

### IPS Endowment Fund Applications Due for 2011 Grants

Applications must be received by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 for consideration of 2011 IPS Endowment Fund grants. The 2011 grants will be awarded at the IPS Board Meeting to be held in October 2011. This is later than normal, so grant funds awarded for 2011 will not be available to grantees until near year end 2011.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain prior to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. 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 employer, 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 about 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

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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.

Key contact information is:

- For *Palms and Cycads* magazine or the PACSOA Bookstore: e-mail Tom Turner at <[pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au)>
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- For Membership or general inquiries: Greg Cuffe at <[pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au](mailto:pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au)>

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](http://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 remaining 2010 meeting dates are Sept 28 and Nov 23. Meetings begin at 7:30pm. Previous meetings were held in the auditorium at the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens but recent restrictions on auditorium usage have caused the Brisbane group to find an alternate meeting location.

Members and guests are welcome to attend. Meetings usually feature a guest speaker giving a presentation on some aspect of cultivation or conservation of palms and cycads in the wild.

Meetings feature a swap/sales table – where members sell or exchange plants with other members. The society occasionally purchases 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 donated plants.

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 August 29<sup>th</sup> field trip was to Palm Fascinations Garden and Nursery in Rosemount QLD (on the Sunshine Coast, approximately 5km east of Nambour). In March 2008, David and Dorothy Dowd took over the nursery and

have now reopened for business with a superb collection of cordylines, palms and cycads. The garden has been expanded and is ready for Open Garden days. Members met at 10:30 am for a guided tour of the gardens, followed by a visit to the sales area.

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](mailto: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](http://www.pacsoa.org.au/branches/Brisbane.html).

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

The Tropical Garden Society Sydney meets regularly at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall in Five Dock.

If you wish a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, visit the website, [www.sydneytropical.org/](http://www.sydneytropical.org/) or e-mail to Ian Edwards <[ianse@oz.com.au](mailto:ianse@oz.com.au)> or to <[sydneytropical@yahoo.com.au](mailto: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, <[bazley@m@dodo.com.au](mailto:bazley@m@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. If any of you have renewed interest in the Sunshine Coast Branch, please e-mail Jeanne Price at <[pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au](mailto: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, with guest speakers 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.

On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Bill Dewar and Karel Hartlieb gave a talk on “Cycads, Aloes and other succulent plants of South Africa.”

The July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting featured a presentation on “Monotypic Genus of Madagascar Palms” by Tyrone Cripps

On August 24, PACSOWSA held an “Open Forum Night” when members expressed their views on various issues, ideas, complaints, etc.

Future meetings for 2010 include:

- September 28 – “Landscaping with Palms” by Gary Pike. This meeting will also feature a silent auction.
- October 26 – “Surprise” presentation by Eric McCrum
- November 23 – “Palms and Cycads around Perth” presented by Barry Sheldon
- December 12 – Christmas Party at the Hyde Park Hotel, commencing at noon.

In addition, the PACSOWA will hold their Annual Show at the Cannington Greyhounds on November 26-28 – an annual display of palms, cycads, bromeliads and ferns with a wide range of plants available for sale to the public.

Gascoyne Park is located on the corner of Timberlane Drive and Gascoyne Avenue, Woodvale – with its palm garden maintenance an ongoing PACSOWA activity. The Society conducts regular working bees, usually on the fourth Sunday of every month. For the July Busy Bee, seven members braved the weather conditions: Bob Duffey, Tony Bowyer, George Sevastos, Ian Judge, Carol Harrison, Linda Therkelsen and Gary Meaney. Main emphasis was on pruning, weeding and planting. Volunteers planted 62 plants on this day. These included

- 10 *Chamaedorea erumpens*
- 19 *Chamaedorea seifrizii*
- 20 *Chamaedorea tepejilote*
- 3 *Chamaedorea microspadix*

- 1 *Syagrus coronata*
- 1 Mango tree
- 6 White Sapote
- 5 large specimens of *Cordyline australis* 'Red Star'

For more about the Park, e-mail George Sevastos at [george@palmandcycadwa.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:thepikes@powerdsl.com.au)> or just visit the new website [www.pacsowa.com.au](http://www.pacsowa.com.au).

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

The New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) committee met in mid August to revisit some issues that were discussed at the earlier special June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting on the future of the NZ society. Decisions made were to postpone the online magazine opinion and return to a membership fee based society. There will be a printed magazine posted to members in October, which will also contain membership renewal forms. Printed magazines may be reduced from four to three per year, partly due to lack of content and partly due to cost increases. Monthly meetings will be limited in winter months, but the Society will have upcoming garden visits. The seedbank operation may also need to be modified as demand has dropped over the last couple of years and it is quite time consuming.

A Spring Sale at Exclusive Cycads was scheduled to take place on September 4-5.

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](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)>.

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

The PNWP&EPS society held their summer barbecue on Sunday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Per the Society's website, “Boyd Mason's elegant feast of both food and garden exceeded club

members' wildest expectations, stunning in their variety, presentation, and sophistication." Boyd offered tours of his greenhouses and seed propagator, all electronically controlled.

A veteran nursery in Greater Vancouver has recently brought in a good selection of *Chamaerops humilis* var. *cerifera*. A number of fifteen-gallon size of this blue-green leafed variety of the Mediterranean Fan Palm are available. This *Chamaerops* variety has been shown to endure cold wet winters better than its lighter green-colored relative.

At the September 27<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, George Sachinidis of Morgan Creek Tropicals will be discussing the trials and tribulations of importing exotic species into Canada.

An additional General Meeting for 2010 is planned on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, with details to follow later.

The PNWP&EPS officers for 2010 are:

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

### Association Chambeyronia

See the *Association Chambeyronia* website [www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm](http://www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm) or contact Secretary Jean-Pierre Canel < [jpcan@canl.nc](mailto:jpcan@canl.nc) > or President Jean Pierson

< [pierson@socatrans.nc](mailto:pierson@socatrans.nc) > for more information on the New Caledonia Palm Association.

### Palmenfreunde in Germany

*Palmenfreunde* publishes a journal entitled *Palmen und Mehr* (in German) of about twenty A5-sized pages with many palms photographs in color. Membership is 22 € per year. E-mail Jörg Witticke < [Palmenfreunde@aol.com](mailto:Palmenfreunde@aol.com) >.

### South African Palm Society

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

### European Palm Society

The European Palm Society (EPS) met twice near the end of May. The UK event was hosted at Amulree nursery in Norfolk on May 29<sup>th</sup>, where Simon welcomed members from some of the UK-based exotic plant forums as well as EPS members. A barbecue was provided, and it was a very nice way to spend the day

EPS member Hent, reported great success with an exotic plant fair held at Haps in the Netherlands. Over 1,000 attended, with all having a chance to buy plants from many diverse plant families. The weather was good, and the event offered visitors a super opportunity to browse a wide selection and make additions to their collections.

Both events gave members a chance to restock after the harsh winter!

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

### Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

The Fous de Palmiers now has a new website, <http://www.fousdepalmiers.fr>. – Please use this and not the old website address.

The Fous held their 2010 General Assembly at Nantes (Loire – Atlantic) in May 2010 with over 87 participants. Members visited the Rose Garden at the Beaujoire (on the Route of St. Joseph Nantes). This park, beside the beautiful river Erdre, is famed for more than 25,000 rose plants. This was followed by a guided tour of

the Grand Park Blottereau (on Boulevard Auguste Peneau Nantes) with its tropical greenhouses. This park was formerly the property of Thomas Dobrée, a great merchant and ship owner of Nantes. Plantings include numerous exotic plants including coffee, cocoa, papaya, pineapple, jasmine, teak, ebony and breadfruit.

This was followed by a visit to the botanical garden and tropical greenhouses of Jardin des Plantes de Nantes (entry point Sophie Trebuchet, Nantes). Established in 1807, the garden has a large collection where the flora of Brittany grows alongside that of the Americas, Asia and Africa. There are over 600 varieties of camellias (which gives Nantes the title of Capital of Camellias). Members also visited the Palmarium, which houses an outstanding epiphyte collection.

On May 5 through 7, the International Symposium on Palms was held at the Corum Montpellier (Hérault,) organized by the IRD and CIRAD, with the support of the Languedoc-Roussillon, the Foundation Agropolis, Montpellier Agglomeration and Network EUNOPS. Its aim was to bring together scientists of all disciplines involved in research on the biology of palms. The event was well attended and deemed a success.

To receive a free, complimentary copy of the Fous magazine, contact Steve Swinscoe at <[manatte32@yahoo.fr](mailto:manatte32@yahoo.fr)> or see the new website, <http://www.fousdepalmiers.fr>.

### **Asociación Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas (ABEPLYC) [Spanish Palm Society]**

In July 2009, the former La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas changed its name to Asociación Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas or ABEPLYC.

For more information on ABEPLYC or to subscribe to *Espadice*, e-mail to the President Tomás Font <[tfont@ono.com](mailto:tfont@ono.com)> or Secretary Francisco Marti <[francisco.marti@macaosl.es](mailto:francisco.marti@macaosl.es)> or visit the website <http://abepyc.blogspot.com/>.

### **News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter**

For more 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 began planting palms at the Pana'ewa Zoo over two decades ago with a goal to provide a collection of beautiful and interesting palms from around the world in a public park setting for community viewing. In response to frequent questions from visitors and palm society members, on July 25<sup>th</sup> HIPS sponsored "A Visit to the World of Palms" at the zoo. This educational event was open to the public and provided something for every HIPS member and guests. This was the first tour of the palms at the zoo in several years, with three tours held. Free palm seeds and seedlings (some from palms at the zoo and others from private gardens) were distributed. Palms were also available for purchase.

All demonstrations were "hands-on, interactive sessions" so members and guests were advised to "bring a pen knife to clean seed and come prepared to get your hands dirty."

- "Native Hawaiian Palms - Loulu" where people were able to learn about the 20+ *Pritchardia* species, including propagation.
- "The Seed" – a study on the basic biology of monocot seeds, with seeds viewed through a microscope to see the embryo and developing stages of seed maturation.
- "Palm Seed Propagation" – where members and guests selected their choice from a collection of seeds (or some brought their own), learned how to clean and pretreat the seed, and then pot them. Discussions included alternative sprouting methods, types of soil mixes to use, as well as how and when to fertilize.
- "Palm Pests and Diseases" – where HIPS set up a laptop with slides, sources of information and who to contact if further help was needed to diagnose palm problems. A brochure was provided on why not to over-prune palms, with examples of problems that could be created.

Three palm tours were held to view over 100 species planted at the zoo. Others used the HIPS Zoo Palm map to take a self-guided tour. "Zoo Crew" members were available to discuss the history of zoo palm plantings, guiding volunteers on the quarterly fertilizing of the palms, the new cycad garden being developed at the zoo entrance, other plantings by HIPS members, and HIPS work days at the zoo.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Don Hemmes <hemmes@hawaii.edu>, HIPS Secretary Patty Ferrazi <pferazzi@gmail.com> or Treasurer Mike Merritt <merritt4154@gmail.com>

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

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) had the opportunity for members to tour the world famous garden of Mardy Darian and his wife Cherie in Vista. This was the first time this garden has been available for tour for over twenty years. Only members of the PSSC were allowed entrance, so a flurry of membership renewals preceding the event. This San Diego County meeting was outside of the normal PSSC meeting order, but the Board felt that altering the schedule was a small price.

For 47 years, Dr. Darian has been transforming his near ideal location in Vista into a premiere tropical palm garden. The garden's inception dates back to 1963, when Mardy began with 8 months of dynamite and excavation to get the site right for his garden. He has been one of the most prominent pioneers in growing palms of Madagascar, studying them for many decades and taking numerous trips to Madagascar. Through his persistence and extensive efforts, Mardy has introduced countless species of Malagasy palms into cultivation. Many of these rare species now growing on his estate are now in mature form.

At one point, his garden hosted 131 different genera of palms. Not only does this garden feature rare species from Madagascar, but many other genera from around the world can also be viewed. Highlights of the garden included:

- A stunning, silver *Jubaea chilensis* with 20 feet of trunk
- A *Syagrus pseudococos* with 30 feet of trunk
- A grove of mature *Ceroxylon* species, including *C. alpinum*, *C. quindiuense* and *C. ventricosum* in all their shimmering glory
- -A trunking *Clinostigma ponapense*
- A multitude of mature *Chambeyronia* palms
- A *Dypsis prestoniana* (also called "Big Curly") starting to trunk, 20 feet tall overall, with orange tomentum
- A naturally suckering *Dypsis decaryi*
- The largest *Deckenia nobilis* in California, with 4 feet of trunk

PSSC meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of alternate months. Additional meetings planned for 2010 include:

- 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](http://www.palmssc.org).

### **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.)

### **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](mailto:Edith@PalmPaintings.com)> or write Edith Bergstrom (Secretary) at P.O. Box 126, Palo Alto, CA 94302. Include your mailing address, phone number and e-mail address. 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)>.

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

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter, 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**

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/>.

## **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)>.

### **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](mailto:nickelsonk@bellsouth.net)>.

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

On June 12 & 13, 2010, the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) hosted noted Australian palm expert John Dowe for talks in Orlando and Largo. The June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Orange County Extension on South Conway Road in Orlando. This venue featured refreshments and a silent auction followed by John Dowe's talk on the genus *Livistona*. On the next day, the meeting moved to the Florida Botanical Gardens, 12520 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida, with another talk by John Dowe.

CFPACS continues to maintain 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).

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).

CFPACS will hold their Fall Meeting at Indialantic/Merritt Island on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. The morning will feature Scott Ward's garden in Indialantic, with the afternoon devoted to Cindy & Steve Rael's garden in Merritt Island. See the CFPACS website for more details to follow.

The CFPACS will participate in the following additional sales events in 2010:

- October 9-10 – University of South Florida (USF) Botanical Garden Fall Sale, Tampa, FL
- October 23 (tentative date) – CFPACS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Festival of Palms, FIT Botanical Gardens, Melbourne, FL
- November 6 – Downtown St. Petersburg Waterfront Parks Centennial. CFPACS will participate in this celebration with events at the Gizella Kopsick Palm Arboretum, St. Petersburg

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.

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### **Southeastern Palm Society**

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) met at the Atlanta Botanical Garden (ABG) and the private Buckhead garden of Alex Wollcott for its summer meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Each of these gardens features palm collections that include remarkable cold-hardy survivors, and both are showpieces of the type of subtropical landscaping that can be achieved on commercial and residential scales.

The day began with a morning plant sale at the ABG, followed by a guided tour of the hardy palm collection, with adequate free time to tour the gardens. The ABG is a world-class treasure house of outdoor and in-door plants, including an extensive collection of hardy palms and other

subtropical and temperate plants that are at home in the middle South. Its 30 acres are easy to tour, and include jungle, desert and orchid displays of the Fuqua Conservatory, which **Garden Design** has named one of the top three in the United States. One of the new features at the ABC was a 600-foot canopy walk that takes visitors through the forest at 40 feet above ground. For a full description of the garden's features, visit the ABG online at [www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org](http://www.atlantabotanicalgarden.org). Entrance fees to Atlanta Botanical Garden were waived.

In the early afternoon, SEPS members proceeded to nearby Buckhead for a BBQ lunch provided by SEPS member Alex Woollcott. Alex has planted a diverse garden featuring hardy palms, hardy citrus, and other remarkable and colorful plants. It's a great example of what can be accomplished in the Piedmont.

The 2010 Fall meeting will be in Savannah, Georgia. See the SEPS website for more.

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

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

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

### News from the Palm Society of South Texas

On July 17, some 45 PSST members and guests gathered in the tropical jungle setting at the home of Thad and Alice Magyar in Santa Rosa. People were amazed at the hosts' property with their huge variety of palms, fruit trees, and other tropical plants. Thad divided the attendees into groups of 8 to 10 people for comprehensive tours of the 2.5-acre property. At the same time, other members wandered along the winding paths, interspersed with cages of macaws.

Following the tours and lunch, the business meeting was held. Ruth Merrill's son has agreed for PSST to move a large palm from Ruth's garden to the Brownsville Botanical Gardens in her honor. Jim Sommerfrucht and Romeo Montalvo are working on this project.

The August 14<sup>th</sup> PSST meeting was held at Quinta Mazatlan in McAllen.

See the PSST website for meeting details.

Additional 2010 PSST meetings include:

- 11 September – Oliver and Christina Achleitner – Brownsville (Fall Auction)

- 16 October 2010 – Darryl Smith – Corpus Christi
- November 2010 – Jack and Linn Keller – Bayview

To join the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST), please see the PSST on-line membership form and other information on [www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org](http://www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org).

[Above PSST information was taken from the on-line meeting summaries 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](mailto:poollovers@comcast.net)>.

### Asociación de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador

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### New IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm

On March 26, 27 and 28, 2010, Ti-Palm attended a weekend event at the Botanical Garden of Cayenne organized by the General Council of Guyana and dedicated exclusively to the palms of Guyana. This weekend was entitled "Diversity and Richness of Palms in Guyana." Exhibitions, lectures and tastings allowed the public to know all about palms and their products. The program of arts and crafts included the exhibition "Palm seeds from Guyana" by Louis Philippe and Fabien Ravaya, exhibits on palms and palm fruits, with palm tours of the Botanical Garden. Games and storytelling performances focused on Guyanese flora were held every evening. The food booths presented palm seeds (parépous, comou, ouasailles, etc.) in various forms.

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](mailto:contact@tipalm.fr)>

### Asociación Venezolana de Palmas

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