

**2010 IPS Biennial Meeting, Brazil**

The 2010 International Palm Society Biennial Meeting will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, April 17–23, 2010.

Biennial registration and itinerary details are provided on [www.palms.org](http://www.palms.org) and in the accompanying *Supplement B to Palms*.

**Call for Nominations  
for IPS Board of Directors  
for 2010 – 2014 Term of Office  
LAST CALL!**

It is time for the election of those IPS Directors who will serve for the years 2010 to 2014. **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 20, 2009** is the deadline for Administrative Secretary Larry Noblick to receive nominations – so election ballots can be mailed with the December 2009 issue of *Palms*. Completed original ballots must be returned to Larry no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to be counted. Elections results will be announced on the IPS website in April 2010 and published in the June 2010 *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 e-mail 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.

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 e-mail.

Directors for the 2010–2014 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in April 2010 at the Brazil 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. E-mail messages are preferred.

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The Nominating Committee for the upcoming election comprises Faith Bishock, Sue Rowlands, John DeMott, and Jeanne Price.

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at  
<http://www.palms.org>

## 2010 IPS Endowment Fund Applications

Applications must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009 for consideration of a 2010 IPS Endowment Fund grants. The 2010 grants will be awarded in April 2010 at the IPS Biennial meeting.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Proposals should be sent in MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as e-mail attachments to [jim.cain@cain-barnes.com](mailto:jim.cain@cain-barnes.com). If the documents exceed 9MB in size, please send them to [jimmydcain@aol.com](mailto:jimmydcain@aol.com) instead with a note to [jim.cain@cain-barnes.com](mailto:jim.cain@cain-barnes.com) advising that this was done. E-mails totaling up to 16MB (including attachments) will be accepted 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 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)
- To maximize the impact of these grants, the IPS asks that the grant proposers request funding only for direct project costs. The IPS asks that grants not be used to pay any indirect costs charged by the grant applicants’ institutions – that is, money to cover general G&A and/or any other “overhead” expenses are not to be included in the applicant’s Requests for Funding. The IPS will provide a letter to this effect to recipients’ institutions, upon request.
- Current Curriculum Vitae of the applicant and other key researchers involved in the project. This information should also provide proper contact information for the

application [postal address, e-mail 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. The applicant should provide clear payment instructions (including payee address).

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 usually grants some US\$20,000 of awards in a given year, if suitable applications are received requiring this amount. Typically individual awards of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are made, although larger grants are sometimes awarded if merited. Applications must be accompanied by a statement on the acceptability of “partial funding.” Without such a clear statement, the IPS may be forced to turn down such an application if the entire requested amount cannot be awarded.

## NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

*Send comments, corrections and other events to:*  
*Jim Cain, Supplement Editor for PALMS,*  
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### Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia

The Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA) is a group of affiliated, semi-autonomous, regional Palm and/or Cycad Societies headed by a Board presently based in Brisbane, Queensland. The Societies adopted the present structure in 1984 after having previously been an informal information exchange. At that time they established the quarterly magazine, formerly Magazine of the Palm & Cycad Society of Australia, now **PALMS & CYCADS**, publishing both non-technical and technical articles of interest to the palm and/or cycad enthusiast. The Bookstore offers substantial discounts on retail prices of palm and cycad books and publications, most of which are unobtainable elsewhere in Australia. In 1984, a Publication Fund was established which, since 1987, has published eight original books.

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
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of W.A., Inc.

Current PACSOA Board Officers and Directors are:

- Tom Turner, Chairperson of the Board
- President: Rudy Meyers
- Vice President: Cheryl Basic
- Treasurer: Will Kraa
- Secretary and Editor: Greg Cuffe
- Editors: John Price and David Tanswell
- Directors: Philip Arrowsmith, Lou Randall, Ted van Ginneken, Jeanne Price and Werner Raff

Key contact information is:

- For *Palms and Cycads* magazine or for information about the P.A.C.S.O.A. Bookstore: E-mail Tom Turner at <[pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au)>
  - For P.A.C.S.O.A. Seed Bank, e-mail Rudy Meyer or Cheryl Basic at <[pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au)>
- Membership or general inquiries: Greg Cuffe <[pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au)>

For information on PACSOA or the *Palms and Cycads* magazine write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064, or send an appropriate e-mail to <[enquiries@pacsoa.org.au](mailto:enquiries@pacsoa.org.au)> or visit the website, [www.pacsoa.org.au](http://www.pacsoa.org.au).

### **Tropical Garden Society of Sydney**

The September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Tropical Garden Society of Sydney will feature Mark Paul, who will give a presentation on the bromeliad genus *Alcantarea*. Mark is a well known horticulturist, landscape designer and collector and propagator of bromeliads. Tonight, he will talk about *Alcantarea* species and their use in the garden. As usual, the meeting will feature the usual plant auction and A\$1 raffle.

If you wish a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, see the society's NEW WEBSITE which has now moved to <http://sydneytropical/index.htm> or e-mail Ian Edwards <[ianse@oz.com.au](mailto:ianse@oz.com.au)> or to <[sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au](mailto:sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au)>, the generic information e-mail address for the society.

### **The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay**

The PACSOM typically holds six to eight meetings / garden visits each year. Plans for meetings remaining in 2009 include the following:

- Sept. 27: Visit Mackay Regional Botanical Garden and/or Queens Park
- Oct. 25: Garden visit to the home of Keith and Ailsa Boyden in Farley
- Nov. 22: "Break up" event for the year; venue TBA.

For information on PACSOM and PACSOM events, 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](mailto:bazleym@dodo.com.au)>, the new President of PACSOM for 2009.

### **Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA**

In 2009, the Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society continues to meet at 7:30 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of January\*, March, May, July, September, and November. Meetings are held at the auditorium of the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, in the Brisbane suburb of Toowong. \* Due to Australia Day, the January 2009 meeting was held on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Members and guests are welcome to attend. At our meetings we discuss cultivation and hear guest speaker present talks and slide shows on all aspects of palms and cycads both in the wild and in the garden. Last year we saw presentations of palms & cycads in habitat from member's travels to diverse places including Darwin, Borneo, Peru and Ecuador. We heard Dr. John Dowe speak of his latest palm research on *Archontophoenix*, *Sabal* and *Livistona*. We also had a special bromeliad night.

Each meeting concludes with our very popular \$1 plant raffle where you can win rare and unusual plants especially purchased by the society as well as plants donated by members. Meetings run about 2 hours and are a great place to share information and socialize with others who are fascinated by palms and cycads.

Field Trips are organized for April, June, August, and October. Outings could be a visit to a national park to view palms or cycads in habitat; or a tour of some of Queensland's best private gardens; or a trip to specialist nurseries where unusual plants can be purchased.

Brisbane Group members receive the monthly newsletter which is two to four A4 pages covering past and upcoming events.

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, members visited Philip Arrowsmith's garden in the inner Brisbane suburb of Ashgrove. Philip has been an avid

palm collector for some 25 years, and his garden has many rare and interesting treasures on approximately ¼ acre of very lush and green gardens. On the society's last visit in 2003 there was much admiration of Philip's large *Marojejya darianii*, *Johannesteijsmannia altifrons*, and a huge *Corypha*.

The September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting at the Mt. Cootha Botanic Gardens auditorium in Brisbane is scheduled to feature special guest Ross McKinnon, the Curator-in-Charge of the Brisbane Botanic Gardens and Patron of the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society. Ross will give a presentation entitled "A Brief History of the (New) Brisbane Botanic Gardens – including the evolution of the palm and cycad collections." These Gardens are internationally regarded as being amongst the world's leading sub-tropical Botanic Gardens and are Brisbane's second largest tourist attraction, featuring significant plant collections. They include the world's largest representative collection of Australian native rainforests plants. Ross has a weekly gardening column, and has hosted various television and radio gardening programs. He also is a Patron, Life Member or Honorary Member of 28 horticultural organizations.

For more information on the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, write Secretary, PACSOA – BPACS, P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, or contact President Mark Wuschke via e-mail <cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au>.

### **Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA**

The Sunshine Coast branch of PACSOA has faded away due to lack of support. We always kept hoping for one or two new members, but this has not happened. There seem to be too many other demands on people's time and their gardening interests have moved on. If any of you have renewed interest in the Sunshine Coast Branch, please e-mail to Jeanne Price at <pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au>.

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

Officers for The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) are currently:

- Gary Pike, President,  
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- George Sevastos, V. Pres. & Treasurer,  
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- Russell Dyer, Auction Coordinator,  
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For information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA), send an e-mail to President Gary Pike <thepikes@powerdsl.com.au> or just visit [www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest](http://www.wawebsite.com.au/palmswest).

### **South Australia Branch, PACSOA**

For information on the South Australia Branch of PACSOA, write the Secretary, Palm & Cycad Society – South Australia Branch, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, South Australia 5082, Australia.

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

The August 4th, 2009, meeting of the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) had a larger than normal attendance. The meeting focused on palm and cycad nutrition. The discussion was on "Scientific Approach" – led by John Lok, who takes a very thoughtful approach to feeding his plants. Members learned how to optimize growth in their collections, whether in pots or in the ground. John discussed plant feeding and trace element requirements – whether needed in small or large amounts. He explained why these are required and what happens in some cases if they lacking. There were many questions from the members which John was able to answer. Raffle prize was a *Ravenea glauca*. There were also a number of small palms and cycads for sale.

An upcoming walkabout of inner city palms is planned for September 12<sup>th</sup> to visit Auckland University grounds, Alberon Park and Parnell Rose Gardens.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on September 1<sup>st</sup> and new officers were elected for the next year.

- Terry Behersing, President
- Michael Budd, Vice President
- Richard Hayward, Treasurer (interim)
- [open position], Secretary
- Michael McCorquindale, Webmaster,
- John Prince, Editor

In addition to the society business, the AGM included an interesting short movie of the last commercial felling of *Jubaea chilensis* for Palm honey. The film includes photos and film taken by Dick and Annemarie Endt in South America (reworked from 1983 8-mm tape) and is a real slice of history. It covered the felling of the palms which were said to be up to 100 yrs old and explained how the straighter ones were first choice as they fell better without breaking. The movie then went on to explain the sap extraction and processing to the final product.

Plants available for purchase at the meeting:

*Archontophoenix maxima* NZ\$2

*Brahea aculeata* NZ\$3

*Chamaedorea ernesti-augusti* NZ\$5

*Chambeyronia macrocarpa* NZ\$10

*Dioon edule* NZ\$5

*Dyopsis ambositrae* NZ\$3

*Hyophorbe indica* NZ\$10

*Jubaeopsis caffra* NZ\$10

*Roystonea regia* NZ\$1 each!

*Sabal mauritiformis* 3 for NZ\$5!

The NZP&CS is planning an 8-day tour to the Chatham Island group, departing 15 October 2009. The Chathams are a small group of islands with a unique and astonishingly rich biological heritage. The island group is home to 20 percent of our threatened bird species and 14 percent of threatened plants. Recent years have seen significant conservation work to restore native ecosystems. There some dramatic success stories, such as the recovery of the Chatham Island Black Robin, which had dwindled to only one breeding pair by 1980. Other rare and beautiful birds and plants await participants' discovery, including the Chatham Islands Forget-Me-Not. The tour price includes return airfares, quality hotel accommodation, all meals, touring, all entrances and the services of local guides. Should you request to share accommodation (twin share) and are not traveling with a companion, the organizers will endeavor to arrange a roommate. Please contact NZP&CS should you have any queries.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the meeting will provide a presentation about the trip to Borneo by a group of local tropical plant enthusiasts this past winter. Philip Miller, former Vice President of the NZP&CS, was in this group and will speak about the trip – the food, the plants, and the weather.

The December 2009 Auction and Christmas get-together will be held on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Landsend in Parker Road, Oratia. The day will

include guided walks and refreshments will be provided.

For more, visit the website at <http://nzpalmandcycad.com>.

Most of the PACSONZ news items were extracted either from the new PACSONZ website or from internet postings by Michael McCorquindale (PACSONZ President & Webmaster) <[michaelmac@clear.net.nz](mailto:michaelmac@clear.net.nz)>, Gary Coleman <[aries@splurge.net.nz](mailto:aries@splurge.net.nz)> and others on the NZ Society mail server. To subscribe, send an e-mail to <[nzpalmcycad-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:nzpalmcycad-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)>. Additional news is taken from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine* as appropriate.

### Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

About 50 members of the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) enjoyed a fine afternoon at the Pinkowski "resort" on the West Vancouver waterfront. The rainy morning broke to a warm and sunny afternoon so all could enjoy the spectacular garden, the excellent food, and the congenial company. Many thanks to the PNWP&EPS executive and other members who pitched in to make this event a success, especially to Donna, Rudi, and Danny, whose huge effort in garden preparation and organization did not go unnoticed.

Former club president Rudi Pinkowski was also featured (along with many palms) on the *Vancouver Sun* newspaper's "In the Garden" page (E8) on Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>. Not sure how long the link will be active, but you might want to check out: <http://www.vancouver.sun.com/life/in-the-garden/behind+English+lush+Mediterranean+plants+trees+Rudi+Pinkowski+North+Vancouver/1890047/story.html>. [Copy to your browser without the line feeds.]

Additional General Meetings are planned for September 28<sup>th</sup> and November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009, with details to follow later.

For more on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, e-mail Nick Parker, <[hpi\\_nick@hardypalm.com](mailto:hpi_nick@hardypalm.com)> or see the society website at <http://www.hardypalm.com/>

### European Palm Society

Go to the NEW European Palm Society website, [www.palmsociety.org.uk](http://www.palmsociety.org.uk) for details on the EPS. The new site, [www.palmsociety.org.uk](http://www.palmsociety.org.uk),

is free to sign up to, though you must register for an account to gain access to the EPS forum of over 420 members from all over the world. The site has a donation facility.

The latest issue of *Chamaerops* (Issue 55) is now available online, with a South American flavor to it. Please visit the *Chamaerops* area of the website and look it over.

On Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Society member Simon Gridley celebrated ten years of running his Norwich nursery Amulree Exotics with a special open day and EPS members were welcomed. Simon provided a free BBQ in the afternoon and there were drinks and music, as well as discounts on plants at the nursery.

For more information on the European Palm Society, contact EPS Secretary Tony King <tony@aking88.wanadoo.co.uk>, or visit the new website [www.palmsociety.org.uk](http://www.palmsociety.org.uk).

### **Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society**

This year, three major excursions are planned by *Fous de Palmiers*.

- Sept. 30–Oct. 13, 2009: La Réunion  
Tour to the “Intense Isle” of de La Réunion, France of the tropics, at the heart of the Indian Ocean. Organized in conjunction with Palmeraie-Union, the IPS Réunion affiliate. Places are limited so sign up early if you are interested in attending. The tour is reserved exclusively for members of the *Fous*. Contact: Patrick MARTY, telephone: +33-05 62 08 98 20
- October 25–28, 2009: Elche, Spain  
Save these dates to see the grand Palmeraie d'Elche (to the south of the Alicante) with some 100,000 date palms planted. Explore the hypothetical ancestor of the Date Palm, *Phoenix “iberica,”* and visit the small island of Tabarca. For those who have more than four days, visit the suite of marvelous gardens of Grenada and the “vallée des fruits tropicaux d'Almunécar” (a little to the south). There is some flexibility in the itinerary dates. Contact : Gérard DORIN, telephone: +33-05 53 29 40 29.
- December 4–6, 2009: San Remo, Italy  
The next European Biennial of Palms will be held in San Remo. The theme for this year will be about insects useful and harmful to palms. Contact: Claudio LITTARDI, telephone: +33-0183 999 011

Info above taken from  
Fous de Palmiers website  
<http://palmiers.chez.com/>

In order to receive a free, complimentary copy of the magazine, contact the editor and correspondent for IPS, Steve SWINSOE.

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### **South African Palm Society**

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

### **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 e-mail to Nicole Ludwig at [nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr](mailto:nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr).

### **Hawaii Island Palm Society**

The Hawaii Island Palm Society met on August 28<sup>th</sup> for a presentation by Scott Nelson, Ph.D., on “Palm Diseases and Pests of Hawaii.” Scott is a specialist in Plant Pathology with the University of Hawaii, responsible for on plant disease education and research programs throughout the state of Hawaii. See more about him on [www.plant-doctor.net](http://www.plant-doctor.net).

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Don Hemmes <hemmes@hawaii.edu>, or Tiffany Ripa <tiffanyrippa@gmail.com> (Membership.)

Also note new e-mail addresses for HIPS Secretary Patty Ferrazi <pferazzi@gmail.com> and HIPS Treasurer Mike Merritt <merrittm00132@yahoo.com>

### **Palm Society of Southern California**

The Palm Society of Southern California July 25<sup>th</sup> meeting visited two gardens in Camarillo, Ventura County: the Solakian and Rees gardens. Both gardens have seen many changes and have flourished since the last PSSC visit three years ago. The first garden visited was that of Robert and Pam Solakian. Many small and medium-sized palms are growing well under an open tree canopy. Large *Howea* and *Rhopalostylis* now encircle the pool area and many new species rare to the Ventura/ Santa Barbara area have been planted. Tropical palms are now growing in Robert's new aluminum greenhouse. Robert is the owner of Santa Barbara Greenhouses in Oxnard and shared some tips on greenhouse design, cost and maintenance with members. Pam also had her artwork on display.

The second location for the July meeting was within walking distance of the Solakian's at the home of PSSC Area Chair, John Rees and Clarissa Dong. Prominent in the garden are many spectacular, large palms and cycads moved from their former West Los Angeles residence. In addition to the large palms (some probably the largest in Southern California of their species) they also have many newer palms, making it a very large collection of unusual palm species. Large tree aloes, agaves, yuccas and flowering trees form the dry tropical area of the garden. See the garden first before the potluck luncheon at John's house. The meeting and auction will follow lunch.

The September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the beautiful home and garden of Greg Haines and John Cressey of Altadena. These long-time Palm Society supporters were originally from Oakland, California, making the move to Altadena some eighteen years ago. They have based their landscaping and planting on an "against all odds" philosophy with the experiences of the colder north, and having lived through the Oakland firestorm, which claimed their home and extensive palm garden. Today,

their new one acre (0.4 ha) Altadena foothills paradise consists of about 130 palm species, a pool, open-air longhouse, garden Teahouse, tennis court and paved jungle paths.

The November 21<sup>st</sup> Riverside / Orange County meeting will visit Mike Maxson's place of business, Sims Tree Health Specialists Inc. in Riverside, as well as a friend's nearby house.

In general, PSSC meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every other month in rotation. Meetings planned for 2010 include:

- Jan 2010: Annual Banquet
- March 2010: San Diego/Imperial Counties
- May 2010: Ventura/Santa Barbara Counties
- July 2010: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Sept. 2010: Orange/Riverside Counties
- Nov. 2010: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties

The above PSSC news items were extracted from postings on the website [www.palmssc.org](http://www.palmssc.org).

### **Northern California Chapter, IPS**

On October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (1:00–5:00 pm), the Northern California Palm Society will meet at the home of Paul & Melanie Godowski in Hillsborough, CA. There will be a potluck lunch and an auction of rare palms. Paul has created a spectacular garden in just six years. His location is a true Sunset zone 16. The site enjoys ample summer sun and warmth, but also has frost protection and air drainage in winter. The garden normally never suffers temperatures below 34 F. Many of Paul's rare plants were sourced by Bob Fowler – fantastic growth achieved in just six years. The garden also features a koi pond with many large, beautiful, and friendly fish.

The Society will have an election this winter for new officers and board members. Members are urged to volunteer to be an officer or board member. Darold Petty will no longer serve as President, and will concentrate on our Lakeside Palmetum – so a new President is needed.

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. 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/>.

### **Arizona Palm & Cycad Society**

For more information on the Arizona Palm and Cycad Society, please see the Society website, <http://azpalmandcycad.org> or send an e-mail to either Vice President Monte Crawford <[montecrawford@hotmail.com](mailto:montecrawford@hotmail.com)> or President Nick Argys <[argyfam@msn.com](mailto:argyfam@msn.com)>. An alternate contact is Mark Kiah <[Tiki1@cox.net](mailto:Tiki1@cox.net)>.

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

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter or about their *Fan & Feather* newsletter, contact chapter President, Joe Taverniti, 1110 Bauer Road, Pensacola, FL 32506 or e-mail 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**

On August 5<sup>th</sup>, the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society's monthly meeting at Mounts Botanical Gardens. Dr. Scott Zona, a noted palm biologist addressed the group. His lecture was entitled "My Top 20 Palms for South Florida" and included his favorite under-used palms for the area.

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society held their Annual Picnic and Auction in Lake Worth.

In addition, PBP&CS is planning their Fall Sale on September 26-27<sup>th</sup>, at Caloosa Park in Boynton Beach.

For more on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact President Betty Ahlborn, or e-mail Secretary Ruth Sallenbach <[diznee920@aol.com](mailto:diznee920@aol.com)> or Membership Chair Susan Cioci <[d.cioci@att.net](mailto:d.cioci@att.net)> or visit them at <http://www.palmbeachpalmcycadsociety.com/>

### **South Florida Palm Society News**

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, there will be a tour of the South Florida Garden Society. It will feature The tour includes visits to Action Theory Nursery, the Tropical Education Research Center, John DeMott's garden, and a tour of RF Orchids. The event is free with membership and US\$10.00 to non-members; it includes a boxed lunch. For more information or reservations, call Jeff Chait at (305) 934-2839.

The South Florida Fall Palm Show and Sale will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, at Fairchild Tropical Garden, Miami. This is always a fantastic event – not to be missed.

Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings, which are free and open to the public. Regular meetings are held in the Garden House at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of every even-numbered month. Send an e-mail with your snail mail address to Corresp. Secretary Louis Sgueros at <[nickelsonk@bellsouth.net](mailto:nickelsonk@bellsouth.net)>.

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

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in Brevard Beaches consisted of two main stops. The first stop will begin with a tour of Scott Ward's Indialantic garden. Scott's garden is a meticulously maintained "jungle" featuring palms, cycads and bromeliads. Scott began the transformation of his property from a typical subdivision lot into a tropical paradise in 1995. The palm canopy that he has created provides much shade to make understory plants (and garden visitors) comfortable during hot summer days. After visiting Scott's garden, members will break for lunch (on their own,) followed by the second tour stop.

After lunch all will regroup in Merritt Island for a tour of Steve and Cindy Rael's garden. The Raels enjoy growing a wide variety of plants. Cacti, succulents, many bromeliads and palms are some of the plants to be seen in their garden. Their large foxtail (*Wodyetia bifurcata*) has been fruiting since 2001 and supplied the CFPACS seed bank with many seeds when that species was much more uncommon than it is today.

CFPACS member Rob Branch held a Labor Day Open House on September 7<sup>th</sup> at his home in Sarasota. There were numerous plants for sale (palms, begonias, bromeliads, gingers, hedychiiums, heliconias, bougainvilleas, cordylines, crotons and flowering shrubs and tropical trees.). Visitors also had the opportunity to chat with hundreds of plant enthusiasts and to tour Rob's fantastic garden.

CFPACS has taken the plunge into the social networking sites. It should benefit CFPACS to have a presence in the Facebook and Twitter networks, for both current and future CFPACS members. Take a look – you do not have to be a member of Facebook or Twitter



to view our pages, but you do need to sign up if you want to interact on these pages. The CFPACS Facebook page is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Central-Florida-Palm-Cycad-Society/145851341806> and the Twitter page is <http://twitter.com/centralflapalms>. If you are already a member of one of these services you can help CFPACS by becoming a friend or follower of these pages, and by letting your friends know about them.

The CFPACS web site experienced some technical difficulties during the month of August due to issues with the host of our front page. You may have gotten a warning stating that "visiting" this site may harm your computer. This issue has been resolved, and you can now view the CFPACS web site without encountering the warning page. Thanks to the CFPACS webmaster, Frankie Ramos, for all the work put into the web site.

CFPACS maintains a vigorous online seed bank. To obtain instructions on how to order seeds, send an e-mail to [seedbank@cfpacs.org](mailto:seedbank@cfpacs.org). Minimum order is \$5 plus postage. All seeds are donated, not purchased. Species are correctly identified, as far as is known. All proceeds benefit the CFPACS chapter, with seed donations helping to fund CFPACS grants and other outreach in Central Florida. If you have seeds to donate, please contact John Green (Florida east coast) or Lucinda McCartney (Florida west coast).

Thanks to Christian Faulkner for running the CFPACS seed bank for the past several few months. CFPACS is in the process of expanding operation of the seed bank from one person to a team. Mike Dahme and John Green have agreed to represent the seed bank on the Florida east coast, and Lucinda McCartney has agreed to be the Florida west coast seed bank representative. [Lucinda fulfilled all of the CFPACS seed orders that went out in August.] A new seed list will be published soon and will include some seeds not commonly offered, including:

*Bactris gracilior*  
*Chamaedorea pinnatifrons*  
*Coccothrinax crinita*  
*Phoenix acaulis*  
*Socratea exorrhiza*  
*Satakentia liukiensis*  
*Zombia antillarum*.

Thanks to Jeff Anderson, Christian Faulkner and Rick Nale for donating these seeds.

CFPACS initiated an E-News in early March 2009. Future issues of this new CFPACS

e-Publication will be sent to members in April, July and October (in-between *Palmateer* issues). Information in this write-up was primarily taken from CFPACS E-News.

Additional meetings of interest to CFPACS members include:

- October 10-11, USF Fall Sale, USF Botanical Garden, Tampa – CFPACS participating
- October 10-11, Fall Plant Sale & Orchid Show, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens, Gainesville
- October 17, Boktoberfest Plant Sale, Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales – CFPACS participating
- October 24, 2nd Annual Festival of Palms, FIT Botanical Garden, Melbourne – CFPACS event
- November 21-22, Annual Garden Festival, Heathcote Botanical Gardens, Fort Pierce
- December 12, CFPACS Holiday Social, Faith Bishock's, Old Myakka

For more on CFPACS, see the website at [www.cfpacs.com](http://www.cfpacs.com) or e-mail CFPACS President Bob Johnson at < [TropicalBob@earthlink.net](mailto:TropicalBob@earthlink.net) >

### Florida First Coast Chapter

For information regarding the Florida First Coast Chapter, please contact Bruce Latimer by e-mail at < [latz2@comcast.net](mailto:latz2@comcast.net) >.

### Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

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 mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

For more information on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact: President Rod Gates < [rodpgates@cs.com](mailto:rodpgates@cs.com) >, Vice President Jayanne Crawley, < [southlands\\_tropicals@yahoo.com](mailto:southlands_tropicals@yahoo.com) > or Kathryn Ostadal, < [kathryn\\_o@cox.net](mailto:kathryn_o@cox.net) >.

## **Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida**

For more information on the Southwest Florida Palm & Cycad Society, e-mail Geri Prall at <[SW\\_FL\\_PalmCycad@hotmail.com](mailto:SW_FL_PalmCycad@hotmail.com)>.

## **Southeastern Palm Society**

The Summer 2009 SEPS meeting was held on July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the garden of Bill Huie, Tyrone, Georgia, and the Nearly Native Nursery in Fayetteville, Georgia. This exceptional private garden and unique specialty nursery just south of Atlanta provided an excellent venue for the summer meeting. The days event kicked off with a visit to the garden of Bill and Brenda Huie in Tyrone. Bill's early interest in palms was fed years ago by Atlanta palm pioneer Bill Manley. The Huie garden is home to specimens of the hardiest palms, including several *Trachycarpus* species, *Butia capitata*, numerous *Sabal* species, needle palms (*Rhapidophyllum hystrix*) and other species that have pushed the limits of cold tolerance. This was a perfect opportunity to see many types of palms that have thrived and grown to maturity in a temperate home landscape.

After lunch on their own at several nearby restaurants, members gathered at the Nearly Native Nursery in Fayetteville. This nursery is owned and operated by Jim and Deborah Rodgers. For many years, Nearly Native Nursery has been a source of palms and a wide variety of other trees, shrubs and perennials for the Atlanta area. Formerly located in Senoia (GA), the new Fayetteville location has allowed for much expansion, including installation of a cacti and desert plant exhibit in the xeric landscape area of the nursery. The day was enjoyed by all.

The Fall 2009 SEPS meeting will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup>, at the at University of Tennessee Gardens in Knoxville. While Knoxville may not often be thought of as a palm destination, Bert Williams, Michael Cartwright and Frank Glavy. The base for the day will be the University of Tennessee Gardens, located on the banks of the Tennessee River and home to 1,400 types of herbaceous and woody plants, including many palms and sub-tropicals. The day's events will start with the traditional plant sale within the Gardens. After lunch, participants will be provided with a three-hour private excursion by bus to some of Knoxville's best palm sites. Included will be the gardens of Bert Williamson, Michael Cartwright, the former garden

of Dr. Joel Lubar, and the garden of the late Dr. Frank Galyon -- where the city's best and oldest palms will be seen. These include a massive needle palm (*Rhapidophyllum hystrix*) that survived a -24°F (-31°C) freeze in 1985. Dr. Galyon was a famed Magnolia breeder, who selected and registered *Magnolia grandiflora* "24 Below" another of the city's remarkable cold weather survivors.

SEPS Elections will also be held at the September 2009 meeting.

In addition to the above, SEPS plans to hold the following additional meeting in 2009.

- November 21, 2009, Southeastern Citrus Expo: Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, Charleston, South Carolina,

The quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) is *Southeastern Palms*. The journal is included with membership. A detailed membership roster was provided with the Winter 2008 issue (Vol. 16-4.)

Southeastern Palm Society membership dues are US\$20 for one calendar year (US\$25 outside the US, Canada and Mexico.) For more information, visit the SEPS website at [www.sepalms.org](http://www.sepalms.org) or contact Will Taylor, Memberships, <[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**

The June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, PSST meeting was at the home of Curtis and Marsha Attaway of Aransas Pass, co-hosted by Charles and Patrizia Hatch. The hosts had a beautiful secluded garden nestled in the coastal area outside of Aransas Pass. The sandy loam soils allow for deep root systems and the ancient oaks on the property reflected the size that trees will attain in such conditions. The palms they are growing are extensive and were all doing very well. A luncheon bounty was provided with boiled shrimp and all the "fixings." Their friend and neighbor Rick was the shrimp master and boiled the massive amount of shrimp to perfection. After everyone finished eating, the PSST Chairman Jon Watson held a quick society meeting covering upcoming meetings and events. Afterwards the members were free to socialize more as well as visit the property.

The July 18<sup>th</sup> PSST meeting was at the home of Romeo and Linda Montalvo in Brownsville. The Montalvos catered lunch and our society members once again enjoyed a

fabulous meal. Members enjoyed the grounds prior to the luncheon and casually socialized throughout the garden. After lunch, there was a short society meeting.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, PSST met in Corpus Christi, co-hosted by all of the Corpus Christi members. The meeting began with lunch at the Baja Coast Café. After an enjoyable meal, we covered society news and business. All then collectively caravanned over to the Texas A&M university in Corpus Christi. Here everyone strolled through the lush grounds of the university and admired how well the landscape has matured. Despite the heat, all had a good time.

Additional PSST meetings scheduled for 2009 and 2010 in South Texas locations are:

- September 19, 2009 – Glenn and Rose Mary Head – Arroyo City
- October 24, 2009 – Jerry Seymore – Houston
- November 14, 2009 – Bob and Sandra Tumberlinson – San Benito
- December 2009 – Annual Christmas Party – open (TBD)
- March 2010 – Don Dionisi and Louis Forrai – Brownsville
- April 2010 – Romeo & Linda Montalvo – Brownsville
- May 2010 – Jon & Suzie Watson – Corpus Christi – On the Island
- June 2010 – Chris Homrighaus – Galveston
- October 2010 – John Volk – San Antonio
- November 2010 – Jack and Linn Keller – Bayview

Details on future meetings will be on the PSST website.

The PSST journal, provided to all PSST members, is published three times a year by editor Richard Travis of San Antonio, who has served in this post since 1998. His book *Palms for South Texas* is available at [lulu.com](http://lulu.com).

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.

See also [www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org](http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org).

[Above PSST 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.]

## Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

For information on the Houston Chapter, e-mail local president, Paul Norris, <poollovers@comcast.net.>

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

The 2009 officers for Amigos de las Palmas are:

- Santiago Orts, President, <sorts@huertodelcura.com>
- Custodio Mendoza, Vice President
- José Soriano, Treasurer
- Jose Graña, Secretary
- Vicente Caballer, Editor

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>.

## New IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm

“Ti-Palm” (which means “Little Palm” in French Créole) is the latest official IPS Affiliate. Ti-Palm covers the French territories of Tropical America, including the French Antilles (Guadeloupe archipelago, Martinique island, the French part of St Martin island, St Barthélémy island) and French Guiana in South America.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ti-Palm members visited the magnificent garden on Thierry Moulun in Saint François, Guadeloupe, with more than 50 species of palms.

Information about the activities of Ti-Palm is sent to members via e-mailings (in French.) There is a chat at “Fous de Palmiers” website (<http://fousdepalmiers.fr/html/forum/viewforum.php?f=30>) Membership fee: 10€. See more at <http://tipalm.fr/pages/association.html>. You may also e-mail Président: Pierre-Olivier ALBANO, <contact@tipalm.fr>

## Asociación Venezolana de Palmas

For information about AVEPALMAS, see the website [www.avepalmas.org](http://www.avepalmas.org).

