

**A Riverboat Tour to  
See the Palms of the Amazon**

Once again The New York Botanical Garden will offer a *Palm Tour of the Amazon*. This tour is designed for palm enthusiasts who are interested in experiencing the rich and diverse palm flora of the Amazon. The 10-day tour will be led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden and is planned for 5–15<sup>th</sup> October 2007.

For information and booking form go to: [www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmstour/](http://www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmstour/), the tour web site.

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

**NEWS FROM AFFILIATES**

**Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia**

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below, 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](mailto:enquiries@pacsoa.org.au)> or visit the website, [www.pacsoa.org.au](http://www.pacsoa.org.au).

**The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay**

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) held their annual break-up on November 24<sup>th</sup> at the Farleigh Mill Club House.

The 2007 AGM was held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, also at Farleigh Mill.

For more information on PACSOM, 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](mailto:bazleym@dodo.com.au)>.

**Tropical Garden Society of Sydney**

The scheduled speaker for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting had to postpone his presentation because of an unexpected work commitment. Instead, a “Plant Problem Clinic” was held. Members were asked to bring along any plant problems, even the problem plant or part thereof, to our expert panel consisting of Paul Anderson, Helen Curran and Fred Moody – who would discuss the problem with help from the many knowledgeable people in the audience. The Clinic was followed by our regular Raffle and Auction.

The color magazine *Tropica* generally has 20 pages, with articles and color photographs. The main themes for the March 2007 issue are:

- Heliconias for the Sydney garden
- Palms – Two Australian natives, *Wodyetia bifurcata* and *Normanbya normanbyi*, plus the hybrid *Wodyetia x Veitchia* which is starting to make an appearance locally.

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](mailto: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**

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](mailto: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](mailto:mark@hubbub.com.au)> or Hugh Kunze <[hugh.kunze@uq.net.au](mailto:hugh.kunze@uq.net.au)>.

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

The Society's annual Christmas party was held on Sunday 3 December at the home of John Ellement and Ann Laws at Palm Lake, Wattleup. Everyone took advantage of the first day of daylight saving to enjoy the beautiful garden and a superb barbecue tea. It was a great turnout and a fitting way to cap off a great year. The raffle proved to be a lot of fun and almost everybody won something.

The first 2007 general meeting was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Rotary Hall, South Perth.

At the February meeting, members were asked to speak about "My Favorite Plant" – a number of much loved specimens were brought in by members and this generated an open discussion. Plants discussed included *Zamia inermis*, *Ceratozamia hildae*, *Zamia loddegesii*, *Chamaedorea arenbergiana* and a number of other palms and cycads. In addition, George Sevastos gave a short talk on *Cycas wadei*, named after Dr H W Wade, an American doctor who worked in the Philippines. It is an attractive and hardy cycad suited to tropical and subtropical regions

At the March meeting, Don Clemkey gave a short follow-up demonstration on the progress of the *Rhapis* palms he has been growing in his home-made water well pots. Don's ingenious and inexpensive pots were the subject of a talk earlier last year. The main presentation was a slide presentation by Ralph Coppola on his recent visit to the spectacular Singapore Botanical Gardens.

Congratulations to PACSOWA committee member and newsletter editor Gary Pike on his election as President of the Western Australian Horticultural Council. The appointment was announced at the Council's AGM on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The WAHC is the peak body which represents the interests of all affiliated amateur gardening groups in WA, including the Palm and Cycad Society. As the PACSOWA delegate, Gary will also continue to represent the Society on the Council.

The February busy bee was cancelled due to an insufficient number of participants.

Additional scheduled busy bees are:

- Sunday 25 March
- Sunday 22 April This date could change due to ANZAC Day (and/or bus trip)
- Sunday 20 May
- Sunday 24 June

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

For information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA), see [www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest](http://www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest) or e-mail to Editor Gary Pike at < [gpike@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:gpike@dpc.wa.gov.au) > or President Ralph Coppola < [raffy1@iinet.net.au](mailto:raffy1@iinet.net.au) >.

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

The New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (NZPACS) held a Rare Palm Auction at their December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Auckland University Teachers Training College Epsom Campus.

The NZPACS February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting featured Frans van de Wydeven (sometimes known to the group sometimes as "PK"). He spoke on some of the palms he had seen in Singapore and other areas of Southeast Asia. There were photographs of nice *Phoenix roebelenii* with thin trunks that represent the nominal true form of this popular tree. Many other palm photographs were also shown.

PACSONZ is creating a new website, and will have a stand to raise funds for the project at the Auckland Botanic Gardens Sale on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

PACSON officers are:

- President: Terry Behersing
- Vice President: Frans Van De Wydeven
- Secretary: Lynn Norris
- Treasurer: Richard Hayward
- Magazine Editor: John Prince
- Librarian: Michael Budd
- Seed Bank: Gary Coleman
- Committee: Ben Reed

Dominic Smith

Michael McCorquindale

Robert Flanagan

Send correspondence to [lynnnorris@clear.net.nz](mailto:lynnnorris@clear.net.nz) about the society, or check out the website: [www.nzpalmandcycad.com](http://www.nzpalmandcycad.com)

Updated information about the New Zealand Society membership and journal subscription follows:

**THE MAGAZINE OF THE PALM & CYCAD SOCIETY OF NEW ZEALAND** is published 4 times per year. It is B4-size (color/black and white) with approximately 20 pages per issue. Subscription/Membership fee is in two categories: Local and Foreign as follows:

### Local

- Local (New Zealand): NZ\$35 for annual individual membership/subscription or NZ\$40 for Family membership
- Add one-time NZ\$5 fee for new members.

### Foreign (non New Zealand)

- Payable by international money order or bank draft in US Dollars, Visa cards also accepted. No personal checks.
- US\$35 for annual individual membership, including journal and foreign airmail. US\$40 for family annual membership.
- Add US\$5 administration fee for new members, either individual or family.

Please send membership fees to PACSONZ, P. O. Box 20-215, Glen Eden, Auckland 0641, New Zealand.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society, e-mail Gary at the address below.

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 <nzpalmycad-subscribe@yahoo.com>. The remainder of the news was taken from incoming e-mails or from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine*.

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

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) is based in the Pacific Northwest region of North America and includes British Columbia in Canada as well as the states of Washington and Oregon down to the Oregon / California state line.

The coastal strip where most of the club's exotic gardening takes place is almost entirely USDA zone 8, with a few small pockets of Zone 9. However, a growing number of members live in zones 5 - 7, with a few members having success even in zones 3 - 4. As the name of our chapter implies, we grow plants other than just palms. The gardens of our members tend to look much like what you might find in Southern California.

Per the society website, the current chapter leadership is made up of:

- President: Edith Camm
- V.P. – Vancouver Island: Jeff St. Gelais
- V.P. – British Columbia: Jay Akerley
- V.P. – Oregon: vacant
- V.P. – Washington: vacant
- Editor: Jay Rowland

- Subscriptions/Renewals: Frank Hunaus
- Memberships: Charlie Warburton
- Editor: Jay Rowland
- Secretary and Co-Editor: Nick Parker

Additional 2007 meetings planned include:

- March 26<sup>th</sup>, General Meeting, VanDusen
- May 28<sup>th</sup>, General Meeting, VanDusen
- September 24<sup>th</sup>, General Meeting, VanDusen

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](http://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.

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**

Per the Fous website, the current Association leadership is made up of:

- Président: Gérard Dorin
- Vice-Présidente: Alexandra Boyle
- Vice-Président, Patrice Fauchier
- Secrétaire, Daniel Jacquemin
- Secrétaire Adjoint, Steve Swinscoe
- Trésorier, Gérald Martinez
- Trésorier Adjoint, Léon Rogez

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](http://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**

See the *Association Chambeyronia* website [www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm](http://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 (e-mail to Sunya at [evitaazul@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr) or Nicole Ludwig at [nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr](mailto:nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr).

## **Hawaii Island Palm Society**

On November 18<sup>th</sup>, the Hawaii Island Palm Society held a Panaewa Zoo Work Day. The day was spent fertilizing all the palms and clearing where the “jungle” is encroaching. Lunch was provided by HIPS thanks to Dean & Karen Piercy, Zoo Project Coordinators.

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, HIPS had a Palm & Cycad Gardens Tour at the University of Hawaii – Hilo, led by Don Hemmes. Almost sixty people turned out on a gorgeous Hilo day, with a temperature of around 82°F (or 28°C.) Don led the HIPS group on a tour through the UHH gymnosperm garden which contains over 75 species of cycads from ten genera, some of which were in cone. HIPS then toured the UHH palm collection which includes many palms from Africa and the Philippines.

On February 2, 2007, the HIPS Annual BBQ & Rare Palm Auctions were held at Pavilion 2 (the big pavilion) of the Wailoa River State Park. The silent auction began at 5 p.m., closing after dinner.

The following slate of HIPS Officers for 2007 were presented by the Nominating Committee:

- President: Don Hemmes
- Vice Pres., East Hawaii: Ed Torrison
- Vice Pres., West Hawaii: Allan Bredeson
- Treasurer: Sue Ellen Rhodes
- Secretary: Rich Rawlinson

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

## **Northern California Chapter, IPS**

Per the Northern California Chapter’s website, current chapter leadership is:

- President: Darold Petty
- Vice President and Palmetum Chairman: Robert Fowler
- Treasurer: Ken Chase
- Secretary: Edith Bergstrom

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](mailto: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 Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) held their 2007 Annual Banquet at Huntington Botanical Gardens on January 20<sup>th</sup>. See the PSSC website for further details.

The PSSC meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup> was a joint meeting with the Bamboo Society at the Los Angeles County Arboretum in Arcadia.

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

- 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 following information provides corrections to previous IPS Roster information about the Palm Society of Southern California.

Website: <http://www.palmssc.org>

Officers:

- Pres. - Ed Arends, [earends@earthlink.net](mailto:earends@earthlink.net)
- Vice President and Treasurer - Don Martin
- Secretary - Lindsey Sayers
- Membership - Gary Wood
- San Diego / Imperial Area Chair - Phil Bergman [PalmNCycad@aol.com](mailto:PalmNCycad@aol.com)
- Los Angeles / San Bernardino Area Chair – Timothy Phillips
- Orange / Riverside Area Chair – Jeff Rood
- Ventura / Santa Barbara Area Chair – John Rees
- **Palm Journal** Editor – Larry Black
- **Palm Journal** Production Chair / Art Director – Chris Stevens
- Photo Editor – Justen Dobbs
- Technical Editor – Don Hodel
- Layout Editor – Jack Sayers
- Publicity Chair – Ralph Velez
- Bookstore Chair – Tim Cooke, [books@palms.org](mailto:books@palms.org)
- Back Issues Chair – Alaric Prince
- Seedbank Chair – Dan Lowe
- Auction Coordinator – Holly Clow
- Member at Large – Justen Dobbs
- Member at Large – Bob Klombies
- Member at Large – Don Kurth
- Member at Large – Dan Lewis
- Member at Large – Jack Sayers
- Member at Large – Ashton Smith
- Member at Large – Kevin Weaver
- Member at Large – Bud Zager
- Past President - Leland Lai
- Welcoming Committee – Paulette Lowe
- Website – Janaka Stevens (acting)
- Newsletter Editor – Mark Riedler
- Questions and Answers – Bill Dickenson

The **Palm Journal** is an information packed 54-60 page quarterly with over one hundred large, all color photographs, printed on 8-1/2 by 11 glossy paper. Every issue features a specific genus or group of genera, making them great reference material. Well-known botanists cover technical information, such as the latest research on the featured palms. About half of the **Palm Journal** focus is on growing the featured palms

in Southern California. Palm enthusiasts from other areas also report on their growth in locations such as Hawaii, Northern California and Australia. Society members write on a range of topics including general palm horticulture, landscaping tips, descriptions of palm gardens, travel to palm habitats, companion plants, book reviews, and much more. Subscription rates for four issues per year are as follows: US\$40 chapter dues for US members, US\$55 for Mexico and Canada, and US\$65 for overseas. Send checks in US funds payable to the Palm Society of Southern California and mail to Gary Wood, P.O. Box 2241, Fallbrook, CA 92088 or visit website <http://www.palmssc.org> to pay with PayPal or by Credit Card, or to download a membership application.

The above PSSC news items and society information updates were extracted from combined incoming e-mails and postings on the website [www.palmssc.org](http://www.palmssc.org).

### Phoenix (Arizona) Palm Society

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

### Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

New Gulf Coast society officers for 2007 are:

- President: Joe Taverniti (Pensacola, FL)
- V. Pres. (Pensacola): Larry Morris
- V. Pres. (Mobile): Anthony Nanan
- Secretary: G. Eric Moore (Loxley, AL)
- Founder: Maxwell Stewart (Mobile, AL)
- Editor: Ann Adams (Fairhope, AL)
- Webmaster: Jeremy Breland

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter or about their **Fan & Feather** newsletter, see the chapter website at [www.gulfcoastpalms.com](http://www.gulfcoastpalms.com) or contact chapter President, Joe Taverniti, 1110 Bauer Road, Pensacola, FL 32506 or send an e-mail to Ann Adams at <[Annierick7@aol.com](mailto:Annierick7@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 February 7<sup>th</sup> at Mount's Botanical Garden. The speaker was Ray Mowen who spoke on "Wind Tolerance in Palms." Salt tolerance in palms was also discussed.

The March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting featured Jeff Searle, who presented "Palms of Madagascar: Part 2".

Upcoming PBP&C events in 2007 include the Spring Sale on April 14th and 15th at Caloosa Park, Boynton Beach.

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 Spring Palm and Cycad Sale of the South Florida Palm Society was held on March 10-11, 2007 at the Montgomery Botanical Center (12205 SW 57 Ave. entrance). An Exclusive "Members-Only" pre-sale was held Friday afternoon, 9<sup>th</sup> March. The Sale is billed as "The World's 2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Palm and Cycad Sale (Our Fall Sale being the largest)." The Spring 2007 sale featured over 500 species of palms and many rare species of cycads.

Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings held throughout the year, as well as their periodic field trips to interesting palm gardens and habitats. The meetings are free and open to the public, with regular meetings held in the Garden House at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 7:30 pm. on the first Monday of every even-numbered month. Information about our meetings and other events can also be received free of charge. To request placement on our regular mailing list, send an e-mail to kenjohnson\_palms@msn.com.

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

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

A social meeting of the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) was hosted by Sue Reilly and Jason Baker on December 9<sup>th</sup> in Micco, southern Brevard County. Sixty people were in attendance. The garden features almost 500 palms of about 130 species.

The CFPACS website announces a welcome to three new board members:

- Debra J. Hollingsworth is the new Central Vice-president, replacing Tom Broome.
- Christian Faulkner is the new West Coast Vice-president, replacing Tom Baresse.
- Mark Peters is the new Seedbank Coordinator replacing Claudia Walworth.

The CFPACS participated in the FIT Botanical Fest held February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007 on the FIT Campus corner of Babcock and University, Melbourne, along with The Cycad Society (TCS).

The March 17<sup>th</sup> West Coast meeting was held in Venice ( Sarasota County) at the garden of Robert Hague, Jr., a collector of palms, cycads and other tropical plants for the past 25 years. In addition to numerous palms and cycads, hundreds of species of bromeliads, orchids, aroids, bamboos and other tropicals dot the property. The property was acquired as an abandoned citrus farm in 1995 and now has become a plant lover's paradise.

Upcoming CFPACS events in 2007 include;

- March 24-25: Annual Plant Sale at Leu Gardens, Orlando. See more information at [www.leugardens.org/events.html](http://www.leugardens.org/events.html).
- April 14-15: 19th Annual Spring Plant Festival at University of South Florida Botanical Garden, Tampa. For more, see [www.cas.usf.edu/garden/calendar.htm](http://www.cas.usf.edu/garden/calendar.htm).

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](http://www.cfpacs.com).

### Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

For information on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact any of the officers listed below:

- Kathryn Ostadal, President and Editor, <kathryn\_o@bellsouth.net>
- Jayanne Crawley, Vice President <southlandtropicals@yahoo.com>
- Scott Hoxie, Secretary/Treasurer, <rocketman237@yahoo.com>

- Ron LaBorde, Webmaster  
< pivoron@cox.net >

The Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society's annual activities include four meetings at public and private area gardens, an educational exhibit and plant sale at the Spring and Fall Garden Shows at New Orleans Botanical Garden; and several out of state excursions to attend meetings of other Societies or to visit wholesale nurseries and botanical gardens.

Membership is \$15 per calendar year and includes a subscription to *ET CETERAS*, the Society's quarterly newsletter. This color newsletter contains articles of interest to palm and cycad enthusiasts and the activities of the local Society. Membership fees may be paid by check or money order made payable to "Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society" and should be mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

### **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@bellsouth.net](mailto: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](mailto:SW_FL_PalmCycad@hotmail.com) >.

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

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) held their Winter 2007 meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>, at St Marys and Cumberland Island National Seashore, Georgia.

Additional meetings scheduled for 2007 are:

- Spring: Saturday, April 21,  
Port Royal, South Carolina
- Summer: Saturday, August 4,  
Plant Delights, Raleigh, NC
- Fall: Saturday, October 6,  
Anniston, Alabama

In addition, SPEPS will participate in the Southeastern Citrus Exposition on Saturday, November 17, 2007, Aiken, South Carolina.

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

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

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

#### **News from the Palm Society of South Texas**

In November 2006, the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) meeting was hosted by Ed Ladd and John Dillard at their house in Corpus Christi. Ed and John have been working diligently on their yard, building up beds and working some changes into the garden. As always the garden was in excellent shape and looked very tropical. As members gathered, many stayed out front looking at the large *Roystonea* (Royal), *Syagrus romanzoffiana* (Queen) and *Butia capitata* palms. Ed also has very nice *Chamaerops* and *Sabal* out front. After lunch, a society meeting was held to cover a treasury report, future meetings, the need for bulletin articles and the possibility of producing the bulletin only three times a year. We also viewed pictures of the recent trip to Dial Dunkin's place in Mexico. The society will present a plaque to him in appreciation of his hospitality.

The PSST 2006 Christmas Party was hosted by Ruth Merrill in Bayview on December 9<sup>th</sup>. Ruth has been gracious enough to host this meeting, the largest of all PSST gatherings, for a number of years now. Despite the rather 'wintery' weather conditions, there was once again a large showing. After a fantastic lunch, a quick meeting was held to discuss society business and update members on upcoming meetings. PSST also presented Ruth with a special gift for hosting this event. The society members then surprised John Volk, PSST Chairman, with a \$550 donation in his name to the Botanical Gardens in San Antonio. This was presented in appreciation for his efforts to the society and its members. After the meeting, there

was the traditional palm related gift exchange – with some unique palm related gifts given out.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the PSST meeting was hosted by the Blockers in Markum, Texas. Renata and her daughter invited PSST out to her brother-in-law Bob's ranch where they've been growing potted *Sabal* palms for the past 7 years. All of these palms were offered for sale at this meeting at the incredible price of \$10 each. Despite the cool and rainy weather, members took tours of the grounds which were led by Bob.

Additional 2007 meetings planned include:

- March 17, 2007 - Tad Dyer in Weslaco
- April 21, 2007 - Romeo and Linda Montalvo in Brownsville
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- June 2007 - George & Audrey Paterson – Laguna Vista

Check out [www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org](http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org) for further details on the upcoming events.

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

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