

Elections for IPS Directors

2006 – 2010 Term

Ballot Enclosed – Vote Now!

The tear-out **Election Ballot** is on page 15 (inside rear cover) of this December 2007 *Supplement to Palms*. You must use this original ballot for your vote to be counted. Tear it out and vote now! See page 12 for candidate bios.

Your ballot must be returned no later than March 15th, 2008 to be counted. Election results will be announced on the IPS website in early April. Results will also be published in the June 2008 *Supplement to Palms*.

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/or election process may be sent to any of the following. E-mail messages are preferred.

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The IPS Nominating Committee for this election is comprised of Faith Bishock, John DeMott, Libby Besse, Jeanne Price, Sue Rowlands and Horace Hobbs.

New IPS Treasurer

The Board is pleased to announce that Horace Hobbs, former IPS President, has assumed the reins of IPS Treasurer – following the resignation of Randall Moore effective October 1, 2007. Horace will serve as Treasurer until full term elections are held in May 2008.

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 José 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 were provided in a separate *Biennial Supplement* accompanying the last issue of *Palms*; details are also available on www.palms.org.

Register now to avoid increased rates after December 15th, 2007!

2008 IPS Endowment Fund Applications

Applications must be received by December 31st of this year for consideration for a 2008 IPS Endowment Fund grant. Grants will be awarded in May 2008 at the IPS Biennial Board meeting.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain, prior to December 31st, 2007. Proposals should be sent in MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as e-mail attachments to palm_dude@pobox.com. If the documents exceed 6MB in size, please send them to jimmydcairn@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:

- Please submit a Narrative Proposal Section with a clear description of the project to be funded. This should include adequate details 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.
- Submit a clear and readable budget for the full project, along with the amount of funding requested from the IPS, and the amount of the total project funding that 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.)

- Send a current Curriculum Vitae of the applicant and of the other key researchers involved in the project. This information should include contact information for the application [postal address, e-mail address(es), telephone(s) and fax numbers.]
- Provide a statement with the name of the person or institution 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 e-mail addresses.

The IPS grants about US\$20,000 in a given year if suitable applications are received. Typically individual awards are between \$1,000 and \$5,000, although larger grants are sometimes awarded. 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 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.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

On September 25th the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney met at Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall, 422 Lyons Road, Five Dock. The program was "Gardens of Bali" – a slideshow presentation by Neil & Helen Curran, with focus

on both private gardens and resorts. Following their recent trip to Bali, Helen and Neil Curran prepared a digital power point presentation. They showed many of Bali's plants and gardens, including 'Villa Bebek', the famed garden of expatriate Australian landscape gardener Made Wijaya (Michael White). Made has designed and built over 300 tropical style gardens including many resort gardens from South East Asia to Florida, and a Caribbean home garden for pop star David Bowie. The meeting was followed by the usual plant auction and \$1 raffle.

The Sydney society held an extra meeting in October (Tuesday 23rd). There was no guest speaker but rather an informal questions and answers night to bring members up to speed. Committee members and others were available to give short cultural explanations as required. After a long coffee break for socializing, the night ended with the usual raffle and plant auction.

The Society took first prize for garden society exhibits at the recent ABC Gardening Australia Expo in Sydney. The Balinese influenced display by the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney rivaled the best of the commercial landscape theme gardens and was the only display exhibiting a collection of true tropical plants. The display was 4 m (13 ft) wide by 3 m (10 ft) deep and contained over two hundred individual plants, including anthuriums, aglaonemas, calatheas, tassel ferns, bromeliads, cycads and palms, (including 5 different cultivars of variegated *Rhapis excelsa*). A big 'thank you' to Libby Reid of Libby Reid Designs P/L and Bali Fling, importer of Balinese garden and interior artworks, for supplying a large palm tree trunk water feature, day bed, coffee table and huge antique-look carved mask to form the basis of our Balinese garden. The effort included the President, assisted by a design team including Werner Raff, Alan and Jill Collins and Helen Curran. "Thanks" also to Anthony Grassi for his help in transporting the plants to and from the venue and assisting in the setup of the display.

Tropica had as its main November themes:

- Ferns and Fern Allies: An exchange of ideas in words and pictures of favorite ferns, in gardens or indoors.
- *Linospadix* palms. Of the five Australian species, at least four are growing in Sydney: *Linospadix monostachya* (Walking Stick Palm) and its relatives *L. minor*, *L. microcaryum* and *L. palmeriana*. They are

suitable for Sydney gardens but do present a few difficulties.

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). Included with memberships is the bi-monthly color magazine *Tropica*, which averages some 20 pages of articles and color photographs. If you wish to have a membership form or additional Society information, see <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/index.htm> or e-mail Ian Edwards <ianse@oz.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.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

For information on PACSOM write The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay, P. O. Box 6639, Mackay Mail Centre, West Mackay, 4741, Queensland, Australia, or e-mail Margaret Bazley, <bazleym@dodo.com.au>.

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>.

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA

For information on the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society branch of PACSOA, write Secretary, PACSOA - BPACS, P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, or e-mail Mark Wuschke <mark@hubbub.com.au> or Hugh Kunze <hugh.kunze@uq.net.au>.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

At the September meeting, Eric McCrum OAM gave a brilliant talk – sharing his vast knowledge and experience of the Birds of the Perth area. Eric began with a quick example of the strength to weight ratio of a bird's wings by supporting a 6 inch potted palm on the opened wing of a Australian Bustard (road kill.) Eric continued by explaining the differences in the feet of wading birds and ducks, and their uses. Returning to palms, members were asked to bring along their favorite *Caryota* species (or a

sample leaf) for a general discussion led by Norm Patterson.

The October 24th meeting was about Plant Identification. Members with a palm or cycad that they could not identify (or remember the name of) were given a chance to have their plants identified.

The next general meeting of PACSOWA was scheduled for November 27th at the Rotary Hall.

The Christmas Party for 2007 will be held on December 9th at the home of Norm and Gwen Patterson from 4.00 – 9.00 pm.

The owners of Boogaard's Nursery, Henry and Adrian, invited the Palm & Cycad Society to join with the Fern Society in a visit to their fantastic wholesale nursery on November 11th in Wanneroo. The nursery is located at 232 Mary Street, Wanneroo. 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 hosted barbecue lunch.

The major Cannington Display was held on November 24th and 25th at the Cannington Exhibition Centre. This is PACSOWA's major annual fund-raising event and is co-sponsored by the Western Australia Palm and Cycad Society & the Fern Society.

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

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) October meeting was also the AGM and officers were elected:

- President: Terry Behersing
- Vice President: Mike McCorquindale
- Secretary: Lynn Norris
- Treasurer: Richard Hayward
- Editor: John Prince

Mike McCorquindale also serves as the Society's webmaster, with Gary Coleman continuing as Seed Bank director.

Honorary Certificates were given out to honor long-time members Dick Endt and John Pettit. The speaker for the night was Mike McCorquindale, who illustrated several species of palms that ARC wants to ban from the Auckland district. Mike also walked through the

contents of the society website and briefly provided information about other on-line palm and cycad sites of interest. Members and guests then viewed a DVD of Kew Gardens and John Dransfield's involvement with Madagascar – in particular the palm *Dypsis ambositrae*. It was an enlightening story about its near loss in habitat: it exists only in small numbers and is in danger of being chopped down or destroyed by landslips. The last article of the presentation was about the coning *Dioon spinulosum* on very old plants at Kew Gardens.

The November 6th NZP&CS meeting featured Alan Booth from north of Kerikeri who spoke on the Palms in Kerikeri and how they have grown over the past 10 years. Alan gives a thoughtful and knowledgeable talk every few years, either on his seed gathering travels or on palm growing possibilities.

The Society will hold its Great Annual Auction on December 2nd at Landsend in Parker Road, Oratia. The New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society is moving toward its twenty fifth year in existence and Dick Endt is keen for former members to use this occasion as a reunion.

For the meeting on February 5th, NZP&CS will return to its usual location at the Faculty of Education, University of Auckland. This meeting will feature Carolyn Melling from Landsend who will speak on the Landsend palms and other plants.

The Society will also hold its Annual Palm, Cycad and Subtropical Sale on 8 and 9 March, 2008, at the Auckland Botanic Gardens.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society, visit the new website at <http://nzpalmandcycad.com>.

Most of the PACSONZ news items were extracted either from the new PACSONZ website or 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 <nzpalmandcycad-subscribe@yahoo.com>. The remainder of the news was taken 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 a General Meeting on November 26th, 2007. Election of the society executive committee for 2008 was followed by a workshop on plant protection techniques, led by

experienced club members. Their demonstrations featured the use of these techniques on actual specimens, with ample opportunity for interaction. Among the plants discussed were various palm species, tree ferns, and bananas.

All general meetings in Vancouver are held in the Floral Hall at VanDusen Gardens, 37th Avenue at Oak St., starting at 7:30 pm. There is no admission and everyone is welcome. Exotic plants are raffled at each General Meeting! Come to the meeting for the chance to take one home!

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 the President, Neels van Niekerk <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. See the public area of the EPS website for full index of the issue #52, published in March, 2006. Members may now download this 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> 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

Association Chambeyronia, formed in 1992, currently has a project in Province Sud (D.R.N) with the intention to create a "Palmetum" in the park of the Rivière Bleue (Blue River). The palmetum will contain most of the local palm species. It will be good for tourism, as well as assisting and supporting a working environment for botanists, researchers and students to observe and study the Caledonian palms without having to travel many kilometers, without the need to penetrate the fragile forests and botanic reserves, thus avoiding pollution of the environment. *Association Chambeyronia* is contemplating a similar operation in Province Nord.

See the *Association Chambeyronia* website 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 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

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) followed up the June 24th garden tour at Bo and Carolyn Lundkvist's estate with another super garden tour on September 23rd. This was a tour of two gardens, first the garden of Matt and Tiffany Rippa and then the garden of Jerry and Cindy Andersen. The gardens are near the Lundqvist estate. Jerry and Cindy Andersen own J. D. Andersen's palm nursery business in California and now are owners of Ken Foster's former residence. Many remember that Ken collected many rare palm seeds and later planted the palms in carefully selected locations. There were more than 80 participants which made this a fun and relaxing afternoon.

Wesley Shaw, a horticultural researcher from Kew Gardens outside London, gave a

presentation on the palms in the famed Palm House at Kew to HIPS on November 28th. Wesley, a "hands-on" Horticulturist/Gardener is Manager of both the Palm House and the Water Lily House at world-famous Kew. The Palm House was originally built between 1844 and 1848. This huge, spectacular steel and glass building has been compared to an upside down ocean-liner hull. Inside is a collection of tropical plants maintained in a climate controlled tropical rainforest habitat, the main components are superb collections of palms and cycads.

A Zoo day was held on Saturday, October 13th, to remove dead fronds, clear brush and attack weeds. Members were also invited to assist Key Club members, intermediate and high school students, who formed seven groups to fertilize sections of the palm plantings. Each group of students was monitored by a dedicated advisor guiding students in public service activities.

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

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 November 17th meeting of the Palm Society of Southern California was held at Lotusland in Montecito, Santa Barbara County.

The Lotusland estate is a favorite destination of palm lovers and those attending were not disappointed.

The PSSC Annual Banquet will be held on January 26th at The Huntington, San Marino (near Pasadena). The meal will be in Banta Hall, with the meeting in the Ahmanson classroom. For reservations go to the PSSC website.

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

- 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
- May 2008: Orange/Riverside Counties
- July 2008: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- Sept. 2008: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- Nov. 2008: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Jan 2009: Annual Banquet

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

Phoenix (Arizona) Palm Society

The Arizona Palm and Cycad Society have invited Loran Whitelock as their guest speaker this fall. For details of the meeting and for more information on the Arizona society, please see the Society website, <http://azpalmandcycad.org>.

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter or about their *Fan & Feather* newsletter, see the chapter website at 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

The October 3rd meeting featured Michael Calone who spoke on "Cycads of Colombia."

The November 7th meeting featured Allen Sistrunk who addressed "The Future of Gardening in South Florida".

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 e-mail 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 Lou Squros <nickelsonk@bellsouth.net> .

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Winter 2007 meeting of the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) will be held on December 8th in St. Petersburg. This traditional Society winter social will be at Kopsick Palm Arboretum and at Rick Nale's in St. Petersburg. A board meeting will be held at 9:45am at Kopsick. Lunch, auction and sale at Rick's in the afternoon.

The CFPACS Seed Bank provides palm and cycad seed via their on-line service. If you are not on the CFPACS Seed Bank distribution list and wish to be, please e-mail John Green, CFPACS Seedbank Coordinator at E-mail address <seedbank@cfpacs.org>. The seed offering in late August 2007 had the following seeds. All seed were donated, not purchased. Species are correctly identified, as far as is known. Proceeds benefit the CFPACS chapter.

- *Aiphanes minima*
- *Arenga engleri*
- *Arenga porphyrocarpa*
- *Licuala spinosa*
- *Phoenix reclinata* (purity uncertain)
- *Phoenix roebelenii* (purity uncertain)
- *Syagrus coronata*

The following non-palm seeds donated from India were also offered – of limited quantity.

- *Murraya koenigii* (Curry Tree)
- *Gmelina hystrix* (Parrot's Beak)

Please send requests for more additional information (including individual seed prices) to seedbank@cfpacs.org, minimum order is \$5 plus postage. Note that Hyphaene and Wodyetia are large seeds and may incur additional postage.

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

For more on CFPACS, see the website at www.cfpacs.com.

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

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

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- Jayanne Crawley, Vice President
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- 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.

Florida First Coast Chapter

David Casella <dc_palm@msn.com> is the current President of the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS. Bruce Latimer has volunteered to take over as the contact / liaison person between the chapter and the IPS and other IPS affiliates and chapters.

For information regarding the Florida First Coast Chapter, please contact Bruce by e-mail at < latz2@comcast.net >.

Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida PalmFest 2007

The Palm & Cycad Societies of Florida's sixth PalmFest was held October 5th, 6th and 7th in Jacksonville, Florida, hosted by the Florida First Coast Chapter.

We met at the Ramada Inn of Mandarin for a welcoming reception at 6 pm on Friday, October 5th. Tours began the next morning. Groups divided between the two venues – Kyle Brown's garden to the north in Glen St. Mary and Mat Encinosa's garden to the south. Kyle's garden is at the very northern reach of Florida. *Brahea* species do well here and the garden includes *B. brandegeei*, *B. clara* along with some interesting hybrids. As might be expected, *Trachycarpus* do well here, represented by *T. fortunei* (including a variegated specimen), *T. latisectus*, *T. martianus* and others. *Sabal* and *Butia* abound, including Merrill Wilcox hybrids.

Mat Encinosa's garden is some 20 miles to the south, in a warm microclimate able to support more tropical palms. *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana* ss. 'Ilawara' is a seedling specimen. There is a good collection of *Chamaedorea* and a large *Kerriodoxa elegans*. The weather was uncooperative and my touring of this garden was cut short.

That evening, a palm auction was held at the Wilson Building of the Florida Community College, Jacksonville, followed by a barbeque. Chuck Hubbuch, former palm and horticulture director at Fairchild Tropical Garden – and now professor at the college – gave a lecture on the adaptability of palms to the Jacksonville area, obstacles he has encountered in their promotion and recommended plantings for the Jacksonville area. Informal tours of several private gardens were scheduled for Sunday.

PalmFest was attended by approximately fifty members hailing from Florida and other nearby states. The First Coast Chapter did a great job of managing this event. It was appreciated and enjoyed by all attendees.

Faith Bishock

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For more information on PACSOF contact Christian Faulkner, 1015 River Oaks Ct, Venice, FL 34293-1709, < cfkingfish@gmail.com >.

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>.

Southeastern Palm Society (North of Florida)

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) Fall meeting was held at the gardens of the Anniston Museum of Natural History and the Berman Museum, and the gardens of Hayes Jackson, Anniston, Alabama, and Connie Mack and Linda Dobbs, Oxford, Alabama.

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

The quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) is *Southeastern Palms* (formerly *Rhapidophyllum*). The journal is included with membership.

Southeastern Palm Society membership dues are \$20 for one calendar year (\$25 outside the US, Canada and Mexico, payable in US funds). For more information, visit the SEPS website at www.sepalms.org or contact Will Taylor, Memberships, at <tnpalmdude@aol.com>.

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

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

On October 20th, the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) visited two locations in Brownsville, with the first stop at Alice Garza and Mahandran Rajasurier's in Brownsville. Their garden has changed greatly since the PSST last visit there in 2004; it has become a tropical paradise nestled on a *resaca*. Following lunch, a brief society meeting was held. The Brownsville Botanical Garden project and allocation of funds was discussed, along with a treasury report and discussion of future meetings. With the exception of one month (February), all the meeting dates for 2008 are now set. An auction of plants donated by the members was then held.

After the auction, all headed over to the second garden on the schedule. Violet Springman opened up her art studio and grounds to the society. Her house and studio are nestled on some acreage in Brownsville that backs up to a canal zone. Violet gave a walking tour of the grounds and then showed members her art

studio. In the gardens there were many tall *Sabal* and *Washingtonia* palms.

The November 17th, 2007, meeting was scheduled to be held in Corpus Christi – hosted by Frank Manning and Kathy Jones.

The PSST journal is published three times a year by editor Richard Travis of San Antonio, who has served in that post since 1998. His book *Palms for South Texas* is available at lulu.com.

The PSST web hostess is Jana Whalen of Corpus Christi, serving since 1997.

To join the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) please send your check, in U.S. funds, for \$20.00, made payable to 'John Dillard - PSST'. Send the payment to John at 7317 Pepper Ridge Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78413. See the on-line membership form for more information.

Check out www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org for further details.

[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.]

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]

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>.

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**Biographical Information on Candidates
for IPS Board of Directors Positions
2008-2012**

Lyle Arnold (Southwestern USA) – Lyle is a resident of Poway, just north of San Diego, and became a member of the International Palm Society and Southern California Chapter of the IPS about nineteen years ago. For several years he also served as a member of the board of directors of the Southern California Chapter. By training Lyle has a Ph.D. in Chemistry and has been a faculty member of the Medical School of the University of California at San Diego, followed by a career of more than twenty years in senior management positions of five different biotechnology companies. Lyle is active in a variety of plant related activities and has been growing palms for more than twenty years. His current palm dominated garden has become a regular location for various fund raising activities.

Philip Arrowsmith (Southeastern Queensland, Australia) – Philip joined the IPS in 1976 and has attended six Biennials, the first one being the Biennial in Thailand with post-tour to Malaysia. He plans to attend the Biennial in Costa Rica and subsequent Biennials. Living in Brisbane (Australia) as a teenager, he began planting palms in his parent's garden on the Gold Coast. Moving to Brisbane, Philip commenced work in the nursery of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens, where his interest in palms expanded. He contributed to the establishment of many palm species in both the gardens in the city and the newer Botanical Gardens at Mt.Coot-tha. Philip has traveled to many areas – especially in South East Asia and he has conducted palm-based eco tours to the Malaysian state of Sarawak. For 26 years, he has been growing a wide range of palms in his gardens. Philip serves on the Board of Directors of PACSOA.

Bill Baker (Central USA) – Bill remembers that as a fourth grader from New England he was vacationing in Florida and became fascinated with palms; within a week he knew the differences between dates, coconuts, and royals. As an adult he now lives where he can grow palms and has taken full advantage of that fact. Bill is a member of both the Houston Area Chapter of the IPS and the Palm Society of South Texas, and is a past Chairman of the latter group. He has contributed articles to the *Bulletin of the Palm Society of South Texas* and to publications in Canada and France. Having grown up near the border with Canada, he began speaking French at an early age, and in later years, living near the Mexican border, he learned Spanish. Bill graduated from Saint Michael's College with a major in American Studies and French followed by extensive graduate work in geography at the University of Vermont. For most of his adult career he has worked in the field of Emergency Medical Services then with a company providing flood certifications for mortgage lenders. In his spare time Bill manages a small palm consulting and nursery business in Austin, Texas.

Jeffry Brusseau (Southwestern USA) – Jeff maintains a two-acre garden "Cuesta Linda" in Vista, California, which is home to several thousand species of palms, cycads, ferns, bamboo, succulents, bromeliads, cacti and assorted tropical vegetation. Other involvements include membership in several plant societies, Board of Director and Officer positions in three commercial Owners Associations, ownership of a commercial nursery, and the restoration of the family's Historical home. Jeffry is hard working, persistent, determined, and extremely detail oriented. He believes in living life to it's fullest and strives for excellence in all matters of his life.

Jim Cain (Central USA) of Houston, Texas, an IPS member since the early 1970s, played a key role in organizing the Houston Area IPS Chapter. Jim served as President of the IPS from 1992-1996 and then as Corresponding Secretary from 1996-2000. Jim has been the IPS Supplement Editor since the inception of the regular *Supplement* to *Palms*. His palm activities are purely an avocation, unrelated to his work. However, Jim's business has taken him throughout the world, providing the ability to meet with IPS members in Australia, Asia, Europe, Africa, South America and the Caribbean. This has strengthened his goal of forging stronger rapport between the IPS and its affiliates worldwide – with emphasis on making the IPS more responsive to its full international membership

John DeMott (Southeastern USA) – John, a South Florida resident involved with commercial ornamental horticulture for over 35 years, is the owner and operator of Redland Nursery, Inc. He has introduced many “new” palms to the industry. John has worked closely with Montgomery Botanical Center and the Florida Nurseryman and Grower’s Association in the development of a seed bank. John has been married to Carolyn for almost 34 years. They have two children: Jeffrey 24 and Jenifer 23. John was a fireman for 28 years, and holds a commercial pilot’s license. His latest passion has been the forming of the “Florida Keys Botanical Center”, a 501c3 corporation, which is being developed on a nine-acre site on Big Pine Key in Monroe County with hopes of maintaining germ plasm, primarily from the Caribbean Basin. John is currently an IPS Vice President and has served on the IPS Biennial, Website and Nominations Committees.

Garin Fullington (Hawaii, USA) – I fell in love with palms when I was six years old and living in Illinois. Luckily family on both sides moved to southern Florida and to the Sarasota area where, in my youth, I was able to nourish my interest, which grew into a passion. I moved to the San Francisco area in 1963 and began my many trips to the Andes and elsewhere, and began to introduce more cool growing species into cultivation, particularly *Parajubaea* and *Ceroxylon* species. The large *C. quindiuense* and the *C. vogelianum* in Golden Gate Park’s Strybing Arboretum were from seeds I collected, grew, and donated to the arboretum. I was instrumental in initiating the Lakeside Palmetum in Oakland and was its caretaker for some years. In Hilo, I initiated the palm plantings at the zoo, which have become extensive. I have been a member of the IPS since 1972, and have missed, I believe, only two or three biennials since that time. I have a three-acre garden in Hawai’i that contains many rare mature and younger palms.

Haresh (Africa, Middle East and India) – Haresh lives in Madurai, in the state of Tamil Nadu, India, and has been studying and growing palms for over 30 years. Palms are the integral part of his plant hobby that also includes tropical flowering trees, succulents and orchids. As a business executive, his work provides extensive travel opportunities to visit gardens and growers in the US, Europe and in many parts of Asia. He brings his business management and international exposure to the society. Haresh is currently involved in developing two gardens near Madurai. He hopes to take more time off in the coming years to visit threatened habitats and to study the palm populations in his part of the world.

Tom Jackson (Southwestern USA) – Tom and his wife Kathy Grant have raised palms in Marin County California for over 25 years. They are long term members of the IPS and the Northern California Chapter. Tom would bring his experience in temperate climate gardening, helping expand the range of palm collecting and IPS membership. Twenty years of community service on not-for-profit boards, both local and national, including chairmanship of Blood Centers of the Pacific, would add administrative and financial experience useful for an IPS Director. As a pathologist, he would encourage IPS to support the scientific content of our meetings and publications. Most importantly, through participating in many biennials, he has come to know many of the members of the IPS board and looks forward to working with them wherever our travels may take us.

Leland Lai (Southwestern USA) – Leland, a resident of Topanga, California, is former Vice President of the International Palm Society and a past President of the Palm Society of Southern California. Leland also heads up the 2008 Biennial Committee for the IPS. Born and raised in Hawaii, his love for tropical flora and fauna has captivated his work and outside interests with more than a passion. Leland has built his career assisting in the development of sustainable aquaculture: producing and distributing biological and artificial larval and maturation diets, designing hatchery modules for seed stocks, and providing biotechnology in the form of aquatic genetics for selective breeding.

Jill Menzel (Central / South America and Caribbean) – Jill spends most of her time in her garden/ranch in Brazil where she has a large palm collection. Jill is working with the Smithsonian Institution in the preservation of the Golden Lion Tamarin, indigenous on the property. She is always ready to travel on a moments notice, looking for additions to her garden. She has sponsored attendees to our biennial meetings and the IPS is considering the Biennial in 2010 to be in the Rio de Janeiro area with a visit to this garden.

Larry Noblick (Southeastern USA) – Larry is the Collections Manager/Palm Biologist of the Montgomery Botanical Center (MBC) of Miami, Florida. Trained as a plant taxonomist, he first became interested in palms as a Peace Corp Volunteer in Brazil 25 years ago. As an active palm explorer and collector, he has traveled in numerous countries gathering research materials and introducing many varieties of palms, some poorly known and some new to science, not only to South Florida, but also to many other national and international botanical gardens. As a palm scientist, he and a colleague have worked on a grant to discover the relationships between the coconut and its relatives. As Collections Manager at MBC, he has contributed to designing, developing and managing an extensive scientifically valuable collation of palms on the 120-acre site along with its associated database and mapping. Over 1,100 palms currently flourishing at MBC are directly related to his collecting activities. MBC is and will continue to become a very popular site to visit for many palm scientists and enthusiasts alike and has hosted a past IPS Board of Directors meeting.

Kathryn Ostedahl (Southeastern USA) – Kathryn is a native resident of New Orleans, Louisiana. She received a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from Louisiana Tech University in 1993 and is currently a Project Engineer at a large refinery just outside of New Orleans. Kathryn got her love of plants from her mother and bought her first palm, a *Phoenix roebelenii*, in 1998. At that time, there were only a few common species of palms readily available in the New Orleans area, so Kathryn began germinating seeds of the more unusual palms that caught her attention. She has been a member of the IPS since 2000 and served one term as Treasurer and two terms as President for the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society. Since 2003, she has been editor for *EtCeteras*, the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society's quarterly publication. Kathryn attended the last biennial in the Dominican Republic and is looking forward to the next one in Costa Rica.

John Rees (Southwestern USA) – John is a retired professor of geography at California State University, Los Angeles and resides in Camarillo, California. He joined the Palm Society in 1957. John began growing palms after collecting seeds in Mexico while doing fieldwork for his Ph.D. at UCLA. Since then he has collected palm seeds in Australia, New Zealand, China, and in Central and South America. For many years he grew all his plants, even large palms and cycads, in containers. Recently he planted an expanded palm garden at his home in Camarillo. John has served as an IPS Director for the 2000-2004 and 2004-2008 terms and is also an Area Chair (Ventura / Santa Barbara) for the Palm Society of Southern California. He has contributed articles to *PALMS* (and its predecessor *Principes*) as well as to the Southern California *Palm Journal*, has co-authored a book on palm sago, and has made presentations to various groups about traditional uses of palms. John has attended five of the last six biennial meetings. In 1996, he organized and guided the IPS Biennial Post-Conference Tour to Ecuador.

Sue Rowlands (Southwestern USA) – Sue, of Riverside, California, joined the International Palm Society and the California Chapter in 1988. She served as a Director of the Southern California Palm Society as Area Chair for Orange and Riverside Counties from 1994 to 1998. She served as Chairman of the IPS Biennial held in Southern California in 1996 and became a Director of the IPS that same year. As an IPS Director, she has served in various capacities, including IPS Corresponding Secretary. She has attended all Biennials and Board meetings since being elected in 1996 and has contributed articles to the Southern California *Palm Journal* and to the IPS journal, *Palms*.

Grant Stephenson (Central USA). Grant's fascination with the plant world began at the age of three while working with his grandmother in her garden. After studying landscape design and architecture at Louisiana State University, Grant entered the horticulture industry. Grant came to be relied on as a spokesperson in the horticulture industry, fielding gardening questions on popular local radio programs, providing advice to community groups and businesses concerned with environmentally sound solutions to landscape problems, and helping provide greenery to decorate the sets of PBS's Austin City Limits TV series. He is now owner of Horticulture Consultants located in Houston Texas. His vast knowledge of temperate Tropics goes a long way in any landscape.

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