

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

A tear-out IPS Election Ballot was provided on the rear cover of the March 2006 *Supplement to Palms*. Hopefully, each of you voted. Original ballots postmarked by May 31st were counted.

The following incumbent IPS directors have been reelected for the term beginning at the 2006 Biennial in Santo Domingo and ending at the 2010 Biennial:

- Norman Bezona, Island of Hawaii, USA
- Faith Fessenden Bishock, Central Florida & South Florida, USA
- Tim Cooke, Southern California, USA
- John Dransfield, United Kingdom
- Horace Hobbs, Houston Area, Texas, USA
- Bo-Göran Lundqvist, Island of Hawaii, USA
- Randy Moore, Southern California, USA
- Jeanne Price, Sunshine Coast, Australia
- Toby Spanner, Germany

Newly elected IPS directors joining the board for the term beginning at the 2006 Biennial in Santo Domingo and ending at the 2010 Biennial are:

- Don Kurth, Southern California, USA
- Gerald Martinez, France
- Santiago Orts, Spain
- Ray Hernandez, Central Florida, USA
- Larry Davis, South Florida, USA
- Elena Beare, Uruguay
- Fernando Roca (Padre Paco), Peru

The other IPS directors continuing to serve for the term of 2004 through 2008 are:

- Lyle Arnold, Southern California, USA
- Bill Baker, South Texas, USA
- Libby Besse, Central Florida, USA
- Jeff Brusseau, Southern California, USA
- Jim Cain, Houston Area, Texas, USA
- Paul Craft, Palm Beach, Florida, USA
- John DeMott, South Florida, USA

- Garrin Fullington, Island of Hawaii, USA
- Haresh, India
- Rolf Kyburz, Brisbane Area, Australia
- Leland Lai, Southern California, USA
- Leonel Mera, Dominican Republic
- Larry Noblick, South Florida, USA
- John Rees, Southern California, USA
- Sue Rowlands, Southern California, USA
- Scott Zona, South Florida, USA

The International Palm Society would also like to thank the following outgoing directors for their service to the organization:

- Phil Bergman, Southern California, USA
- Jose Canizo, Spain
- Fred Feige, Pacific NW, Canada
- Natalie Uhl, New York, USA

Officers of the IPS for 2006 through 2008 will be elected at the 2006 Biennial in Santo Domingo.

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.

Far Northern Queensland Palm Society

The Far Northern Queensland Palm & Cycad Society has disbanded, with associated cleanup completed in 2005. Surplus funds were given to the Friends of Flecker Botanic Gardens Association. Although their main website still exists, it is totally inactive.

The organization reached a high of 120 members during its ten year existence.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) met on June 25th at Jim and Margaret Bazley's residence in Habana.

PACSOM took a day trip to Proserpine – Connors Beach on July 23rd.

The August 27th meeting was to be held at Percy and Val Simonsen's residence in Sarina.

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, <bazleym@dodo.com.au>.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

Some members attended the Queensland Garden Expo in Nambour on the Sunshine Coast on the weekend July 7–9th, then over the next week wandered up to Bundaberg to look at gardens, nurseries etc.

The July 25th meeting featured Craig Thompson's presentation on "Growing Cycads in Sydney."

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 was held in Nambour on the Sunshine Coast over the weekend of July 7–9th. This was a great event for those who could 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 June 2006 PACSOWA general meeting, Dr Darryl Hardie, Surveillance Entomologist with the Department of Agriculture and Food, gave us a very informative and interesting talk on biosecurity and some of the pests and diseases which affect palms and cycads. The emphasis in the first part of his talk was on the need for all gardeners and householders to be vigilant and to report sightings and outbreaks of exotic pests in our local environment.

The Department of Agriculture and Food conducts ongoing surveillance in urban areas because it is recognized that:

- Cities are "transport end-points"
- Pests are first introduced into the cities – ports, airports, freight yards, etc
- Cities have the biodiversity of plants capable of supporting exotic pests
- Cities have a great range of environmental conditions ranging from natural to highly artificial, frequently reticulated gardens
- Cities are disturbed habitats – this suits the best invaders which often are the most serious pests
- Cities have the vital resource – people who can be encouraged to keep their eyes and ears open for threats.

One of the keys is to look for the 'unusual' in your garden, house or neighborhood. Some of the serious threats in WA include the European Wasp, the European House Borer, exotic snails, the Red Imported Fire Ant, the White Cedar Moth, the Asian Gypsy Moth and the Cane Toad. All of these pose potentially serious threats to health, economy or lifestyle in Western Australia.

Dr Hardie fully supports the use of non-chemical means wherever possible to keep the pests in check. Frogs, ladybird beetles, wasps, lacewings, predatory mites, spiders and birds all do their bit if given the chance.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on July 25th and new officers and committee were elected:

Executive

- President: Ralph Coppola
- Vice President: Phil Loffman
- Vice President: Don Clemkey
- Secretary: Jim McDermott
- Treasurer: Karel Hartlieb

Committee:

- Gary Pike, George Sevastos, Ann Laws, John Elliott, Ian Judge

Librarian: George Sevastos

Gascoyne Park Coordinator: George Sevastos

Newsletter Editor: Gary Pike

John Banasiewicz was unanimously approved to be a life member of the Society at the July AGM.

The August 22nd meeting was an informal affair and a quiz night. It was only a short quiz (taking about an hour) with emphasis on fun and entertainment. There were questions to suit everybody. Members had a choice of competing as individuals or as part of a table of four. Participation was \$1 per head to subsidize prizes for the winning tables. Some very worthwhile prizes were organized by quiz master George 'Gascoyne Park' Sevastos who had promised not to make the questions too hard for non-palm people.

A "Busy Bee" work day was held on Sunday June 25th with seven members attending: Ian and Rona Judge, Tony Bowyer, Gary Meaney, George Sevastos, John Ellement and Ann Laws who also arrived at the Park bringing along their huge truck and some heavy machinery, including a digger. John and Ann had never been to the Park before and were very impressed with what they saw. It was a very successful day at the Park with much achieved. Ten large Cocos Palms (*Syagrus romanzoffiana*) which over the years have been badly damaged by vandals were dug out and replaced with ten good-sized trees. The plants were purchased by the Society from Benara Nursery at an excellent price. Without John's heavy machinery, planting them would have been almost impossible. Others took up the task of pruning the *Butia*, *Phoenix*, *Sabal* and *Livistona* palms on the north eastern side of the

Park. Ten large piles of palm fronds were created and the Avenues and Park are now looking great. with the Park well mowed and tidy. Lunch was served, then more pruning and planting was done. One *Macrozamia fraseri*, four *Livistona decora* (formerly *L. decipiens*) and one *Syagrus romanzoffiana* (all donated by Ian and Rona Judge) were planted, as well as a *Ptychosperma elegans* and a *Caryota urens* (donated by Ken and Joy Lee.)

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/palmwest or e-mail to Gary Pike at < gpike@dpc.wa.gov.au >

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The June meeting of the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society was attended by a larger than normal crowd. The idea of the society getting involved in germinating and growing seedlings of some of the rarer palms was discussed briefly. The speaker for the night was David Brundell, owner of the nursery Gardenza on the Glenbrook peninsula, just south of Auckland. He showed quite a number of photographs from his garden. The many forms of *Rhopalostylis sapida* as well as *R. baueri*, with many other native plants were worth seeing. David is a well known *Clivia* breeder so these were included. From his garden, the photo tour moved on to his trip to South Africa. He also included some photos of the Cycad Centre that belongs to Danie and Avis Nel and of the Transvenosus Forest. It was one of the better meeting nights.

The president and vice president were absent so John Pettit chaired the July meeting, which featured a talk by Loren Robb of Secret Life Media on the production of the society's Magazine over the last 12 years. This was followed by a panel of three who answered palm and cycad related questions on many topics including "Frost, Fertilizer, Germination, Cycad problems and more." The hardier species of *Caryota* and how some were burned by the recent frosts were also discussed.

The August meeting featured guest speaker Russell Fransham talking about his most recent obsession of collecting sub-tropical plants that resulted in his opening of a nursery and

landscaping around his area. His presentation covered heliconias, ginger, cordylines, plus others including *Ficus* species for New Zealand.

On August 20th, Graeme Platt gave a talk on forest ecology followed by a walk with Dick Endt around Landsend, highlighting conservation on a larger scale than New Zealand.

The ARC Parks and Heritage Committee continues consideration its regional pest management strategy. This was the first agenda item at its monthly meeting on June 14th. A related article from the *Nor-West News* of June 29th, page 16, headed "*Palms and Agapanthus in Spotlight*" included the following key passages:

- About 292 submissions were received by the Auckland Regional Council on a pest management discussion document released in December.
- Further consultation is planned once a draft strategy is released about mid-September.
- While many supported the inclusion of various plants and animals in the pest strategy, opposition came from nursery and garden industry groups to listing some plants like agapanthus, bangalow, chinese fan and *Phoenix* palms.
- Changes now proposed by the regional council include making large *Agapanthus* forms a surveillance species because of the plant's risk of spreading, particularly in coastal areas dwarf *Agapanthus* are included as a research organism and people are allowed people to apply for exemptions for overseas or inter-regional trade.
- Instead of listing as surveillance species, *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana* (bangalow) and *Livistona chinensis* (chinese fan palms), marram grass and queen of the night are suggested as research organisms.
- *Phoenix* palms are still recommended as a surveillance species, effective July 2010.
- Concerns about *Phoenix* include its spread via birds eating fruits, injury to people from leaf barbs – 21 children were admitted to Auckland Starship children's hospital with palm barb injuries between 1992 and 1997 – and health issues "because dried fronds contribute to bronchial asthma."

[Thanks to John Prince for the above.]

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@yahoogroups.com.> The remainder of the news was taken from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine*.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The late summer and fall events of the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) will begin with a gala barbeque and social at Kristin and Charlie Warburton's home and garden in Surrey, BC. This event is intended primarily for PNWP&EPS members, with non-members charged \$10 that may be put towards a club membership. The club will provide the barbeque and soft drinks, with members providing additional contributions of salads and desserts.

The September 25th General Meeting at Van Dusen Gardens will feature a slideshow by Nick Parker about Vancouver's West End. Nick won't just be showing slides of the palms growing at English Bay, but will include some of the heritage homes, gardens, public art, civic monuments and architectural oddities that have caught his eye and made the West End such a special place for Vancouverites. There will also be club news and updates, and a raffle for donated plants and prizes. Admission, as usual, is free.

For our final General Meeting of the year on November 27, 2006 at Van Dusen Gardens, we expect to be treated to a slideshow by past President Jay Rowland on his summer vacation in northern France. This is also the meeting Society elections are held as well as the usual updates on the year's events and a raffle for donated plants and prizes.

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 >.

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

The *Association Chambeyronia* intends to create a Palmetum in the Southern Province (D.R.N) in the park of the Rivière Bleue. This palmetum will largely feature local palms. It is being designed to attract tourists as well as botanists, researchers and students and will provide an excellent venue to study and observe New Caledonia palms.

See the Association's website at www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm or 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 >

News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

For information on Palmeraie Union, contact Thierry Hubert at palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr or Nicole Ludwig at nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr

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).

Hawaii Island Palm Society

On June 24th, the Hawaii Island Palm Society had the opportunity to tour three Kona gardens and a palm nursery. The day began at 10:00am with a visit to the garden of Dean Ouer, then proceeded to the garden of Garrett and Julie Webb and to their Kalaoa Gardens Nursery, and ended the afternoon at the garden of Mark Barville. All the stops were within a few miles of each other.

Dean Ouer's property is a young garden amongst an old forest. At a cool 2200 feet elevation on the flank of Hualalai, he has been slowly carving out planting sites for as many palms as will fit into his 3 acres, while trying to preserve the ambiance of the natural 'aina. Planting wasn't begun in earnest until about two years ago.. At this stage, old growth ohia and hapu'u mix with the younger palms and other tropical delights. Because of the abundant availability of palm species on the Big Island, there are many species in the ground; even more are growing to planting size in pots while waiting for that perfect spot. This was a chance to see a part of Kona unfamiliar to many.

Garrett Webb has been collecting palms for almost twenty years, but at a very leisurely pace, looking for new palms suitable for commercial use in Kona. He and his wife Julie live on half an acre at 1400 feet, with a small shade house and growing pad for material destined for the larger nursery that HIPS also toured. At the house site,

palms of note include: *Dypsis decaryi* x *leptocheilos*; *Sommieria leucophylla* (*elegans*); a beginning-to-flower *Hydriastele* (*Gronophyllum*) *chaunostachys*; and a relatively large *Dypsis pembana* in flower.

The Kalaoa Gardens Nursery site at Keahole Ag Park has been evolving slowly since 1998. There is interesting material being grown in containers in the full sun destined for Kona landscapes. All nursery stock was well labeled.

Finally, a tour was provided at Mark Barville's garden, a newly planted landscape of palms (from Kalaoa Gardens), very interesting (sometimes rare) flowering trees, native plants and other esoteric plant material. Brian Lievens designed the garden and was on hand to guide the tour.

The HIPS June 2006 *Pritchardia* newsletter included information on palm pests and diseases of particular interest to their members. Those interested may check out the internet sites:

<http://www2.hawaii.edu/~snelson/palms>

<http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/freepubs>.

At the second site, a list of publications by category is shown, click on "Insect Pests." On the next page, a list of Insect Pest publications is shown. Click on "*Banana Moth - A Potentially Fatal Pest of Pritchardia and Other Palms*" for great information on this devastating pest! Scot Nelson and his co-author Mark Wright discuss the life cycle of the moth, damage to *Pritchardia*, and how to deal with this pest. They also have included pictures of the moth at various phases of its life cycle and of the type of damage the moth can do to a palm. Learn about this pest. Early identification and proper treatment can save the palm!

Three *Socratea exorrhiza* were planted at Panaewa Zoo on February 11, 2006, on HIPS' most recent "Zoo Crew" work day. A very successful outing thanks to the hard work of a great crew: Bob Ely, Garrin Fullington, Jenny Johnson, Grace Kissell, Paul Langley, Mica Lesch, Mike Merritt, Scot Nelson, Dean & Karen Piercy, Richard Rawlinson, Julie Ross, Ilze & Skip Sims and Art Smith.

HIPS held a Plant Sale and Exhibition at the Panaewa Zoo on May 28th. The Zoo Day was very successful, with donated palms from Julie Ross that were given away along with seeds from Karen Piercy and some that were gathered from the zoo itself. The HIPS booth was staffed

for most of the day by the intrepid duo of Tiffany Rippa and Mica Lesch. They educated many zoo visitors on germinating palm seeds and shared information in the HIPS reference books. Jan Anderson gave a large group of interested people a tour of the zoo's palm collection.

HIPS, in cooperation with DLNR in an effort to plant more palms in public places, has done a trial planting of palms in the Waiakea Pond area. DLNR agreed to the trial planting because they are looking for plants that will provide shelter for the fingerlings after hatching. On April 13th, Garrin Fullington, Rich Rawlinson, Dean and Karen Piercy worked with two employees of DLNR to plant eleven *Chamaedorea cataractarum* (donated anonymously) and one 15-gallon *Ravenea rivularis* (donated by Jeff & Suchin Marcus of Floribunda Palms). These palms were selected for their ability to grow in very wet conditions. The palms can be viewed by parking under the large banyan tree on Kilauea next to the old Green Onion bar location. They are planted on the long berm to the right that projects out into the pond area.

HIPS recently donated several palm books to the Hilo Public Library. These were: "*Chamaedorea Palms*," "*Genera Palmarum*," "*The Palm Book of Trinidad and Tobago*," "*Palms and Cycads of Thailand*," "*Palms of New Caledonia*," "*Palms of Madagascar*" and "*Palms Throughout the World*" – all gifts to HIPS from the International Palm Society as recognition for the effort spent on the 2004 Biennial. As these were duplicates of books already in the HIPS library, the HIPS board accepted the books advising the IPS that HIPS would donate them to the public library to hopefully gain a broader readership. Each book has a front plate labeling it as a gift from HIPS.

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

Northern California Chapter, IPS

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 their new website <http://www.palmsnc.org/>.

Palm Society of Southern California

The July 15th Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) meeting featured a garden picnic in Holmby Hills at the home of Drew Zager. This is a marvelous exercise in landscaping transformation where pre-existing plantings are meshed with a heavy touch of the tropics. Drew Zager is the son of PSSC Board Member Bud Zager. Fittingly, the theme of busy lives is "Palms Brought Us Together."

On September 16th, the PSSC will tour the "Palm-Forest" home of Ralph Velez at 11:00 am. Then follow up with a tour, pot-luck lunch, meeting and palm auction at Mile Square Park Palmetum.

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

- 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

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>.

Phoenix (Arizona) Palm Society

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

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

The Gulf Coast Chapter will hold their Fall meeting around October 3rd.

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

At the South Florida Palm Society (SFPS) meeting on August 7th, Jeff Searle presented 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.

The Fall Palm and Cycad Show and Sale sponsored by the South Florida Palm Society will be held at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden on November 4th and 5th, beginning each day at 9:30am.

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 July 5th to hear Marshall Dewey speak on "Palms of SE Asia and Travelogue."

The August 2nd meeting featured Jamie Burkhart's presentation on "Landscaping with Palms and Cycads."

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society's Annual Picnic and Auction will be held from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, September 16th at Ruth Sallenbach's home in Lake Worth (as usual!).

The October meeting will be held on October 4th at Mount's Botanical Garden.

The Fall Sale sponsored by the PBP&CS at Caloosa Park, Boynton Beach, will be held on October 14th and 15th, beginning at 9am.

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

The Fall meeting of CFPACS will be held on Saturday, September 30th at Bok Sanctuary in Lake Wales. It will be a joint meeting with The Cycad Society (TCS). The morning will feature a cycad mini-symposium with some of TCS board members giving half-hour presentations of cycad related topics. After the talks, a cycad auction to benefit TCS will be held. In the afternoon, the regular CFPACS sale will take place and afterwards members will have the rest of the afternoon free to tour Bok. Admission for the event will be free but attendance requires RSVP.

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 <orlbroker@aol.com>. A recent (July 2006) seed offering included:

- *Allagoptera arenaria*
- *Archontophoenix alexandrae*
- *Archontophoenix tuckeri*.
- *Ceroxylon ventricosum*
- *Clinostigma samoense*
- *Dictyosperma album*
- *Geonoma undata*
- *Hyophorbe verschaffeltii*
- *Hyophorbe lagenicaulis*
- *Hyphaene dichotoma*
- *Hyphaene coriacea*
- *Marojejya darianii*
- *Parajubaea cocoides*
- *Rhopaloblaste augusta*
- *Rhapis excelsa*
- *Veitchia arecina*
- *Arenga engleri*
- *Washingtonia filifera*
- *Washingtonia* "filibusta"
(cross between *W. filifera* and *W. robusta*).
- *Washingtonia robusta*
- *Caryota urens*
- *Acoelorrhaphe wrightii*
- *Ptychosperma elegans*
- *Sabal domingensis*
- *Adonidia merrillii* (syn: *Veitchia merrillii*)
- *Ptychosperma macarthurii*,
- *Pseudophoenix sargentii*

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

The Summer meeting of the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society was August 19th at the home of Kathryn Ostadal in Destrehan. From the meeting announcement on the LP&CS website, Kathryn "began planting palms in my yard about eight years ago and now has about 80 palms and cycads in the ground and about 40 non-cold hardy ones in pots, representing a total of 70 different species." After the business meeting, the group toured the yard, and Kathryn led a discussion on how to select the right palm for your garden and how to avoid some of the mistakes she has made. The discussion focused on uncommon palms that can be grown in South Louisiana, growth rate with before and after pictures, light and soil requirements, etc.

For information on 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,
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- Jayanne Crowley, Vice President
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- Ron LaBorde, Secretary/Treasurer,
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News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

The Summer 2006 Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) meeting was held on July 22nd in Chattanooga, Apison & Athens, Tennessee (joint with the Chattanooga Cactus and Succulent Society).

Additional meetings for 2006 are:

- 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 <tnpalmduke@aol.com >.

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

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

Society member Tony Cerbone of Dallas has been instrumental in the establishment of the Hardy Palm and Tropical Collection at the Dallas Arboretum. The following excerpts are extracted from the Dallas Arboretum's August 8th press release "Local Garden Club Sponsors new Collection":

The First Men's Garden Club of Dallas is sponsoring a new plant collection at the Dallas Arboretum to be titled the Hardy Palm and Tropical Collection. This unique collection will be the centerpiece of a new program behind the Water Walls in the Lay Ornamental Garden, giving a beautiful background to the most popular wedding site at the Arboretum.

The one-acre collection is the brainchild of Jimmy Turner, Director of Research at the Arboretum and Tony Cerbone, palm expert and club member. The new plant collection will consist of more than two dozen varieties of cold hardy palms that will prosper in the Dallas climate. Also included in the collection will be dozens of tropical plants such as ginger, oleander, cestrum, hardy bananas, crinums, bamboo and other hardy tropical-style plants. These plants are, for the most part, winter hardy and will provide a distinctive landscape style for homeowners interested in a fresh look in their gardens.

The groundbreaking begins in January, and completion is slated for mid-August (2007).

The total grant with endowment for the Dallas Arboretum project is \$100,000. Providing matching funds for the collection is Nancy Wilten, Master Gardener and sister to club member Tom Wilten. In addition to Mr. Cerbone and Mr. Wilten, other club members coordinating details on the project are Bob Grossman and John Hunt.

Hardy palms are at the center of a movement for bolder landscapes with a tropical style look. The Arboretum's goal is to house this new collection of palms and tropical-style plant material within an attractive, inviting landscape, which incorporates commonly-used landscape plants for the North Texas area. "We want demonstrate to home gardeners that this is a look that they can achieve," said Jimmy Turner.

The collection also incorporates areas for bamboo trials, hardy bananas, hardy gingers, crinums, cestrum and other "tropical" style plants that are adaptable to the zone 7 to 8 garden. The Hardy Palm and Tropical Collection will also be used as part of the Arboretum's ongoing plant trials. The Arboretum lies on the cusp of zones 7 and 8, experiencing extremes of heat and cold. Yearly ice storms and variable winter temperatures will help determine hardiness of the palms and tropical plants for future landscape use in these zones.

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

In May, Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) held a "Luau" at the Port Royal Ocean Resort in Port Aransas on Mustang Island to celebrate the Society's 10th anniversary. A big "Thank you" to Wes Popejoy, Jana Whalen, Ed Ladd and John Dillard for their efforts in getting this celebration together. Ed Ladd put together a nice history of the society identifying most of the original members and then continued with a recap of every meeting we've had over the past ten years. Listed on the website review are most of the original members that started PSST, some of whom are still members today.

The June meeting was held at John and Mary Barkkari's home and garden in Harlingen. Over the past few years they have worked diligently on maturing their garden. The *Roystonea* (royal) palms along the side yard have tripled in size since the last PSST visit. Many new palms have been added to the garden to include additional royals, bottle, *Phoenix* and triangle (*Dypsis decaryi*) specimens. The Barkkari's put on a feast of chicken and salmon as the main entree. After lunch, we held a society meeting and discussed the survey we were taking on the Brownsville Botanical Garden project. We discussed the options on the survey and asked that the members respond by the first of July. After the meeting, we held a plant auction with all of the plants donated by our gracious members. Once again we had a good time auctioning off the plants and trying to outbid one another. The society fared well through the donation of the plants and the subsequent bids.

On July 15th, PSST met at Jon and Suzie Watson's home on North Padre Island. Jon's collection is truly amazing, being one of the most extensive and varied palm collection in Texas. Jon conducted a number of tours through the garden. Naturally it was a bit hot in south Texas in July, but that didn't stop the palm lovers. See www.raingardens.com/psst/meetings/PSST_Jul06.html for a list of the palms that Jon and Suzie are growing on North Padre Island.

Additional meetings planned include:

- 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

Check out www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org for further details on the upcoming 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.]

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