

**Applications for 2007 Grants
from the IPS Endowment Fund**

The deadline for submission of Applications for IPS Endowment Fund Grants to be awarded in May 2007 was set as December 31st. However, since announcement of this deadline was inadvertently not made in the September supplement, the deadline has been extended until January 29th, 2007.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain prior to January 29th. Proposals should be sent as MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as email attachments to palm_dude@pobox.com. If the documents exceed 6MB in size, please send them to jimmydcain@aol.com instead.

Proposals should include the following information, along with any other information that applicants think might increase their chances for favorable review of their proposals:

- A Narrative Proposal Section, with clear description of the project to be funded. This should include adequate detail for independent scientific reviewers to assess the feasibility and desirability of the project work. This should also address the desired project timetable in a general way, again to provide clarity to the reviewers.
- A clear and readable budget for the full project, as well as how much of the funding is requested from the IPS and how much of the total project funding is expected to be obtained from other sources. Please also state whether or not "partial funding" of the IPS amount would be acceptable (and still allow the project to be undertaken)
- Current Curriculum Vitae of the applicant as well as other key researchers involved in the project. This information should also provide good contact information for the application [postal address, email address(es), telephone(s) and fax numbers.]
- A statement as to who should receive the Grant payment, if the application is successful (i.e., the individual, the individual's university or employee, etc.

If there are questions on the above, please contact Jim Cain via mobile telephone at +1 (832) 215-5551 or at the given email addresses.

The IPS usually has at least US\$20,000 or more to award in a given year, if suitable applications are received requiring this amount. Typically individual awards of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are made, although larger grants are sometime awarded. Applications for large amounts must be accompanied by a statement on the acceptability of "partial funding". Without such a clear statement, the IPS Endowment Committee may be forced to turn down such an application if the entire requested amount cannot be awarded.

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) met on September 24th at the home of Hans Querl, who lives just north of The Leap on the Bruce Highway.

PACSOM scheduled their Christmas PACSOM Break-up for November 26th, but details were not available as of the date this Supplement went to press.

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 September 26th meeting at Drummyne Senior Citizens Hall in Five Dock featured Michael Rimmer's presentation on Fertilizers. Michael is from the fertilizer company Neutrag (based in Adelaide).

The November 28th meeting featured Doug Twentyman discussing "Some Aspects of Propagation". Doug is a teacher of Horticulture at Ourimbah College of TAFE and has also been a nurseryman. In addition to the speaker, the meeting featured a special Christmas supper, the regular raffle and plant auction.

The November issue of the color magazine *Tropica* has the following main themes:

- Orchids for the garden. This has been a very good year for Australian Rock Orchids and there are many other orchids that can bring color to Sydney's tropical-look gardens.
- Some smaller palmate palms that like heat, are drought tolerant and mostly stand cold : *Thrinax*, *Coccothrinax* and *Trithrinax* should suit those living in areas with hot dry summers and cold winters.

Articles, letters or interesting photos which are palm, cycad or "tropical" related are welcome.

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

Renowned naturalist, environmentalist and highly sought after speaker Eric McCrum spoke at the September 26th PACSOWA meeting about the South West of Western Australia. His presentation had particular focus on the Fitzgerald River National Park and the Stirling Ranges. Eric is a. Also at the September meeting, George Sevastos will give us a short talk on two Philippine palm species, *Livistona robinsoniana* and *L. rotundifolia*.

Henry and Adrian, the owners of Boogaard's Nursery, invited the Palm & Cycad Society to join with the Fern Society in a visit to their fantastic wholesale plant nursery in Wanneroo on October 8th from 11.00am to 3.00pm. The nursery is a massive complex with tens of thousands of ferns, palms and other plants grown under several hectares of shade cloth. Henry spoke about the latest stock arrivals and other plants of interest and kindly invited all to share a barbecue lunch which they provided. After the tour of the nursery, there was an opportunity to purchase plants.

The Society held the Annual Sale and Display in the lesser hall at the Cannington Exhibition Centre – the Liddelow Hall over the weekend of November 25-26th, 2006. Although it is a much smaller venue than PACSWOA has used in the past, the space was sufficient. It is the same hall at which PACSOWA staged a display at the 2006 Cannington Show.

The Society's annual Christmas party is scheduled for Sunday, December 3rd at the home of John Ellement and Ann Laws at Palm Lake, 24 Collis Rd, Wattleup. A barbecue tea, scrumptious dessert and coffee and tea was with members bringing their own drinks and nibbles. This was a great chance to see a spectacular palm and cycad garden and catch up with others.

A "Busy Bee" work day was held on Sunday August 27th with thirteen members attending: Ian Judge (Rona paid a brief visit), Karel Hartlieb, Tony Bowyer, Linda Therkelsen, Dave Mounsey, John Ellement and Ann Laws with

grandson Jason Abreu, Ken and Joy Lee, Ralph Coppola and George Sevastos. With perfect weather much pruning, weeding, fertilizing and planting was achieved on the day. The *Butia*, *Livistona* and *Phoenix* palms looked much better after the pruning. Likewise chainsaw pruning of the *Syagrus*, *Butia*, *Phoenix*, *Sabal*, etc. created fifteen large piles of fronds –the largest pruning ever undertaken at the Park.

Much planting was also accomplished. Eighteen large palm specimens were planted around the Park:

- 1 *Livistona robinsoniana*,
- 1 *L. mariae* var. *rigida*,
- 1 *Dypsis cabadae* (multi-trunked),
- 1 Spindle Palm (*Hyophorbe verschaffeltii*),
- 1 Bottle Palm (*H. lagenicaulis*),
- 4 Red Latan Palms (*Latania lontaroides*),
- 3 Cuban Royal Palms (*Roystonea regia*) and
- 1 *Cycas* species.

These plants were purchased by the Society. In addition, the following plants were donated by Ken and Joy Lee and / or Bill Gaynor:

- 1 Kentia Palm (*Howea forsteriana*),
- 1 *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*
- 1 *Cycas revoluta*,
- 1 Triangle Palm (*Dypsis decaryi*) and
- 1 Parlour Palm (*Chamaedorea elegans*).

The next Busy Bee is on December 17th, 2006.

The September 2006 PalmsWest Newsletter was the 50th edition produced by the current editor, Gary Pike, since he took the post in 2002.

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 < gpike@dpc.wa.gov.au >

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The September 5th meeting of the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society was attended by the usual number of members. Business covered request for helpers to man the stand at the Ellerslie flower show. The presentation for the evening was on the cycad genus *Encephalartos*. The ex South African speaker spoke on his passion for these plants and his involvement with his and his fathers collections. There were no photos, so it was a talk that covered the growing of offsets, with a minimum viable size about

“tennis ball size”. Pollination was discussed with hand-pollination emphasized. Deep frozen pollen storage for more than 3 years has been used with success. Following the meeting, it was suggested that a more active trading table would definitely help future meeting attendance.

The New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society had a very nice display at the Ellerslie International Flower Show (EIFS) that began on November 21st. For more on the show, see www.ellersliefloweshow.co.nz.

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 < nzpalmsycad-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

For our final General Meeting of the year held on November 27th, 2006 at Van Dusen Gardens, members and guests were 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. More on this meeting in the next Supplement

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 in March, 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.

"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>

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*.

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).

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

Hawaii Island Palm Society

On October 13th, the Hawaii Island Palm Society sponsored "A Preview of *A Guide to Hawaiian Pritchardia*" by Don Hodel at the University of Hawaii in Hilo. For the past nine months, Don has been traveling in the Hawaiian Islands to complete research on this book, co-authored with Melany Chapin and Jeff Marcus. The handbook will provide identification of all Pritchardia species of Hawaii. At the meeting, Don described his progress via slides of Pritchardia in the wild, by island, while pointing out identifying features of each, ecology and conservation of the species along with tales about the adventures of gathering the photographs.

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

On May 7th, forty one members of the Northern California Chapter turned out to visit Inge Hoffmann's magnificent garden in San Leandro. Inge, our renowned, retired seed collector searched out and distributed thousands of seeds from all over the world. She lives in one of the best banana belts in the Bay area and has healthy mature palm specimens that the rest of us long for. A potluck, auction and short meeting was enjoyed by all.

Our August 6th meeting brought us back to the lush canyon of the Palm Patch Nursery, Los Altos, and the home of the Laubs (Don, Judy and Ray). Don and Ray are our only local father and son palm duo. Their passion for palms has created something else unique; a seven acre canyon garden that in 20 years will totally feel like a wild tropical habitat. Much has grown and more been planted since our last visit two years ago. The potluck was followed by a good auction. At the business meeting about 30 members voted to begin the planting the Mediterranean garden in Oakland on Saturday,

August 19th. This piece of ground will serve as the official entry to the Palmetum.

The September 24th meeting was held at the garden of David Sylvia and Eric Christensen in San Jose. Summer heat has produced amazing growth since the meeting there three years ago. Thirty five members enjoyed a delicious lunch under perfect skies and competed for some great palms at the auction. Their garden was established in 1995 upon David's return to the Bay Area after living on the Big Island of Hawaii. While David was interested in establishing a very "safe" garden with only palms suited to the San Jose climate, Eric was willing to do the research and provide the winter care necessary to bring a much greater variety of palms and companion plants. Now you can see species like *Chamaedorea elatior*, *Arenga micrantha*, *Plectocomia himalayana*, *Parajubaea sunka*, *Brahea nitida* and many more. Companion plants include *Cycas*, agaves and succulents. This garden is meticulously manicured and artistically and beautifully planted.

Dennis Valdez (PalmSociety@aol.com) /
Edith Bergstrom (Edith@PalmPaintings.com)

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. Regularly scheduled meetings and auctions are held at local gardens and at the Lakeside 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 November 18th Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) meeting was held in Fallbrook, CA, beginning with a tour of the garden of PSSC members Wanda Mallen and Gary Vincent. This garden was started about six years ago and features many species of palms. Many of the species being grown are cold hardy species and have seen multiple frosts. In addition, there are many species of cacti, succulents, Australian exotic species, *Ficus* and other tropical plants. A greenhouse provides shelter for the more tropical palms in the winter.

This is a two-acre garden that has many flat paths and is easy to walk. PSSC has not visited this garden before and it was well worth seeing.

Following the garden tour, the group traveled a short distance to the Fallbrook Community Center where we held a potluck lunch, auction/raffle and two guest speakers. The first speaker was Leland Lai, PSSC President. Leland showed slides of the recent IPS Biennial Tour of the Dominican Republic. For those who could not attend this trip, this was an opportunity to get a close up look at the palms you missed. Following Leland, Riverside member Justen Dobbs gave a presentation "Return to Mexico" – concentrating on palms from the more arid parts of Mexico. Justen's presentation was of particular interest to those who live in hotter areas. Justen's presentation was followed by the regular Auction and Raffle.

PSSC will hold their 2007 Annual Banquet at Huntington Botanical Gardens on January 20th. See the PSSC website for further details.

The PSSC meeting on March 17th will be a joint meeting with the Bamboo Society at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia

In general, PSSC meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every other month. The remaining 2007 meetings will be in the following order of rotation:

- Jan. 2007: Annual Banquet
- March 2007: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- May 2007: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- July 2007: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Sept. 2007: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- Nov. 2007: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- Jan. 2008: Annual Banquet
- March 2008: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties

The above PSSC news items were extracted from postings on the website www.palmssc.org.

Phoenix (Arizona) Palm Society

Per the Arizona Palm and Cycad Society website, <http://azpalmandcycad.org>, the Society has held three meetings in 2006.

They met on March 11th at a private garden in Phoenix, Arizona. Leo Martin gave a presentation of a recent trip to *Dioon* and *Cycas* habitat in Oaxaca Mexico. "Great photos by Leo and stories from all of the past growing season."

On April 15th the AzP&CS met at a private garden in Scottsdale, Arizona. Maurice Levin of A & A Cycads of North Hollywood, California,

was guest speaker and auctioneer. Maurice gave an interactive presentation entitled "Cycad Horticultural Practices", subtitled "How to Really Preserve and Not Kill the Endangered Species We are Growing in Our Backyards, and Why We Should!"

The Society met last on October 28th at a private garden in Apache Junction, Arizona. Suzy and Bruce Ironmonger presented slides of their recent trip to cycad habitat in South Africa. Hard-to-find Australian cycads were available for purchase. Refreshments were served.

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

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

The Gulf Coast Chapter held their Fall meeting on Sunday, October 15th at the Wilson Tropical Nursery 2280 Hammock Road, Mobile, AL. Member Danny Wilson gave members a tour of all his tropical plants. Lunch was served at noon, followed by the regular auction.

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.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The PBP&CS met on October 4th at Mount's Botanical Garden. The meeting featured Dr. Monica Elliott, palm disease expert at IFAS in Broward County and co-author of *Compendium of Ornamental Palm Diseases and Disorders*.

The PBP&C Fall Sale on October 14th and 15th at Caloosa Park, Boynton Beach, started out with a hectic Saturday morning but quieted down somewhat thereafter.

The PBP&CS meeting on November 1st featured Ron Schaff discussing the use and handling of granular fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides in a safe and economic manner. Information on how to get rid of snails was also provided, along with a display of products and tools. Officers for 2007 were elected, as follows:

- President Betty Ahlborn
- 1st Vice President (Sales Chair):
Kitty Phillips / Keith Buttry
- 2nd Vice President (Program Chair):
Dale Holton
- 3rd Vice President (Planting Chair):
Marshall Dewey

- Secretary: Ruth Sallenbach
- Treasurer: Ingrid Dewey
- Editor: Dennis McKee

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>.

South Florida Palm Society News

The fall sale of the South Florida Palm Society was held on November 4th and 5th at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden in Miami, FL. This event is booked as "The world's largest palm and cycad sale."

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/.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Fall meeting of CFPACS was held on Saturday, September 30th at Bok Sanctuary in Lake Wales. It was a joint meeting with The Cycad Society (TCS). The morning featured 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 was held. In the afternoon, the regular CFPACS sale took place and afterwards members had the rest of the afternoon free to tour Bok. Admission for the event was free.

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>:

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

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>.

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

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:

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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.

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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@bellsouth.net>

Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

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

News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) held their Fall 2006 meeting on October 7th, at Wilmington & Bald Head Island, North Carolina. This was a joint meeting in cooperation

with the North Carolina Palm Society, www.ncpalm.homestead.com.

SEPS participated in the Southeastern Citrus Exposition: November 18, 8 Virginia Marine Science Museum, Virginia Beach, Virginia (sponsored in part by the Southeastern Palm Society) This was the fourth year for the Southeastern Citrus Exposition – aimed at both the home gardener and the serious enthusiast. The Expo featured expert speakers who provided information on the growing cold-hardy citrus in the Southeast – in ground or in containers, advice on choosing citrus varieties, cold-protection methods, grafting and selection of rootstock, and many other informative tips. The citrus fruit contest, plant sale and tours of citrus trees growing in Virginia Beach were not to be missed.

Meetings scheduled for 2007 are:

- Winter: Saturday, February 24,
St Marys, Georgia
- Spring: Saturday, April 21,
Port Royal, South Carolina
- Summer: Saturday, August 4,
Plant Delights, Raleigh, NC
- Fall: Saturday, October 6,
Anniston, Alabama

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]

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

On August 19th, The Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) met at the home of Uvaldo and Gemma Cantu in Harlingen. . It was a warmer than normal August day and yet there was a great turn out. August is usually the lowest attended PSST meeting of the year (due to the heat) and with this year's above normal temps we were afraid of having an extremely low attendance.

However, Uvaldo collaborated with neighbor and fellow palm and cactus lover, Rick Bassett, to have the members to tour Rick's garden as well. Uvaldo and Gemma graciously provided a delicious meal catered by Johnny Carino's Italian Grille. This was followed by a quick society meeting where our ongoing business and the possibility of purchasing a stone bench in memory of Robert Riffle was discussed. Robert Riffle was a former society member while living here in Texas and as most will know, a world known author and palm expert. Bob recently passed away and the society would like to remember him and his contributions to palms.

The September meeting was held at 'hardy-semi-tropical' garden of John and Yong Volk in San Antonio. John is growing a variety of hardy and semi-hardy palms in his garden. A list of his palms is provided on the PSST website to demonstrate the varieties that can be grown this far north in Texas. John's garden is about twelve years old, however, many of his palms have only been in the ground for 10 years or less. Many of the varieties were garnered through mail order and originally arrived as 1-2 leaf seedlings. Thusly, it has taken some of those palms some time to gain any size. Some of the palms have grown extremely fast, like the *Phoenix* hybrid (*syvestris* × *theophrasti*) pictured below which has only been in the ground 7 years. Others have taken a long time to grow like his *Livistona australis*. John took everyone on a tour of the yard, detailing the hardiness of the various palms in the yard. He also spoke on his over coming the beetle attacks. After the garden tour, we sat down to a wonderful BBQ meal that Yong Volk had put together. We discussed the Brownsville Botanical Garden project as well as a treasury report. We also covered the remaining meetings for this year and those for next year. At this time, we only have one month left open for 2007 and have some members lining up 2008 meetings. As members left the meeting, they were given a *Sabal uresana* seedling that John had grown from seed. John also cut segments from his branching *Cereus* cactus for those that wanted.

Additional meetings planned include:

- 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.]

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

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

La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]

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Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador

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