail Botanical Gardens cosponsored a palm and cycad sale. This is becoming a very popular annual event, with some of the best nurseries in the area bringing great plants to the sale. This was a unique opportunity to get plants from many different types of nurseries at the same time and in the same place. This year's participating

nurseries included Bruce Ironmonger (Cycad Centre), Irv McDaniel, Phil Bergman (Jungle Music), Gary Wood (South Coast Palms), Don Kurth (Palm Mountain), Jerry Anderson (JDAnderson Palms), Eric Anderson (SeedCo), David Minks (Indian Rock Nursery), Dan Bose (L&L Nursery) and a few others.

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

- May 2006: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- July 2006: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Sept. 2006: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Nov. 2006: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- Jan. 2007: Annual Banquet
- March 2007: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- May 2007: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- July 2007: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Sept. 2007: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- Nov. 2007: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties

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

The above PSSC news items were extracted from original postings on the PSSC website visit the PSSC website at <http://www.palmssc.org>.

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter, contact chapter President, Thomas G. Mignerey, 3947 Hwy 297 A, Cantonment, FL 32533 or via e-mail at <temignerey@aol.com>. Dues for the local chapter should be sent to Maxwell Stewart, 2557 West Road, Mobile, AL 36693.

South Florida Palm Society News

The South Florida Palm Society (SFPS) held their annual Spring Sale on March 18–19th, at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

The Society held a regular meeting on April 3rd in the Corbin Classroom at Fairchild, with light food and refreshments provided before the program.

The SFPS is scheduled to meet in conjunction with the Tropical Flowering Tree Society on June 5th in the Garden House at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Harri Lorenzi, a leading Brazilian agronomic engineer and author of six books on tropical plants, flowering trees and palms spoke on “the

Flowering Trees of Brazil” as well as on a newly named palm.

On August 7th, Jeff Searle will present the first of a two part slide show on his trip to visit Madagascar and its palms.

A Garden Tour is planned by the SFPS for October, with details to follow later.

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

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The PBP&CS met on February 1st to hear Dr. Alan Meerow speak on Recent Coconut Research and Recent Zamia Research. At the March 1st meeting, Jeff Searle gave a presentation on the Palms of Madagascar. This general membership meeting also featured a palm and cycad auction, along with the usual socializing.

At the April meeting, Chris Magliaccio gave an excellent presentation on the *Montane Palms of Costa Rica*. This presentation featured photos of many different palms in habitat – most of which will not grow in southern Florida.

On June 7th, Mike Harris is scheduled to speak to PBP&CS on *Palms of the Dominican Republic*.

The Society 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.

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

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

On March 20th, some twenty CFPACS members went to southern Florida for a gorgeous day at Montgomery Botanical Center (MBC), “strolling amongst an impressive collection of palms and cycads.” Dr. Patrick Griffith, the new MBC Director, gave a brief overview of the history and goals of the Center. He also reported on which plants did well and which did not during Hurricane Wilma. This was followed by tours of cycad sections of the garden by Jody Haynes and Christine Wiese. The group was also shown the Cycad Savannah Test Plot toward

which CFPACS has donated funds. CFPACS contributed to a new weather station in this test plot.

A nice walk through the impressive collection of palm species followed lunch. Members viewed established stands of mature specimens such as *Pseudophoenix vinifera*, *Roystonea regia*, *Nypa fruticans*, *Coccothrinax ekmanii*, *Corypha* species, *Copernicia* species, bottles, spindles, fishtails and many others. After the meeting, many went to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden, only a stone-throw away. Thanks to Dr. Patrick Griffith and his staff for their time and to all of the CFPACS members who ventured down to South Florida.

The CFPACS Seed Bank continues to provide palm and cycad seed via their on-line service. If you are not on the CFPACS Seed Bank distribution list and wish to be, e-mail Claudia Walworth, at <orlbroke@aol.com>.

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

[The above information was extracted from the CFPACS website, CFPACS e-mails and the Palmateer journal by the Supplement Editor]

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

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

- Kathryn Ostadal, President and Editor, <kathryn_o@bellsouth.net>
- Jayanne Crawley, Vice President <southlandtropicals@yahoo.com>
- Ron LaBorde, Secretary/Treasurer, <pivoron@yahoo.com>

ET CETERAS, the Louisiana Chapter newsletter, is 16–20 pages (5.5 inch by 8.5 inch size) published 4 times per year, devoted to both articles of interest to palm enthusiasts and the happenings of the local chapter. Subscription and membership fees may be paid by check (USA banks only) or by US Postal Service money order payable to "Louisiana Palm Society" and should be mailed to: Louisiana Palm Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan, LA 70047. Membership, open worldwide to everyone with an interest in palms, is \$15 per calendar year for

an individual or \$20 per calendar year for a couple. Subscription to the newsletter is available outside of Louisiana and Southern Mississippi for \$8 per calendar year.

PACSOF

Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida

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

Florida First Coast Chapter

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

Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

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News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

The Spring 2006 Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) meeting was held on Saturday, April 22nd at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens in Savannah, Georgia. The meeting was held in the Pavilion near the lakes, which was a great venue for our first annual Spring Plant Sale. The meeting began at 10am with a short business meeting, followed by the plant sale. After a pizza lunch, the society held a planting party to install some *Butia x Jubaea*, *Butia x Syagrus*, *Brahea brandegeei x edulis*, *Phoenix canariensis x sylvestris* and others.

Additional meetings for 2006 are:

- Summer: Saturday, July 22, Chattanooga, Apison & Athens, Tennessee (joint with the Chattanooga Cactus and Succulent Society)
- Fall: Saturday, October 7, Wilmington & Bald Head Island, North Carolina (joint meeting with the North Carolina Palm Society)
- Southeastern Citrus Exposition: November 18, 8 Virginia Beach Aquarium, Virginia Beach, Virginia (sponsored in part by the Southeastern Palm Society)

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 or contact Will Taylor, Memberships, at <tnpalmdude@aol.com>.

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

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

The Houston Palm Society met at the property of Darren Oeschler on April 29th, who hosted his last local Palm Society meeting. Darren is planning to move to Costa Rica within a year to build an eco-style resort. The property at 9200 Tavenor Lane is for sale by Darren, as is his entire collection of palms, bamboo, cycads and eucalypts. These plants were available for members to view and purchase. Anyone interested in details of Darren's plant collection or his future adventure is invited to call him at +1 713-991-2344. BBQ chicken, hamburgers and soft drinks were served.

Houston Society members were invited to assist with the Palm Booth at the Galveston Oleander Festival on May 6-7th. Local member Grant Stephenson <glshciglobal.com> assisted in coordinating this effort.

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

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

The April 2007 meeting of the Palm Society of South Texas was hosted by Elizabeth Burns at her garden in Santa Elena in the north central part of the Rio Grande Valley. A recap of John Volk's online meeting summary follows. As members arrived they first came upon a wonderfully refreshing shade pond, with the combination of the pond and the shade of nearby trees giving Elizabeth and her family a retreat from the blazing sun in this rather arid part of south Texas. As John put it, "Elizabeth and her family have been living here for a relatively short time and have already made great headway in converting this once barren yard into an oasis." After a fine lunch provided by the host, a

business meeting was held. Among discussion items was the idea of conducting a survey of members to assess the proper amount to donate to the Brownsville Botanical Garden project. It was decided that a survey is truly in order as there were lots of differing opinions. Thanks were expressed to Wes, Ed, John and Jana for all of the work, time and efforts on their part in putting the 10th Anniversary Luau together.

PSST held a "Luau" at the Port Royal Ocean Resort on Mustang Island to celebrate the Society's 10th anniversary. Details of this are not available at press time, but it will be covered in the next Supplement.

Additional meetings planned so far include:

- June 10, 2006 - John and Mary Barkkari in Harlingen
- July 2006 - Jon and Suzie Watson in Corpus Christi
- August 2006 - Uvaldo Cantu – Harlingen
- September 2006 - John Volk - San Antonio
- October 2006 - Bill and Marilyn Madsen – Mission
- November 18, 2006 - John Dillard and Ed Ladd – Corpus Christi
- December 2006 - Annual Christmas Party hosted by Mrs. Santa Claus (a.k.a. Ruth Merrill) in Bayview
- January 2007 - Renata and Gabriela Blocker – Markham
- April 2007 - Romeo & Linda Montalvo – Brownsville
- June 2007 - George & Audrey Paterson – Laguna Vista
- October 2007 - Alice Garza and Mahandran Rajasururi – Brownsville
- November 2007 - Frank Manning & Kathryn Jones – Corpus Christi

Check out www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org for further details on the upcoming meetings and events.

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

La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]

For information on the Spanish Palm Society, La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas, or to subscribe to *Espadice*, e-mail 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>.

Asociación Venezolana de Palmas AVEPALMAS

On April 22-23, AVEPALMAS, the Venezuelan Palm Society, participated in the Bromeliad Exposition (*La Exposición de Bromelias*) in CorpBanca with first order botanical material and many rare species.

On April 24th, AVEPALMAS met at the offices of the Ministra del Ambiente, Ing. Jacqueline Farias, to discuss UNESCO “*Patrimonio Natural de la Humanidad el Parque Nacional Guatopo*” and the extension to “Bosque Steyermark” (near the Gulf of Triste,) which includes the higher elevations of the “*Serranía del Interior*” east of San Casimiro.

On April 30th, AVEPALMAS took an initial exploration to the Gulf of Triste in the Bosque Steyermark with participants Edilia C. de Borges, Rosana Lagerano, Thamara Gutierrez, Eduardo Machado and Sven Nehlin. The trip was to examine from 720 to 1120 meters using a 4-wheel drive vehicle. The second excursion to explore the entrance to Bosque Steyermark was done on May 14–15th, and reached to 1600m. Eight people participated in examining the typical local flora: aroids, pipers, heliconias, orchids and bromeliads. Also reviewed were *Pouteria guianensis*, *Ormosia tovarensis*, the palm *Dictyocaryum fuscum* and other species. At the higher elevations a typical and abundant palm is *Asterogyne spicata*, a spectacular palm with a bright red new leaf. This palm is endemic to the Parque Nacional de Guatopo.

AVEPALMAS held their monthly meeting on May 2nd at the La Salle institute, to dedicate the video of Judith Musso, entitled “*Ciudades Sustentables, Según el Programa 21*” (see www.un.org/esa/sustdev/documents/agenda21/spanish/agenda21sptoc.htm).

On May 24th, the group met in the auditorium of the Jardín Botánico and planted a *Bismarckia nobilis* palm and a *Licania platypus* tree (or Sonzapote) in the garden.

On May 28th, AVEPALMAS visited various fruit and palm trees as well as other plants. In addition, on this “Day of the Tree,” AVEPALMAS participated in the planting of a number of trees at the Venezuelan Institute of

Scientific Investigations. Among these the following species were included: *Licania* sp.; *Eschweilera fendleriana*, *Juglans venezuelensis*, *Gyranthera caribensis*, *Caryodendron orinocense*, *Pouteria guianensis* and the wax palm *Ceroxylon ceriferum*.

AVEPALMAS is scheduled to meet on June 6th on the fifth floor of the Fundación La Salle. On the agenda is discussion of future excursions “the Route of the Palms: Cañaveral, Osma, La Sabana, Caruao” (two days) and “the Palms of the Bosques of Colonia Tovar: Exploring the forest of the Hacienda Ecológica Guáquira” in the state of Yaracuy. (2 or 3 days.)

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

- President: Sr. Sven Nehlin
- Vice President: Dr. Omar Dominguez
- Secretary: Sr. Rafael Paris
- Treasurer: Arq. Francisco Monaldi

Editor of the Avepalmas Journal is Sven Nehlin <sven@avepalmas.org>.

Avepalmas also has delegates in the capitals of each of the Venezuelan states. Contact information for the individual delegates for Amazonas, Anzoátegui, Aragua, Barinas, Carabobo, Cojedes, Guarico, Lara, Miranda, Monagas, Nueva Esparta, Portuguesa, Sucre, Vargas, Yaracuy and Zulia are all given on the website, www.avepalmas.org. Correspondents outside of Venezuela are Dr. Francisco Guanchez in Costa Rica and Ing. Agr. Fred Stauffer in Switzerland.

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