

2010 IPS Biennial Meeting, Brazil

The 2010 International Palm Society Biennial Meeting will be held at the Windsor Barra Hotel in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, on April 17–23, 2010.

Biennial registrations are closed and all of the rooms provided to the IPS by the hotel have been filled. Individuals holding “Standby” reservation status can only be elevated to full registration should some currently paid individuals cancel their attendance in time for such changes to be made.

Elections for IPS Directors 2010 – 2014 Term

Board of Directors elections for the International Palm Society’s term for the Directors 2010 through 2014 are now complete.

The following incumbent IPS directors have been reelected for the term beginning at the 2010 Biennial in Rio de Janeiro and ending at the 2014 Biennial:

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Also continuing as IPS Director for the term 2010–2014 by virtue of his position as Co-Editor of *Palms* is:

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The International Palm Society would also like to thank the following outgoing directors for their service to the organization:

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- Jeanne Price, Sunshine Coast, Australia
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The directors for the 2010 – 2014 term will be installed at the IPS Board of Directors Meeting on April 17, 2010, in Brazil.

Elections for the IPS Officers for the term 2010-2012 will be held at the April 2010 IPS Board meeting, with the officers selected from the full Board membership; i.e., the incumbent 2008-2012 Directors and the above 2010-2014 Directors

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

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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.

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.

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For more information on PACSOA, you may also write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064 or visit the website, www.pacsoa.org.au.

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA

The Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society comprises PACSOA members living all around metro Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and northern New South Wales. The 2010 meeting dates are Tuesday Feb 2, March 23, May 25, July 27, Sept 28 and Nov 23. Meetings are held at 7:30pm in the auditorium at the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens, in the Brisbane suburb of Toowong, about 4 km west of the city via Milton Road, with ample free parking.

Members and guests are welcome to attend. Meetings usually feature a guest speaker giving a presentation on some aspect of cultivation, conservation or palms and cycads in the wild. Among our topics last year the Brisbane Group heard Dr. Paul Forster present the magnificent cycads of the Cape York peninsula; Philip Arrowsmith show slides of palms in the wild on Mauritius and Réunion; and valuable tips on container and garden cultivation were given by veteran nurseryman Will Kraa.

Year 2010 meetings will feature a swap/sales table – where members will sell or exchange plants with other members. The society will occasionally purchase seed of especially rare species to give away at meetings. Each meeting concludes with the popular Aus\$1 plant raffle where members can win rare palms and cycads especially purchased for the raffle, as well as plants donated by members. Meetings are a great place to share information and socialize with others who are fascinated by palms and cycads.

Field Trips are organized for February, April, June, August, October and December. Outings can be a visit to a national park to view palms or cycads in habitat; a tour of some of Queensland's best private gardens; or a trip to specialist nurseries where palms, cycads and other tropical plants can be purchased. Destinations are all over South East Queensland and northern NSW. Once a year, members organize a major field trip over a long weekend to more distant locations in North Queensland or the Northern Territory.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Australia 2010 Annual Show was held on March 13-14 at the Auditorium, Mt. Cootha Botanic Gardens, Toowong. It featured plant displays, on-hand experts and thousands of plants for sale, with both common and rare species at great prices.

Further events planned for 2010 include:

- March 23, Tuesday. Regular meeting at Mt. Cootha Botanic Gardens. Guest speaker will be Dennis Hundscheidt who will speak on the Tropical Garden. Dennis is well known from the Queensland Open Garden Scheme, with his colorful garden being a showcase for palms, cycads, cordylines, bamboos, gingers and tropical flowers. Local 2010 BPACS committee elections will also be held.
- April 25, Sunday 10:00 am. Garden visit to Will and Margaret Kraa's "Palm Oasis" at 54 Van Dieren Rd, Pallara Qld 4110. Will and Margaret have an impressive collection of cycads, palms and bromeliads on their property, including many rare species. They also operate a wholesale nursery and plants may be available for purchase.
- May 25, Tuesday. Regular meeting at Mt. Cootha Botanic Gardens. Guest speaker will be Mike Foale who will speak on the Coconut Palm (*Cocos nucifera*), its natural history and products. Mike is a researcher and enthusiastic promoter of the Coconut palm, a plant of tremendous importance to the people and economies of Pacific and Asian lands.

Members receive the monthly newsletter which is four A4 color pages covering past and upcoming events. Annual Brisbane Group membership is just Aus\$15. Join today (see PACSOA home page for subscription info). For other details 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>.

The above PACSOA and Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society news was taken from the PACSOA website and its Brisbane webpage, www.pacsoa.org.au/branches/Brisbane.html.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

The Tropical Garden Society Sydney met on January 26, 2010 at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall in Five Dock. This was the 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and elections were scheduled to take place. Officers for 2010 will be posted in the next Supplement to Palms, as these have not yet been provided by the Sydney Society. Alan and Jill Collins gave a presentation with numerous photographs of plants seen during a trip to Cairns and back in July 2009, via the Nambour Flower Expo. The meeting featured the usual plant auction and Aus\$1 raffle.

If you wish a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, visit the website, www.sydneytropical.org/ or e-mail to Ian Edwards <ianse@oz.com.au> or to <sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au>, the generic informational e-mail address for the society.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

For information on the Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay (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 the new PACSOM President Margaret Bazley, <bazleym@dodo.com.au>.

Palm & Cycad Society of South Australia

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

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 Jeanne Price at <pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au>.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

The Palm and Cycad Society of Western Australia conducts monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the South Perth Rotary Club in Sandgate Street, Como. Meetings start at 7:30pm. At the meetings, members discuss palms and cycads and other related issues. There are guest speakers and slide presentations covering a variety of subjects. Rare and unusual plants are on raffle and the "bring and buy" bench offers a range of plants for sale at outstanding prices. Tea, coffee and supper is provided after the night's activities.

Gascoyne Park is a joint project between The Palm and Cycad Society of WA and the city of Joondalup. It was established in 1989 and officially opened in March 1996. The park is situated in the northern Perth suburb of Woodvale at the corner of Gascoyne Avenue and Timberlane Drive. It is 25 km (15.5 miles)

from the Perth General Post Office. The Park covers approximately 5.2 ha (12.9 acres) and consists of dense plantings of palms and cycads, open grassed parkland and remnants of the original native vegetation of eucalypts, jarrah trees and grassland. Many of these plants are advanced, mature specimens. The palms and cycads in the Park come predominantly from warm-temperate and sub-tropical climates and, to a lesser degree, from equatorial tropical areas.

PACSOWA has planted over 2,000 palms and cycads of 130 different species; hundreds more are added every year. The plants most suited to the Park come from western Africa, Madagascar, Northern Australia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific islands. Some plants in the garden also originate from the Americas. Perth's climate is ideal for growing many species of palms and cycads, and the rich diversity of Gascoyne Park is testimony to this. Anyone interested in palms and cycads should visit the Park to see the magnificent range of specimens.

The Palm and Cycad Society of Western Australia is responsible for the upkeep of the garden areas and conducts regular "working bees," usually on the fourth Sunday of every month. For more information about the Park, contact the coordinator, George Sevastos, by e-mail to george@palmandcycadwa.com.au.

For more 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 the new website www.pacsowa.com.au.

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The December 6, 2009, meeting of the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) held at Landsendt was well attended by both members and non-members. The garden tour led by Ann-Marie Endt was quite good and visitors could readily see the growth difference from their last visit there in 2007. The stand of *Geonoma* is very attractive and the garden is maturing extremely well. Dick Endt has just published a book about the property, "The Subtropical Garden at Landsendt - A plant collectors dream." The book is available on the Landsendt website, <http://www.landsendt.co.nz/> for NZ\$55 plus shipping.

The event of the day was the auction and there were many plants available. The palms were generally smaller than some in the past but selection was wide and included many *Dypsis*

species, *Hedyscepe*, *Lepidorrhachis*, various *Chamaedorea* species, *Ceroxylon*, *Parajubaea*, *Jubaea* and others. Many desirable palms and cycads were available. Best of the palms were *Clinostigma savoryanum*, a good sized *Burretio kentia hapala* and *Dypsis 'heteromorphia'*. An *Encephalartos trispinosus* female cycad pup was donated by Gerald De Villiers (yet to be taken off the plant) and it went for NZ\$850. Sales totaled NZ\$8,634, slightly up from last year. Helped by Gerald's pup donations, the PACSONZ profit on this event was over NZ\$2,200. PACSONZ thanks the Endts once more for providing their place as a venue for the auction and for their garden tour. And

The March 2nd meeting was also held at Landsendt. The main speaker was Adam Shuter, chief designer of Palmco in Kerikeri. He spoke on landscape design with emphasis on the use of palms and cycads. Adam designed the wonderful garden at Palmco in Kerikeri, as well as the fantastic 2007 Ellerslie Flower Show garden which won the Supreme award.

The PACSONZ Annual Sale will be held on March 27-28 will take the place of the April meeting. See the Events page for more details.

The May 4 regular meeting will also be held at Landsendt in Oratia.

For more information on the PACSONZ, 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 Past President & Webmaster) <michaelmac@clear.net.nz>, 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>. Additional news is taken from the quarterly **NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine** as appropriate.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

At the March 22nd PNWP&EPS meeting, the featured speaker will be gardener and horticulturist Agnes Romses, who has some answers on how to keep delicate plants healthy and pest-free without harmful chemicals. She will give a presentation on Pest Control Management and will discuss environmentally friendly ways to prepare *Brugmansia*,

Tibouchina and other tender plants for spring planting. Agnes works for Sunset Nurseries who maintain the City of Vancouver's greenhouses.

The Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 22, at Phoenix Perennials in Richmond, BC.

Additional General Meetings are planned for 2010 on May 24th, September 27th and November 22nd, with details to follow later.

For more on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society, e-mail Nick Parker, <nickparker@eastlink.ca> or see the society website at <http://www.hardypalm.com/>

European Palm Society

Go to the European Palm Society website, www.palmsociety.org.uk for details on the EPS. It is free to sign up to this website, 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.

In early March 2010, EPS Executive met with the website developer and worked through a number of enhancements to the site that have been planned for some time. Some of these changes have already been implemented, whereas others will be made available "over the next few weeks." One of the exciting changes will be the start of compiling information sheets on the palms and other exotics that are grown across Europe. This will, with luck, start to build reference documentation drawn from the collective experience of EPS members growing the plants in different situations across all the countries in which our members are distributed. This will obviously need collective support to be successful.

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.

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

In order to receive a free, complimentary copy of the magazine, contact the editor and correspondent for IPS, Steve SWINSCOE. See also the Fous website, <http://palmiers.chez.com/>

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Asociacion Botanica Española de Palmeras y Cycas (ABEPPC) [Spanish Palm Society]

In July 2009, the former La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas changed its name to Asociacion Botanica Española de Palmeras y Cycas or ABEPPC. On July 27th, the following Officers and Executive Board was elected:

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ABEPPC members meet on the evening of the last Thursday of every month for a couple of hours at the Botanic Garden in Valencia to discuss palm-related subjects.

For more information on the Spanish Palm Society, ABEPPC, or to subscribe to *Espadice*, send an e-mail to the society President Tomás Font <tfont@ono.com> or Secretary Francisco Marti <francisco.marti@macaosl.es>.

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 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

On January 15, 2010, "Parc des Palmiers" was opened to the public (after years of effort by Palmeraie-Union members and others.) Shortly thereafter, on January 19, the President of the French Republic, Nicolas Sarkozy, visited the park. This first opened installment of the park is on 2.5 acres, with 2,000 palms of 250 species having been planted. This is a project of major economic, environmental and tourism interest and is intended to eventually form a vast landscaped park of 20 hectare. The influence of the Parc is far beyond the limits of Réunion Island and many thousands of visitors are expected.

Association Palmeraie Union has been associated with the project since 1998 and has since that time provided advice and assistance to the garden.

On January 31st, the Society met at Cap sur Saint-Denis. The program was to view the "Jardin de l'État" and other St. Denis sites rich in palms (notably the palm columns of the Providence, et al.).

On February 28, Palmeraie Union had a day in the Hauts de Saint-Leu. In the morning, the group made the first Society visit to Max's property, followed by a picnic lunch. This was followed by an afternoon opportunity to view the Gardens Conservatory of Mascarin.

On March 21, the Society will conduct a guided tour to discover the riches of the forest flora at Notre Dame de la Paix.

On April 10, Palmeraie Union will view the many endemic plants that adorn the Piton de Monte Verde of St. Pierre.

May 1st will feature a return to St. Pierre, to enjoy the treasures of Serge Hoarau. Passionate planter of palms for ages, Serge will present his collection containing specimens of many uncommon palms. Lunch will be served. Due to site access limitations, this tour is limited to 20 participants.

On May 23, the Society will visit the palms of Roussel Christophe of Le Tampon. Roussel will show his eponymous palm and present the master conservation plan for this species, which he authored. The Society will also hold its Annual General Meeting 2010 in this date.

On June 12th, Palmeraie-Union will visit Bananaland Park in Ste. Rose, viewing the world of the banana, followed by a Creole lunch. The group will then stop at Anse des Cascades to see the wonderful white and red palm forest.

For more information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Thierry Hubert at palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr or e-mail to Nicole Ludwig at nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr.

Hawaii Island Palm Society

On Sunday, December 20, 2009, the Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) was given a tour of Pauline Sullivan's Kapoho Palm Garden. This may be the last opportunity to visit this extraordinary palm collection as the property is currently for sale. Planting started in 1993 and since then truck loads of black cinder were brought in to cover the existing solid lava flows to create planting mounds for the palms. With the help of Pauline's son, Terry, who led the tour, there are now about 7 acres mounded with hundreds of planted palm species. The dark cinder mounds provide a starkly beautiful background to "showcase" individual palm species, which are well spaced for prime viewing, including a most beautiful silver-gray *Bismarckia nobilis*. In addition, *Arenga brevipes*, *Hydriastele beccariana* and many other rare palm species may be seen. A large number of *Clinostigma samoense* have been planted to provide a canopy for the smaller palms. The border of the property is lined with hundreds of *Cyrtostachys renda* (sealing wax palms,) an almost unbelievable sight.

HIPS held their 2010 Annual BBQ, Rare Palm Auction and Elections on February 5 in Pavilion 2 at Wailoa River State Park.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Don Hemmes <hemmes@hawaii.edu>, HIPS Secretary Patty

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Palm Society of Southern California

The PSSC Annual Banquet was held on January 16, 2010, at the Island Palms Hotel on Shelter Island, San Diego. The guest speaker was René Coativy from France. René spoke on "Palms of the Seychelles and of Cuba." As always, there was a great buffet menu.

On March 20, 2010, PSSC visited two San Diego gardens of repute. First stop was the Jim Wright garden. Jim is a longtime member of PSSC and a former Director of the IPS. He began his garden in the early 1960s. When he ran out of garden space, he bought the house next door for expanding the garden. He benefits from envy-inducing San Diego weather and has mature, towering, canopy-sized *Rhopalostylis*, *Hedyscepe*, *Euterpe*, *Dypsis*, rare *Chamaedorea*, *Kentiopsis*, and numerous other outstanding tropical plants, including *Epidendrum radicans* orchids in a rainbow of colors growing outdoors. Some of the *Rhopalostylis sapida* have more than twenty feet of trunk. There is also a 30-foot (9 meter) tall *Euterpe edulis* which probably has produced some of the northernmost acai berries on earth. Access is easy with a boardwalk all through the place. With the help and creativity of Jim's late wife, Lise, this is a truly spectacular garden. Lise added the artistic touch to the garden and designed many of the plantings and mosaics in the adjacent garden, a true treasure and a pleasure for the senses. The last PSSC meeting at the Wrights has been four years ago.

The meeting will then move to the nearby Leland "Fletch" Fletcher garden, almost around the corner from Jim Wright's place. Fletch has a dramatically sloping backyard, well-landscaped with rare palms and cycads. At the top of the hill in the back is a 10-foot gazebo with a view of the nearby bay, sparkling in the sunshine. Fletch's garden is 16 years old and very impressive, including canopy-sized palms in species not often thought of as being tall enough to be used in that way – at least not in California. Wonderful specimens in numerous palm genera include *Coccothrinax* (8 species), *Pritchardia*, *Dypsis*, *Pseudophoenix* and others. Particular highlights of Fletch's garden are: *Coccothrinax spissa* with ten feet of trunk; *Coccothrinax miraguama* with ten feet of trunk, plus a *Dypsis leptocheilos* with eight feet of

trunk. There's also a *Roystonea* with 20 feet of trunk and an *Encephalartos arenarius* with a basketball-sized caudex. A *Sabal mauritiiformis* and a *Pseudophoenix sargentii* are each on the threshold of trunking, each with an overall height of seven to eight feet. Fletch's garden also includes a splendid *Raphia farinifera*, which is about eight feet tall, and thriving.

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

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

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

Northern California Chapter, IPS

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> or President Nick Argys <argyfam@msn.com>.

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

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Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

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South Florida Palm Society News

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 of 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 >.

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 >.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) maintains a vigorous online seed bank. To obtain instructions on how to order seeds, send an e-mail to 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).

CFPACS initiated an E-News in 2009. Future issues of this new CFPACS e-Publication will be sent to members in April, July and October (in-between *Palmateer* issues).

For more on CFPACS, see the website at www.cfpacs.com or e-mail CFPACS President Bob Johnson at < 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 >.

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 >, Vice President Jayanne Crawley, < southlands_tropicals@yahoo.com > or Kathryn Morgan, < kathyrn_o@cox.net >.

Southeastern Palm Society

The Winter SEPS meeting was held on February 22nd at the September 19th, at the University of North Carolina (Charlotte) Botanical Garden, Charlotte, North Carolina. This was the first meeting at UNCC for SEPS. The Botanical Garden consists of three areas, each with a specific emphasis. The McMillian Greenhouse contains a spectacular display of orchids, carnivorous and tropical plants, and desert succulents. The Susie Harwood garden features winter, Asian, and water gardens. Finally, the Van Landington Glen is a serene woodland garden of native trees, seasonal wildflowers and evergreen rhododendrons. After a brief meeting to discuss SEPS business, news, and future events, the annual plant auction was held. A barbeque lunch was provided by the hosts, followed by a talk on winter interest plants and a tour of the botanical garden by Dr. Larry Mellichamp, co-author of *The Winter Garden*.

After the meeting at the botanical garden concluded, all were invited for a driving tour to some of the more famous palm plantings in Charlotte. First was SEPS member John Denti's garden which boasts 25 species and multiple palm ecotypes. After a stop at a nearby garden featuring palms, it was on to the Myers Park area to see the locally famous Charlotte *Trachycarpus*. The palms here have been growing for many decades and have naturalized in areas. Lastly, members traveled to nearby Rock Hill to see one of the largest *Jubaea chilensis* in the southeast, planted by Tamar Myers in 1993. Those wishing to spend more time in the Charlotte area, had a chance to visit the Daniel Stowe Botanical garden in nearby Belmont, which boasts impressive displays of mature *Trachycarpus*, *Rhapidophyllum*, and *Sabal minor*, as well as many other interesting plants and a new Orchid conservatory. SEPS member Clifford Main also opened his garden in

Mint Hill. Cliff has been growing *Trachycarpus* for 20 years and has many other palms on his property.

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

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 or contact Will Taylor, Memberships, <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 February 20, 2010, PSST meeting was co-hosted by John and Mary Barkkari and Billy and Delana Darling of Stuart Place nursery, Harlingen. Members showed up at the Barkkari home and garden at noon for the traditional PSST luncheon and society meeting on the patio, also enjoying the wonderful south Texas sunshine. Following a brief business meeting conducted by PSST Chairman Jon Watson, all moved a few miles down the road to Stuart Place Nursery. Members enjoyed viewing the nice selection of palms and plants for sale at this historic Rio Grande Valley nursery. Thanks to both the Barkkari and Darling families for their generosity in hosting this month's meeting.

Additional PSST meetings scheduled for 2010 include:

- March 2010 – Don Dionisi and Louis Forrai – Brownsville
- April 2010 – Romeo & Linda Montalvo – Brownsville
- May 2010 – David Glover -- Cleveland
- June 2010 – Chris Homrighaus – Galveston
- October 2010 – John Volk – San Antonio
- November 2010 – Jack and Linn Keller – Bayview

Future meeting details will be on the website.

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 on www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org.

[Above PSST information was taken from the on-line meeting summaries and other information on the PSST website, with appreciation to PSST for the use of this information.]

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

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

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

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

Avepalmas met at La Salle on March 2nd to hear a lecture by Maria Teresa Novoa about the Western Coast Botanical Garden. In a related matter, Avepalmas will hold an excursion to the western coast Botanical Garden on March 20-21. Those interested will meet in front of the Jardin Botanico in Caracas and go by car to Coro. The group will spend the night in a small but comfortable hotel in Coro. Maria Teresa will guide the group through the Western Coast Botanical Garden..

Also see the website www.avepalmas.org.

Biographical Information on IPS Directors | Elected to Serve for Board of Directors Term 2010-2014

No. 1: ELENA BEARE

Elena Beare, from Uruguay, South America, has been an IPS member since 1994, and with husband George, has attended six Biennials. She has owned a floral design business, which later expanded into a landscaping business. As a member and past President of the Montevideo Garden Club of Uruguay she

has lectured throughout her country. In the early 1990s, Elena's love of palms drove her to buy a farm for palm field production, where she grows two acres of cold hardy palms for ornamental uses. She aims to start a Uruguay palm society affiliate and to help preserve the world's largest natural stand of *Butia capitata* in Rocha, Uruguay, where she has organized the Pre Tour of the 2010 Brazil Biennial.

No. 2: NORM BEZONA

I am a professor emeritus University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources. Not retired but I'm considered a retread since I still volunteer to assist with Master Gardener Program and write a weekly column of tropical gardening for the West Hawaii Today and Hawaii Tribune Herald. I am advisor for the Hawaii Chapter of the American Bamboo Society and the Kona Outdoor Circle. I have done several horticultural projects supported by USAID through NGO's and Peace Corps since retirement. I am also the head trustee for Kona Cloud Forest Sanctuary, a 75-acre family reserve dedicated to living forest friendly (see www.konacloudforest.com) where we have a great collection of montane palms and bamboos. I have been a member of the IPS since 1961 and started the Hawaii Chapter in 1973. At 71, I am still healthy and look forward to serving as director if selected.

No. 3: FAITH BISHOCK

Faith Fessenden Bishock has been an active member of the IPS since 1980 and a prolific grower in the central and southern areas of Florida for over thirty years. Her IPS memberships include the South Florida Chapter 1987, Central Florida Chapter 1992. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for the IPS (Finance, Chapter Relations), and is also Chair of the IPS Nominations Committee. Faith is also serving on the Board of Directors of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden. Her expertise in financial management and Trust & Estate Issues has been an asset to the IPS for many years. Her interest in palms and habitat conservation has inspired her to travel to remote areas all over the world both with scientific expeditions and as a casual traveler.

No. 4: KIMBERLEY CYR

Kim Cyr joined the Palm Society of Southern California in 2006 and contributes articles and photographs to the Society's *Palm Journal*. An International Palm Society member since 2008, she is a regular participant on PalmTalk, the interactive online forum of the IPS, contributing photographs from gardens and palm habitats both locally and as distant as Madagascar.

A native Californian, married to co-adventurer Steve Cyr, with two children, she is employed full-time in financial services and grows palms in coastal San Diego. Other interests include hiking, travel, languages, surfing, diving, and playing the violin. As an enthusiastic gardener and plant collector, Kim supports efforts to increase education, awareness, and preservation of the world's rich array of palms. Kim experienced her first IPS Biennial in Costa Rica in 2008, and is committed to an active contribution of her time and effort toward the international growth and continued success of the IPS.

No. 5: LARRY DAVIS

Lawrence L. Davis of Fort Lauderdale, Florida is a board certified tax attorney and CPA. His professional practice includes corporate and tax-exempt entities, estate planning and administration, and other financial matters. Larry is a Life Member and former Treasurer of the South Florida Palm Society, Inc., and a member of the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society. He helped organize PalmFest 2005 in Fort Lauderdale for a weekend of palms and people in association with the Palm and Cycad Societies of Florida (PACSOF). In addition to the International Palm Society, Mr. Davis is also a member of The Cycad Society, the Bromeliad Society of Broward County, and is an accredited judge in the Bromeliad Society International. Over the years he has also been involved in numerous hibiscus, fern, native plant and other tropical plant societies. Recently, he has completed post baccalaureate full semester courses at the University of Florida in irrigation, and turfgrass biology and maintenance. Larry spends his weekends riding his bicycle, mowing the lawn and growing palms in South Florida.

No. 6: RAY HERNANDEZ

Ray Hernandez is a native Floridian, born and raised in Tampa, Florida. In 1993, he received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of South Florida. Today, he is a

Senior Project Engineer for an Aerospace company that develops and builds rocket, missile and satellite components. He first took an avid interest in palms upon seeing Thomas Edison's Royal Palms in Ft. Myers, Florida. While his work is drastically different from his hobby, he has taken advantage of business trips to South America, Australia and Asia to see various palm species in their native habitat. Fifteen years later, he grows over 300 species of palms in 130 genera and his passion for palms is stronger than ever. Ray has served on the IPS board since 2006 and was President of the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society. As a CFPACS board member, he penned many cultivation articles for the *Palmateer* quarterly. Ray is looking forward to serving the IPS for another successful term.

No. 7: HORACE HOBBS

Horace O. Hobbs, Jr. is a life member of the International Palm Society and has been regularly engaged in the society's activities at a local and international level for three decades. He has been an IPS director since 1994 and has served as Vice President, President, and, currently serves as Corresponding Secretary. He is excited to assist the society in expanding its membership and services.

Mr. Hobbs is an avid gardener in Houston, Texas, where he is a partner in a small consulting firm assisting energy companies with strategy and finance. He leads many of the firm's renewable energy activities. He is a licensed chemical engineer.

No. 8: BO-GÖRAN LUNDKVIST

Bo-Göran has been interested in palms all his life, actually, ever since he grew up in Sweden many years ago. He, and his wife Carolyn, moved from the San Diego area to Leilani Estates, south of Hilo on the Big Island of Hawai'i in 1995, where they have a five acre garden with thousands of palms, all of which have been planted since they acquired the property. Bo-Göran has been active in the PSSC (Palm Society of Southern California), where he was Editor of the Palm Journal in the early 1990s, as well as HIPS (Hawaii Island Palm Society) where he was Vice President for two years and President for three years. This is in addition to being on the IPS Board since 1994, and serving as an IPS V.P. for four years and President of the IPS since the Biennial in Costa Rica in May 2008. Bo-Göran and Carolyn are also life members of the IPS, HIPS and PSSC. Bo-Göran's primary goal is to get more people interested in, and enthusiastic about, palms. As part of this effort, he has started up a small nursery in Leilani Estates with the primary intention of introducing some of the more unusual palms into cultivation on the Big Island. As President of the IPS, Bo-Göran is interested in expanding the membership globally.

No. 9: DON MARTIN

Don Martin lives in Valley Center, California, and he has been a member of the International Palm Society for over 30 years. He is the current President of the Palm Society of Southern California and its past Treasurer. He has also held various offices in the Association of Agricultural Teachers of Southern California. He is owner of palm nursery, Don's Palms, and had been an ornamental horticulture instructor for 28 years, from which he is now retired. He has a B.S. in Biology from the University of Nebraska and a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture from the California Poly University along with additional teaching credentials. He is an active member of his community, involved in the Rotary, school board, Boys and Girls Club, swim club and parks board. He has received awards for his teaching excellence, agricultural skills and as a model citizen.

No. 10: SANTIAGO ORTS

Santiago Orts is from Spain and has been a member of IPS since 1988. He graduated from the University of Murcia (Spain) in 1990 with a degree in botany and worked for the Viveros Huerto del Cura S.A. (formerly Jardineria Huerto del Cura S.A.), a second generation family palm nursery business until 2005. His job there included Head of Production, Technical Advisor and General Manager. He has attended numerous congresses and symposia and has published nearly 50 palm articles in different Spanish garden magazines. From 2003-2008, he was editor of *Espadice*, the official publication of the Spanish IPS Chapter, formerly Asociación Española de Amigos las Palmeras, now ABEPYC. Currently he is working on developing a bio control for the red palm weevil, a serious palm pest, with the University of Alicante.

No. 11: FERNANDO ROCA – ALCAZAR

Pacho was born in Lima, Peru in 1955. He has a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the EHESS-Paris, France (High School of Social Sciences Studies) and is an ethnobotanist with a thesis about the botanical taxonomy of the Aguaruna-Huambisa Jivaro people in northern Peru and their care of palms and orchids. He has spent many years of fieldwork in the Amazonian rainforest (principally in Peru but also Brazil). He is now associate professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP) and Director of Students Affairs at the same university. He also teaches at the Pacific University at Lima (UP). He is also a member of the IDEA-PUCP (PUCP's Institute for Environmental Studies) and is a Catholic priest member of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) religious order, he has a Master in Theology from the Centre Sèvres, Paris, France. Also he is a member of the CPO (Peruvian Club of Orchids). In 2008, he found a palm genus new for Peru, *Parajubaea cocoides*, in the Tabaconas area (northern Peru.) See a forthcoming article in **PALMS** for more on this new generic record. He likes to do fieldwork, working in the Paramo area in Peru doing botanical surveys (there are some *Ceroxylon* species and others still not identified). Last but not least, he has been a member of the IPS since 1998 and has attended all the Biennials since 2000.

No. 12: TOBY SPANNER

Tobias Spanner became seriously interested in palm trees in 1987 and joined the International Palm Society soon after. In 2002, Toby was elected to the IPS board of directors and currently holds one of the two offices of Vice President. Toby has also been a member of the European Palm Society since its formation and served as editor of the EPS's journal for several years.

Toby is the author of *Das Palmen Kulturhandbuch* (1992), a handbook for growing palms, and co-author of the 320 page *Winterharte Palmen* (2007), which focuses on his specialization, cold-hardy palms. Additionally, Toby has published numerous articles in *Principes* (now *Palms*), *The Palm Journal*, *Chamaerops* and in various German gardening magazines, and has been featured in multiple television and radio gardening programs and in over 30 magazines in Germany.

Toby made his first palm expedition, to China, in 1991, and has since traveled all over the world to destinations such as India, Burma, Pakistan, Mexico, Ecuador and Vietnam in search of rare and little-known palms. Although Toby says his foremost goal on these trips is to see as many palms in their natural habitats as he can, these expeditions also allow him to gather specimens for study as well as collect seeds for cultivation. His most important expedition, taken with Martin Gibbons to The Sudan in 1995, led to the rediscovery of *Medemia argun* – a palm that was believed to be extinct. The pair have also scientifically described four new species of *Trachycarpus* and rediscovered several others.

Toby is from Munich, Germany, where he lives with his wife, Dr. Lauri Coulombe, and runs a palm seed business, a mail-order plant nursery, and a small publishing company.

No. 13: DAVID TANSWELL

When I was in my mid-20's, I moved to Brisbane, Australia having lived and worked in the West Indies. To lessen the culture shock, my mother gave me a palm and a packet of palm seed. That was the start of my adventure with palms that has lasted for more than 30 years. Palms have given me the opportunity to run societies, produce magazines, learn desktop publishing, publish books, organize conventions and tours, and to indulge in my favorite pastimes of photography and travel.

I soon joined the society and I later became part of the executive board of the Australian Palm and Cycad Society (now PACSOA) in 1983 and have been continuously involved ever since holding the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Director. In 1988, I was the lead in planning and hosting the first Palm Society biennial meeting held outside the USA in North Queensland. Two years later I had the privilege of leading an IPS group on a Malaysian post tour.

Through my work as an architect I have been lucky to travel and search for palms in habitat. Rosemarie and I spent our honeymoon palm hunting in the jungles of Malaysia! With a group of like minded adventurers I have made many trips in search of what has become an obsession, the palms of Borneo. Attending the last two biennial meetings has been the 'light at the end of the tunnel'. What a way to forget life's pressures and catch up with friends and acquaintances while immersed in palm culture. I look forward to the opportunity to contribute by serving as a Director of the board of the IPS.