

### 2008 IPS Biennial Meeting, Costa Rica

The 2008 Biennial Meeting of the International Palm Society will be held in Costa Rica on May 3 – 10, 2008. The Biennial will kick off in San Jose and then move into other areas of the country, visiting a number of palms in habitat. IPS Biennial Committee Chair Leland Lai is coordinating the event for the IPS.

An IPS-sponsored Post Biennial Tour to Peru will follow immediately after the conclusion of the 2008 Biennial. Shorter options within Costa Rica are also being explored.

Registration and itinerary details will be provided on [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org) as well as in a future *Supplement to Palms*. More on the 2008 biennial in the next issue of *Palms*.

### Call for Nominations for IPS Board of Directors for 2008 – 2012 Term of Office

It is time for the election of those IPS Directors who will serve for the years 2008 to 2012. **If there is anyone you know who can contribute to the goals of the International Palm Society and who is willing to dedicate the time necessary to serve as a Director, please submit his/her name for nomination.**

**November 15, 2007** is the deadline by which Administrative Secretary Larry Noblick must receive nominations – so election ballots can be mailed with the December 2007 issue of *Palms*. Completed original ballots must be returned to Larry no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to be counted. Elections results will be announced on the IPS website in April 2008 and published in the June 2008 *Supplement to Palms*.

**Nominating requirements:** A candidate must have been a Member of the Society for two years before being nominated as a Director. Any IPS Member may propose a candidate for nomination by writing an email or letter to the Administrative Secretary. A second nomination in writing from another Member is also required. The proposed candidate must submit to the Secretary a written consent of willingness to serve if nominated and elected, which should include a willingness to attend board meetings during his or her tenure. The proposed candidate must also send the Secretary a short palm-related biography, which will be included on the ballot.

When the above conditions have been met, the Secretary will forward the proposed candidate's name to the Nominating Committee for consideration as a nominee on the ballot.

### Nominating Committee guidelines:

Directors are elected for a four-year term with terms staggered so that approximately half the Directors will be installed at each Biennial meeting. The Nominating Committee will use the regional distribution of members as a guide for insuring worldwide representation.

### Duties and expectations of the IPS

**Directors:** The Board of 34 Directors has general charge of the affairs and business of the Society including the management of the Society's funds. Directors are expected to take an active role in Board activities by serving on appropriate committees set up for specific tasks and concerns. The Board meets once a year, at the Biennial meeting or at an Interim Meeting (with the interim meeting usually in the USA).

An ability and willingness to travel to all (or most) of the annual Board Meetings at the Director's own expense is, by necessity, a strong consideration used by the Nominating Committee when selecting candidates. Directors are also expected to be accessible by email.

Directors for the 2008 – 2012 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in May 2008 at the time of the Costa Rica Biennial.

Questions concerning the nominating and election process may be sent to Faith Bishock, Chair of the IPS Nominating Committee; or Larry Noblick, IPS Administrative Secretary. Email messages are preferred.

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



### 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/amazonpalmtour/](http://www.nybg.org/botany/amazonpalmtour/), 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.

### 2007 IPS Endowment Fund Grants

At the 2007 Board of Directors meeting in San Francisco on May 11<sup>th</sup>, the IPS Endowment Fund Committee approved the following grants for a total of \$23,500:

- Grant of US\$6,300 toward study *Evaluating ex situ palm conservation: using DNA markers to compare a palm collection and its parent population* (short title: *Genetics of palm conservation collections*) by Dr. M. Patrick Griffith, (Montgomery Botanical Center) with co-investigators Dr. Javier Francisco-Ortega (Florida International University) and Dr. Carl E. Lewis (Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden).
- Grant of US\$5,000 toward study of *Relationships among the Livistoneae (Arecaceae) and species boundaries in Pritchardia: insights into biogeography and adaptive evolution* by Christine D. Bacon, Colorado State University, USA.
- Grant of US\$4,100 for study of *The Rattans (Palmae) of Myanmar: Conservation, Systematics, and Sustainable Use* by Charles M. Peters and Andrew Henderson, New York Botanical Garden, USA. This grant was selected as the *Sneed Award*, established in 2002 in honor of the late Melvin Sneed, a pioneer member of the IPS.
- Grant of US\$3,750 toward *Ethnobotanical study of the palms between the Kunas of Panama* by Heraclio Herrera, Fundación Dobbo Yala [Kuna Indians], Panama.

- Grant of US\$2,250 in support of *Field Trips to Northern Borneo (To support PhD research project on the genus Areca)* by Charlie D. Heatubun, SPs-IPB, Bogor, Indonesia
- Grant of US\$2,100 for a study *Ecology of Native oil-producing palms: Implications for biodiesel production in Amazonia* by C Joanna M. Tucker, University of Florida, USA (Residence Rio Branco, Brazil.)

It was not possible for the IPS to grant all of the funds requested by the large number of deserving Endowment Fund grants applications. The board elected to support all of the above projects with partial funding, as all were thought highly worthy of support and the IPS Board did not wish to deny any of these grant applications. No application was granted the full amount requested by the researcher, and funding percentages varied across the applications.

Three of the above grants (for a total of US\$9,350) were in support of Ph.D. dissertation projects (for Ph.D. students Christine Bacon, Charlie Heatubun and Joanna Tucker.)

Other applications were reviewed and not funded, although they may be considered for future grants if applicants wish to reapply.

### 2008 IPS Endowment Fund Applications

Applications must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year for consideration at the next opportunity for IPS Endowment Fund grants, which will be awarded in May 2008 at the next IPS Board of Directors meeting.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain, prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Proposals should be sent as MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as e-mail attachments to [palm\\_dude@pobox.com](mailto:palm_dude@pobox.com). If the documents exceed 6MB in size, please send them to [jimmydcain@aol.com](mailto:jimmydcain@aol.com) instead (e-mails totaling up to 16MB (including attachments) will be received at that address).

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 a 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 an indication of 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 expects to award at least US\$20,000 in a given year, if suitable applications are received requiring this amount. Typically, individual awards are between \$1,000 and \$5,000, although larger grants are sometimes funded. Applications must be accompanied by a statement on the acceptability of "partial funding." Without such a clear statement, the IPS may be forced to deny 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. PACSOA branches are:

- 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](http://www.pacsoa.org.au).

### The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (PACSOM) held their Palm Fête on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Farleigh Mill Palm Gardens. Members staffed the information booth to provide the public with information on palms and on the garden.

PACSOM held a regular meeting at the Farleigh Mills Club House on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

A "working bee" at the Farleigh Mills Palm Gardens was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, leaving the gardens in great shape.

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, <bazley@m@dodo.com.au>.

### Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

Almost fifty members and guests attended the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney. Tony Grassi gave an informative talk about Frangipani.

The TGSS garden tours on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Helen Curran's "Tropical Breeze" garden and at the Moody's garden were very successful, with about 26 visitors attending each location. Many people were surprised at the dense plantings at both gardens. The talk of Helen's garden was about the very large specimen bromeliads, the "Red Latan" palm and the large specimen *Michelia champaca* and *M. alba*. At the Moody garden, focus seemed to be on the small Australian rainforest tree varieties, along with the unusual collector plants scattered throughout the garden.

The speaker for the May 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting was Judy Horton who spoke on "Stressguard" fungicides and other Yates products. Judy is a well-known radio garden program host and communications manager for Yates Garden Products. She is a member of the Australian Institute of Horticulture and has spent seven years with the NSW National Trust as a bush regenerator. Occasionally she has time, although never enough, to enjoy her own five acre garden at Dural.

The color magazine *Tropica* usually has 20 pages of articles and color photographs. The main themes for the March 2007 issue were:

- Anthuriums for the Sydney Garden
- Madagascar Palms – The Easy Ones.
- *Trithrinax* Palms



The main themes for the July 2007 issue will be:

- Vriesias: A popular Bromeliad genus that many are growing in Sydney, both in pots and in the garden.
- Palms – More Madagascar palms – Less common ones that grow or might grow in Sydney. For example, *Ravenea hildebrandtii* and *Dypsis* species such as *D. onilahensis*, *D. pembana*, *D. lanceolata*, *D. fibrosa*, *D. utilis* and many others known only by nicknames.

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

At the April 2007 meeting, George Sevastos, assisted by Jason Cox and other *Chamaedorea* experts, led attendees through a significant collection of *Chamaedorea* palms brought in by various members. Some of the specimens on display were:

- *C. brachypoda*
- *C. costaricana*
- *C. elegans*
- *C. ernesti-augusti*
- *C. frondosa*
- *C. geonomiformis* (typical form)

- *C. geonomiformis* (*C. tenella* form – Note: *C. tenella* has recently been included with *C. geonomiformis*)
- *C. klotzschiana*
- *C. microspadix*
- *C. oblongata*
- *C. radicalis*
- *C. seifrizii*
- *C. stolonifera*
- *C. tepejilote*

Many thanks to George, Jason and the other members who shared their plants at the meeting.

The May 22nd meeting consisted of the annual PACSOWA Palm and Cycad Society auction, which occupied the entire evening. Palms available at the sale included *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, *Areca vestiaria*, *Arenga tremula*, *Beccariophoenix madagascariensis*, *Carpentaria acuminata*, *Chamaedorea allenii*, *C. arenbergiana*, *C. elegans*, *C. metallica*, *C. microspadix*, *C. oblongata*, *C. seifrizii*, *Chamaerops humilis*, *Cocos nucifera* 'Malay dwarf,' *Dypsis pembana*, *D. ambositrae*, *Elaeis guineensis*, *Hydriastele wendlandiana*, *Howea forsteriana*, *Lantana lontaroides*, *Licuala* sp 'Wah,' *Livistona humilis*, *L. rigida*, *Lytocaryum weddellianum*, *Raphia vinifera*, *Ravenea xerophylla*, *Sabal mauritiiformis*, *Syagrus schizophylla*, *Trithrinax acanthocoma*, *Wodyetia bifurcata* and various groupings and trays of palm seedlings. In addition, there were a number of cycads. A full inventory of all the plants that were available for sale is available at the society website <http://wawebste.com.au/palmswest>.

Gascoyne Park is located on the corner of Timberlane Drive and Gascoyne Avenue, Woodvale; its palm garden maintenance is an ongoing PACSOWA activity. The March 25th busy bee featured ideal weather conditions. The six workers were Don Clemkey, Ann Laws, Ralph Coppola, Tony Bowyer, George Sevastos and Mark Hanson. The main emphasis was on pruning, spraying and tidying up the *Sabal*, *Washingtonia*, *Butia*, *Phoenix* and *Livistona* palms. An inspection revealed some palms damaged from vandalism. Four *Roystonea*, two *Syagrus*, one *Archontophoenix alexandrae* and one *Pritchardia* plant were completely destroyed. Some of the palms were replanted in different locations.

Additional scheduled busy bees are:

- Sunday 27 May
- Sunday 24 June
- Sunday 22 July



For more 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 (PACSONZ) has developed a new and significantly improved website. Please visit it at <http://nzpalmandcycad.com>.

At the March general meeting, a turnout of over sixty people heard Ted Smythe, doyen of modernist landscaping in northern New Zealand, speak about palm plantings he has made over the years. His presentation featured many slides of his public plantings and his own garden. He focused first on plantings in a development in Newton Gully in Auckland, largely neglected for decades, and the repository of lots of spoil from the excavations for the Civic Car Park quite a few years ago. Other examples of recent varied commercial work were also discussed. The presentation then moved to Ted's own garden, which, in great contrast, is a flourish of plants. Nearly all plants in the garden, including many palms and cycads, had been put into the ground as relatively small specimens.

The April meeting featured guest speaker Graeme Platt who gave an interesting talk on sequential forest ecology, derived from his views on the development of forest cover in New Zealand. Following this, he answered some questions about Nikau (*Rhopalostylis sapida*) in relation to his article in the most recent "NZ Palm and Cycad" magazine. General business including much discussion lead by John Prince and John Pettit about the proposed "palm ban" by the Auckland Regional Council (ARC.)

In May, 34 members were taken around the world by John Lok and his camera in his 2006 "year of travel." John's presentation moved from Dargaville to Japan and Okinawa, to computer-controlled, automated, plant raising in Holland, to England (Kew and the Eden Project), to the Dominican Republic for the IPS biennial conference, and then up the Amazon with one of the expeditions led by Andrew Henderson. One spectacular photo was of a wonderfully white *Serenoa repens* at central Florida's Historic Bok Sanctuary; and another of very attractive *Acrocomia* specimens on an expensive golf course in the Dominican Republic. The multitude

of *Geonoma* species on the Amazon trip also stood out.

More details on all of the above meetings are given on the new society website. Meetings are also now captured on DVD.

The Society held a sale on March 31<sup>st</sup> at the Auckland Botanic Gardens in Manurewa. It was a chance for members, guests and the local public to support the society and pick up some good palm, cycad and subtropical bargains. The sale was represented by many new sellers and an expanded range of available plants.

Future PACSONZ meetings include:

- Tuesday 5 June 2007, Commercial nurseryman, Phil Walker of Natural Tree Products will talk about his work in palm and cycad retailing.
- Tuesday 3 July 2007, a panel of PACSONZ resident experts; the annual midwinter panel discussion of questions and problems concerning attendees favorite plants.
- Tuesday 7 August 2007. A working landscaper's experiences. Terry Behersing is in his first year as President of PACSONZ. He will talk about his vision of using palms in his work.

The main theme for the last issue of the PACSONZ magazine was Nikau (*Rhopalostylis sapida*). The next magazine issue will feature local growers' experiences with *Brahea* palms.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society, visit the new website at <http://nzpalmandcycad.com> or e-mail Gary at the address below.

Most of the above PACSONZ news items were extracted either from the new PACSONZ website or from internet postings by Gary Coleman <[aries@splurge.net.nz](mailto:aries@splurge.net.nz)> and others on the NZ Society mail server. 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) held their 2007 Annual Sale on Saturday and Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at Phoenix Perennials in Richmond BC (between Cambie Road and Bridgeport). See more about their collection of hardy subtropical perennials at [www.phoenixperennials.com](http://www.phoenixperennials.com).

The May 28<sup>th</sup> PNWP&EPS meeting at VanDusen Gardens announced news of the Summer 2007 events along with a list of selected



specimens for the Plant Raffle. The meeting featured a presentation, "A Tale of Two Islands," by club veteran Larry Wick, who compared tropical gardening in Cuba with that at his home on Keats Island, BC.

The 2007 Summer Garden Tour on Sunday, July 29<sup>th</sup> will begin at Seattle's popular Woodlands Park Zoo for an afternoon of fun and exploration. There are lots of palms and exotic plants to be enjoyed. Other stops for the tour will include the Ballard Locks and a meal at member Alon Lucier's marvelous garden in Green Lake. The Society will rent a bus to transport Canadian Lower Mainland members to Seattle and return, leaving from the Fantasy Gardens parking lot in Richmond at #5 Rd and Steveston Highway. The cost for transportation will be \$30.

For additional details, other news and interesting tidbits, check out the recently updated website at [www.hardypalm.com](http://www.hardypalm.com).

Additional 2007 meetings planned include:

- 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](mailto:parkern@douglas.bc.ca)>.

### South African Palm Society

For information about the South African Palm Society (SAPS,) contact the President, Neels van Niekerk <[neels@eject.co.za](mailto:neels@eject.co.za)>.

### 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

For information about the French Palm Society, Fous de Palmiers, or their journal *Le Palmier*, contact Steve Swinscoe at <[manatte@libertysurf.fr](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jpcan@canl.nc)> or President Jean Pierson <[pierson@socatrans.nc](mailto: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

The 2007 General Assembly of Palmeraie-Union was held on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Palm & Spa Hotel in Petite-Île, opened just a week before, beautifully located on the cliff rim overlooking Grande Anse beach and "piton" (an old volcanic cone eroded by sea). Members were welcomed with a buffet breakfast on the terrace in the superb authentic environment of "Sud Sauvage".

President Thierry Hubert presented the annual report and emphasized on the activities of the previous year. Many private gardens were visited including Willy Telegone's in Les Lianes, Nicole Ludwig's and Anne Kolbe's in Petite-Île, Thierry Hubert's in Ravine des Cabris; all offering impressive collections of palms to visitors. On Willy's property, watered by a permanent stream, grows the rare *Ravenea musicalis* from southeast Madagascar! In August, November and March, we explored wild populations of *Hyophorbe indica* and *Acanthophoenix crinita* in lowland and highland



rain forests. Two slide presentations drew an attentive audience: "The conservation status of endemic palms in Mauritius" by Christophe Lavergne and "*Acanthophoenix* Palms in Réunion" by Nicole Ludwig. We organized a successful annual banquet on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the mountain spa resort of Cilaos. More recently Salon du Palmier was held in Le Tampon and drew in many enthusiastic visitors.

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

- President: Thierry Hubert
- Vice President: Nicole Ludwig
- Secretary: Olivier Coton
- Treasurer: François Schmitt
- Scientific Adviser: Christophe Lavergne

Other committee members are Muriel Ballanfat, Michel Baret, Henri Brun, Henri Law Wai, Alain Madru and Jean-Jacques Romera.

We continue our partnership with the city of Le Tampon on the project of a palmetum in Trois Mares; the nursery is operating and some 55 000 young palms are growing, with 540 different species (twice as many as two years ago).

We are involved in all the steps of protection of our endemic palms, including emblematic *Latania lontaroides* and the newly identified *Acanthophoenix rousselei*. In Trois Mares, we are growing a reserve supply of 2000 young *A. rousselei* and we hope to cooperate with the Conseil Général on a project to establish a sanctuary of endemic species on the 500-acre Roussel estate.

The last issue of *Latania* magazine focused on *Copernicia fallensis* (the giant Cuban *Copernicia*,) visits to gardens in Réunion, and extracting sugar from *Nypa fruticans*. The next issue will be published in June. If you are interested in our 40 page full-color magazine (in French) and if you want to know more about the life of our association, join Palmeraie-Union; annual subscription fees are 30 € or 40 US\$.

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

### Hawaii Island Palm Society

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Hawaii Island Palm Society were treated to a Virtual Tour of "The Palms of Cuba and Dominican Republic" by IPS President Paul Craft at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. The talk featured various species of *Coccothrinax*, *Copernicia*, *Pseudophoenix*, *Roystonea* and *Thrinax*. Paul was most recently

in the Dominican Republic in October 2006 for the IPS Biennial.

On May 25<sup>th</sup>, HIPS held a "*Licuala Night*." Instead of slides, members were encouraged to bring living plant specimens to look at, with some to be given as door prizes and others to be sold in a silent auction. Jeff Marcus led a discussion on *Licuala*, drawing from his wide experience in growing these palms and studying them in the wild in Southeast Asia.

The Hawaii Island Palm Society Officers & Board Members for 2007 are as follows:

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- Richard Myers, 808-933-1199, 7kipuni@hawaiiantel.net
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- Alan Young, 959-0009, alyguy@hotmail.com

HIPS were pleased to have nearly two dozen students, all Kiwanis Key Club members, with their teacher advisors join HIPS on February 10<sup>th</sup> at the zoo to assist with fertilizing palms and clearing vines and other weeds from the HIPS palm collection. Our intent was to encourage student interest in palms and to relieve the load on HIPS volunteers, hopefully gaining more years of useful labor from all involved. The plan is to repeat this performance three times a year.

Hawaiian Airlines "Hana Hou!" magazine had a HIPS Article in their December 2006 / January 2007 issue. To view the article about HIPS, go to [www.hanahou.com](http://www.hanahou.com) and click on: Back Issues, click on: Vol. 9, No. 6, click on article title "Hearts of Palm." The "Hearts" in this article are not of the edible variety but are the hearts of the palm fanatics described in this



piece. Alternately, go directly to the article at <http://www.hanahou.com/pages/magazine.asp?Action=DrawArticle&ArticleID=525&MagazineID=33>.

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

### Northern California Chapter, IPS

The Northern California Chapter of the IPS hosted the 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Palm Society in early May. IPS Directors attended the meeting from Australia, Germany, India, Peru, Spain, UK and the USA. Directors from the USA attended from California, Florida, Hawaii and Texas. The IPS Board of Directors met on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Golden Gateway in San Francisco. Directors were hosted to a wonderful dinner on Friday evening at Shanghai 1930 by local members Kathy Grant and Tom Jackson.

On Saturday morning, the Directors were given a tour of local gardens. The first stop was the Lakeside Palmetum in downtown Oakland. This garden was built by members of the Northern California Chapter of the IPS and was dedicated by John Dransfield and Natalie Uhl in 1984. The Palmetum features about 85 species, including adult *Parajubaea*, *Jubaea*, and *Ceroxylon*. The group then visited the garden of Dick Douglas, a past president of the IPS. This mature, one-acre garden with a park-like atmosphere endures frost each winter. It features many rare genera and includes the largest *Nannorrhops* in cultivation. Lunch was enjoyed on the patio adjacent to Dick's extensive collection of *Rhapis* cultivars. The final garden stop of the day was to visit the Ross home and garden of Drs. Kathy Grant and Tom Jackson, long-time members of the IPS. Their garden features bamboo with the palms. A splendid collection of outdoor sculpture and art objects from around the world enhances this fine garden.

On Sunday, some of the IPS Directors were able to visit the San Francisco Arboretum before returning to their homes around the world.

Current Northern California 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> 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 May meeting of the Palm Society of Southern California took place at the Gunther Schwarz family garden in Santa Barbara on Saturday May 19, 2007, in memory of Gunther. Gunther's widow, Jennifer, said that Gunther would have been pleased by our return visit to his garden that is known for the most varied palm collection in Santa Barbara and for its the outstanding succulent plantings. Gunther devoted 25 years creating the garden on a three acre site. Members enjoyed a self guided tour of the garden, followed by a potluck lunch and socializing, then the auction and raffle.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, the PSSC held their the annual Palm and Cycad Sale at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas, CA, with about ten different nurseries selling their plants at this event. Co-sponsored by the Palm Society of Southern California, this is a favorite event for palm and cycad enthusiasts and provides a great opportunity to acquire excellent plants of some very rare species.

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:

- 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

### Phoenix (Arizona) Palm Society

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



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

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the IPS met on May 20<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Dr. Tom Mignerey in Cantonment, Florida. Lunch was followed by the business meeting and auction. This was followed by a tour of the grounds and information about the many beautiful palms.

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>. Dues for the local chapter should be sent to Maxwell Stewart, 2557 West Road, Mobile, AL 36693.

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

On April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the PBP&CS held their 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Plant Sale at Caloosa Park in Boynton Beach with over 200 species of palms and cycads available for purchase.

The June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting will feature Allen Sistrunk speaking on "The Future of Gardening in South Florida."

Upcoming PBP&C events in 2007 include:

- August 1<sup>st</sup>: Catherine Mannion,  
Topic: Insect Pests of Palms and Cycads
- September 5<sup>th</sup>: Monica Elliot,  
Topic: Diseases of Palms and Cycads, Part 2

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 Betty Ahlborn, or email Secretary Ruth Sallenbach <diznee920@aol.com> or Membership Chair Susan Cioci <d.cioci@att.net>

## **South Florida Palm Society News**

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](mailto:kenjohnson_palms@msn.com).

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

The June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) will be held at Ron's Palm Sanctuary in Valkaria, Florida, hosted by Ron Eward and Fiona Pearce. This is a new garden on the east coast for CFPACS members to visit and CFPACS are grateful to Ron and Fiona for opening it to the society. See [http://207.210.245.133/summer\\_2007\\_meet.html](http://207.210.245.133/summer_2007_meet.html) for additional garden details.

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

For more on CFPACS, see the website at [www.cfpacs.com](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:

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- Jayanne Crawley, Vice President  
<southlandtropicals@yahoo.com>
- Scott Hoxie, Secretary/Treasurer,  
<rocketman237@yahoo.com>
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<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.

## **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>.

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

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) was scheduled for Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> in Beaufort, Port Royal and Hunting Island, South Carolina. The meeting began in Beaufort at the Technical College of the Lowcountry, followed by a leisurely tour of three exceptional private gardens in lovely Beaufort. Open to view were the gardens of Dave and Barbara Farrior, Rick and Mary Wightman, and Frances and Milton Parker. These gardens feature waterfront views, historic homes, palms, flowering plants and bananas. There was also the opportunity to visit the nursery of SPS members Ned and Faye Rahn in nearby Port Royal. In the afternoon, the group moved to Hunting Island State Park, a maritime forest of live oaks, pines, palmettos (*Sabal palmetto*) and saw palmetto (*Serenoa repens*) bordered by marshes and white sand beaches.

Additional meetings scheduled for 2007 are:

- 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.

For more information, visit the SEPS website at [www.sepalms.org](http://www.sepalms.org) or contact Will Taylor at <tnpalmdude@aol.com>.

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

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) meeting was hosted by Tad Dyer in Weslaco. Members visited Tad Dyer's garden and nursery and his father Jack's home and garden. PSST started out at Jack's fabulous palm and tropical garden. The garden is superbly laid out so that one gets a sense of Hawaii or other tropical isle. After lunch, there was a quick PSST meeting, then an auction was held with numerous plants donated by the hosts and other members. After the auction, members drove over to Tad's home and garden/nursery. Members

roamed the acres of palms and visited the multiple greenhouses.

On April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, the PSST meeting was hosted by Romeo and Linda Montalvo of Brownsville. Romeo has been an avid palm lover and collector for many years and his garden reflects this passion. This collection of palms along with the landscape art and the resaca setting makes for a beautiful garden. Vice Chairman Ed Ladd conducted a society meeting. Where more information was provided on the Robert Riffle Memorial bench that PSST is purchasing for Mercer Gardens in Houston. PSST is planning a ceremonial meeting in June at Mercer Gardens to dedicate the bench.

Additional 2007 meetings planned include:

- May 2007 - Dr. Rick Basset in Harlingen
- 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.]

## **Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News**

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

## **La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]**

For information on the Spanish Palm Society, La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas, or to subscribe to *Espadice*, e-mail Santiago Orts, <sorts@huertodelcura.com>.

## **Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador**

For more on Asociacion de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador contact their President, Rodrigo Avila <rodrigo@bismarckia.com>.

## **Asociación Venezolana de Palmas AVEPALMAS**

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



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