

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.

PACSOA will hold their 2011 Annual Show and Sale on the weekend of 12-13 March at the Mt Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium Brisbane, Queensland. This show features Australia's largest selection of common and rare palms and cycads for sale, with both plants and seeds available. There are also several displays of native and exotic palms and cycads and educational displays. This year features a clearance sale of society books and magazines by the PACSOA Bookstore. Memberships are available as well as food and refreshments. Members' setup is on Friday afternoon, 11 March. Entrance fee is Aus\$3 for adults, Aus\$2 for pensioners and free to children. Show coordinator for 2011 is Mark Wuschke < geonoma@bigpond.net.au >.

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 >
- For PACSOA Seed Bank, Rudy Meyer or Cheryl Basic at < pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au >
- For Membership or general inquiries: Greg Cuffe at < 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.

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

The Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society comprises members living all around metro Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and northern New South Wales.

Note that the Brisbane meeting venue has changed. Meetings for 2011 will be held at the Country Women's Association Hall, Ruth Fairfax House, 89 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill, a few blocks north of Brisbane central business district. There is some parking beneath the building, otherwise street parking is available.

Current officers of the Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society are:

- President: Michael Green
- Secretary/Treasurer: Carmen Forster
- Editor: Darryl Hardy

The Brisbane Society met on February 1st, 2011, at the new venue. Special guest was Roy Osborne, Australia's leading cycad expert and co-author of the definitive book *Cycads of Australia*. Roy gave a presentation on Cycads of the Owen Stanley Range in Papua New Guinea. The meeting also featured plant and seed swap and sales table and the usual Aus\$1 plant raffle.

Field Trips are organized for February, April, June, August, October and December. Outings could 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 not confined to Brisbane, but the group travels to locations all over South East Queensland and northern NSW. In addition, once a year members typically organize a major field trip over a long weekend to places further afield in North Queensland or the Northern Territory. These trips have grown in popularity over the past few years.

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 the 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 at <geonoma@bigpond.net.au> or send an email to <cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au> for the Brisbane Group.

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 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/ 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, <bazley@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.

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 February 22nd, 2011, Rob Gray of Garden City Plastics gave a presentation on his company’s products

Future meetings for 2011 include:

- March 22, 2011 – “Pests, Diseases and Geotagging of Palms and Cycads” by Dr. Darryl Hardie

- April 7-11, 2011 – “Garden Week,” Perry Lakes
- April 26, 2011 – “Daintree Tropical Rainforest” by Gary Pike
- May 24, 2011 – PACSOWA Palm and Cycad Auction, auctioneer Russell Dyer. This auction provides a real chance to buy sought after rare palms and cycads.
- June 28, 2011 – “Cycads, Aloes and other succulent plants of South Africa – Part 2” by Bill Dewar and Karel Hartlieb
- July 26, 2011 – Annual General Meeting with Open Forum night. PACSOWA new executive will be selected at this meeting
- August 23, 2011 – “How to Establish a Tropical Paradise with Palms and Cycads” by Russell Dyer
- September 27, 2011 – “Botanical Gardens: Kew Gardens, Elfurt Gardens (East Berlin), Edinburgh Gardens (Scotland)” by John Banasiewicz
- October 23, 2011 – “Palmathon” in Gascoyne Park
- October 25, 2011 – “Surprise” by Eric Crum

PACSOWA normally holds an annual Bus Trip each October, where members have the chance to visit and admire fine gardens, parks and nurseries. Watch the website for additional details and dates for 2011.

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 kilometers (15.5 miles) from the Perth GPO.

Gascoyne 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 the plants in the park are advanced, mature specimens.

PACSOWA has planted over 2,000 palms and cycads of 130 different species; hundreds more are added ever year. The plants most suited to the park come from western Africa, Madagascar, Northern Australia, Southeast Asia and the Pacific islands. Some are 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 on display.

The Society 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, via email at <george@palmandcycadwa.com.au>.

For more information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia, send an e-mail to George Sevastos (President) at george@palmandcycadwa.com.au or Gary Pike (Vice President) at thepikes@powerdsl.com.au or visit the website www.pacsowa.com.au.

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

On Sunday, February 13th, 2011, the New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) held a Society field trip to the garden of Robert and Margret Flanagan. This garden has many palms, cycads, bromeliads and other subtropicals set in park like grounds.

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

PACSONZ news items are typically extracted either from the PACSONZ website or from internet postings on the NZ Society mail server. To subscribe, send an e-mail to <nzpalmycad-subscribe@yahoogroups.com>.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The new PNWP&EPS club executive met on December 9, 2010, to plan activities and events for 2011, as well as find solutions to a major problem for HPI (see below). It was resolved at the outset that more membership involvement is crucial to the long term viability of the Society, with the new executive's role being one of facilitation, not direction. All members subsequently received an email with a link to the minutes of this meeting, as well as a following email soliciting input about potential activities and participation opportunities for the Society.

The *Hardy Palm International* (HPI) editorial team is looking for a technical editor, someone who can use or learn to use Indesign software. Contact John Brimacombe for more information about the technical needs and time commitments of this position.

A general meeting will be held on Monday, March 28th. The speaker will be charismatic club veteran Rudi Pinkowski and the topic will be "Indoor - Outdoor Living Space Design." as related to tender species of interest to the society.

A Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 21st at Phoenix Perennials. There may be significant enhancements to this sale over prior years. Check the PNWP&EPS for details.

Another general meeting will be held on May 30th (not May 23rd as originally advised.) Norm Brown, a professional in the field of landscape lighting, will discuss concepts and applications of effective garden lighting. Tropical and exotic plants are particularly good subjects for this sort of enhancement.

Other meetings and events planned for 2011 include the following, details to be announced.

- A mid-June Garden Tour to Saltspring Island.
- August 2011- Society annual Barbecue - date and location TBA
- General meeting - Monday Sept 26
- General meeting - Monday Nov 28

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/>

Association Chambeyronia

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 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>.

European Palm Society

For 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. 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.

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

South African Palm Society

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

Asociacion 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.

Francisco Marti of ABEPLYC reports that ABEPLYC held its Annual General Assembly on June 26, 2010, at the Botanic-Cullera, whose owner Patricio Hinojosa is an IPS member. After the unavoidable formal aspects of an active association, meeting topics moved towards such pleasant issues as the Rio Biennial. All the ABEPLYC members who had the opportunity to attend the Biennial were very pleased; speaking effusively to others about the good impressions they received on their first Biennial. Special mention was given for the people they met, the places visited and the very nice time all had during their stay in Rio.

“Our Magazine *ESPADICE* No. 17 for July 2010 was monographic about the Biennial in Rio. It is only in Spanish language but if any IPS member is interested, it could be sent free of charge upon request. To get it, please e-mail to <boletinespadice@yahoo.es>.”

One of the ABEPLYC members proposed a trip to Reunion Island with a possible extension to Madagascar for the Spring of 2011. Francisco requests that any IPS members who have visited those two countries to please send their impressions, gardens to visit, places of interest, etc. Please kindly send any information you can to <Francisco.marti@macaosl.es>

Being a Spanish association, an opportunity to throw a Fiesta could not be missed, so Patricio (our Vice-President) hosted the Annual General Assembly in grand style at his garden

where some non-palms are allowed as a background for the main attractions: a good palm and cycads collection. This was visited by nearly all the participants at the meeting. After the garden tour, all enjoyed a wonderful Valencian paella. “All IPS members are kindly invited to eat our national dish when they have a chance to visit us in Spain.” Meanwhile if anyone wants to see that with more details, please visit < www.flickr.com/photos/botanic-cullera/sets/ >.

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

News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

On January 30, 2011, Palmeraie-Union members visited the succulent gardens of Rudolph and Jean-Bernard Castillon in Le Tampon; two gardens of uncommon succulents with botanical wonders from Madagascar, South Africa and elsewhere, with lunch at a local restaurant.

On February 20th, the group returned to Le Tampon for a visit to the garden of Maxime Hoarau. The garden, which overlooks the ocean, contains an impressive collection of palms, cacti and fruit trees. Outstanding scenery, and hospitality with a picnic, was enjoyed by all.

Additional events planned for the first half of 2011 include:

- March 27 – St. Pierre: *Domaine des Mille Cocos*, a garden of more than 1000 coconut trees, with a beautiful collection of other palms, and sixty varieties of exotic plants: *Strelitzia*, *Alpinia*, *Heliconia* and others. Lunch served on location.
- April 23 – Bras Panon: The *Valley of Raffia* and the *Forest of Eden*: In the upper arm of Panon, in part of an old tea plantation, the forest of Eden and its endemic plants has been discovered. The icing on the cake: the walk through the valley of Raffia – for experienced walkers only.
- May 21 – St. Joseph: The Garden of Lauricourt and the *Arboretum du lycée Pierre Poivre*: Members will view the Garden Lauricourt with its new development and rich collection of endemic palms and orchids, and then picnic in the arboretum at the school *Pierre Poivre*,

where students and some teachers will review the proposed rehabilitation of the site. Group strictly limited to 20 people for this excursion.

- June 2-5 – Le Tampon: *The Salon du Palmier 2011*: For the first time the Palm Fair will be held in the palm house of *Parc des Palmiers*. The event will coincide with the public opening of the second phase of construction (subject to completion status.)
- June 18 – St Philippe: From *Tremblet au Puits Arabe*, Lauricourt will again take us to discover the wild south in all its splendor: many endemic trees, vanilla, lava flows, etc., with picnic.
- July 17 – Etang Salé: Visit to garden and nursery of Christine and Bernard. The beautiful palm trees of this 5,000 square meter (54,000 square feet) garden will invite you to taste the sweet peace that reigns. Daniel Abmont will welcome all into the nursery of the Chapel which will be exceptionally open for sale to members on special terms. Lunch *table d'hote*.

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

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) met at the University of Hawaii in Hilo on January 14th to hear Dr. Andrew Henderson, author of *Field Guide to Palms of the Americas*, *The Palms of the Amazon*, and *Field Guide to the Palms of Southern Asia* speak about and illustrate his travels in Sri Lanka, India, Myanmar, China, Thailand, and Vietnam in search of palms. His presentation focused on the more ornamental palm genera such as *Licuala*, *Pinanga*, *Areca*, *Livistona* and *Rhapis* that should do well in Hawaii gardens.

The 2011 Annual BBQ, Rare Palm Auction & Elections were held on February 4th at Wailoa River State Park. Hawaii Island Palm Society Officers elected for 2011 are:

- President: Tim Brian, 333-5626, <begteb@hawaii.rr.com>
- VP, East Hawaii: Bob Ferolano, 982-5837, <gfullington@hawaii.rr.com>
- VP, West Hawaii: Allan Bredeson, 328-9127, <alinkona@hawaiiintel.net>
- Treasurer: Mike Merritt, 966-4825, <merritt4154@gmail.com>

- Secretary: Patty Ferazzi, 964-1046, <pferazzi@gmail.com>
- Membership: Grace Kissell, 963-6707, <gr@hawaii.rr.com>

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

The Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) will meet on March 26th, 2011, at the garden of Gregg and Debby Hamann in El Cajon, high on a hilltop in San Diego County. This is a 21-year-old garden, entering its prime. Gregg Hamann started the garden back in 1990 with a few *Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*, and moved on from there. The Hamann garden now has 401 different species of palms (species, not plants), including many Madagascarene and New Caledonian species.

Unlike many other gardens, the Hamann garden is unique for its use of relatively rare species for its canopy. There are literally scores of outstanding specimen palms in this garden. Gregg's favorites include *Syagrus glaucescens*, *Dyopsis tsaratananensis*, *Dyopsis plumosa*, *Cyphophoenix nucele*, *Dyopsis cerecea* and *Chambeyronea*. Many palms have trunks extending far overhead. This garden is also full of other unique features. The Hamann's driveway is imprinted with leaves of more than 60 species of palms. There is a uniquely "palmy" entrance way and tropical pool area. Finally, the Hamanns have a unique way of labeling their plants.

Please wear comfortable walking shoes, as this garden is on a hillside.

Full schedule of the day's events is:

- PSSC Board meeting, 9:30 a.m.
- General Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- Lunch begins, 1:00 p.m. buffet-style potluck lunch. Bring your favorite salad, side dish, main dish, appetizer, dessert, etc.
- Announcements, 2:00 p.m.
- Plant Auction and Raffle, 2:15 p.m.
- Adjournment, 3:30 p.m.

PSSC meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of alternate months.

For more on the Palm Society of Southern California visit <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 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> 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

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

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30PM at the Mount's Botanical Garden building, West Palm Beach, FL. Each meeting features a notable speaker, a palm & cycad auction, refreshments, socializing and camaraderie. Membership signup is available at the door.

The March 2nd meeting featured Jeff Marcus' Hawaiian Garden Tour Presentation, Part I.

The PBP&CS will hold its Spring 2011 Sale on April 9th and 10th at Mounts Botanical Garden in Boynton Beach. There will be hundreds of species of palms & cycads, fertilizers, books, tee shirts and free advice.

For more on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact President Betty Ahlborn, or e-mail Secretary Ruth Sallenbach <diznee920@aol.com> or Membership Chair Susan Cioci <d.cioci@att.net> 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>.

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>.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (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. 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 or need additional information, please send an e-mail to <seedbank@cfpacs.org>.

CFPACS held their Winter Holiday meeting in Sarasota, with members visiting three different gardens. The day began at the garden of Dr. Byron and Libby Besse. The Besse garden is very mature, with old specimens of palms and cycads – some under the oak canopy and others in full sun. Just a few houses down from the Besse home, members had the opportunity to visit the garden of Bob Heaton. While still a young garden, it already contains an impressive collection of palms and cycads. The final stop of the day was the garden of Rob Branch. Rob's garden has an amazing array of palms and other tropical plants, forming an ideal setting for the remainder of the day's activities. All enjoyed a sumptuous feast prepared by Rob

and Susan Dow, with sides provided by CFPACS members. After the meal, Christian Faulkner and Phil Stager did a great job as auctioneers, allowing members to acquire plants at fantastic prices. A few of the species going home with happy bidders included *Bentinckia nicobarica*, *Brassiophoenix schumannii*, *Coccothrinax cupularis* and *Kentiopsis oliviformis*. The day concluded with a plant sale.

The CFPACS is participating in the following sales events in early 2011:

- March 5, FIT Botanical Fest, Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL
- April 9-10 – University of South Florida (USF) Botanical Garden Spring Sale, Tampa, FL

For more on CFPACS, see the website at www.cfpacs.org or send an e-mail to Dave Witt at <president@cfpacs.org>.

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, <kathryn_o@cox.net>.

Southeastern Palm Society

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) is holding its Winter 2010/2011 meeting on Saturday, March 12th, at the Masee Lane Gardens, Ft. Valley, Georgia, the 100-acre botanical and camellia display garden of the American Camellia Society.

The 2011 SEPS Spring meeting will be held at the garden of Altamond Williams in Collins, Georgia on May 14th.

The Summer 2011 meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, July 9th, at the garden of C. J. Dykes, Cary, North Carolina in conjunction with a *Plant Delights* open house, in Raleigh North Carolina.

The SEPS Fall 2011 meeting will be at the Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, Charleston, South Carolina, date to be advised.

Details on each of the above meetings will be made available on the SEPS website.

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

For more information, visit the SEPS website at www.sepalms.org or e-mail Will Taylor at <tnpalmdude@aol.com>.

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

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

On January 8th, the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) was hosted by Danny & Kathy Payton of Harlingen, Texas, with approximately 50 members in attendance. The very cooperative weather – partly cloudy skies, light breezes, and temperature in the low 80's – allowed for a pleasant totally outdoor meeting. The hosts provided grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for a most enjoyable winter picnic. Members brought the usual array of salads, sides, and desserts. The Paytons live across the street from John and Mary Barkkari, so members were able to tour both yards and admire the many palms and other tropical plantings.

A discussion was held concerning the future of the PSST Bulletin. It was indicated that a member might possibly assume the editorship but only with the condition that members submit articles, stories, and pictures. This idea was unanimously approved. Treasurer John Dillard stayed busy collecting dues for 2011.

On February 19th, PSST met at the home of Kyle Robinson and Juan Munguia in Edinburg. They have an extraordinary xerophytic garden, filled with hundreds of mature cacti, succulents and palms. The garden flows very well with pathways taking visitors from one section of the garden to another. The property is an oversized residential lot which they've managed to sector off into various gardens.

Kyle and Juan had a wonderful catered meal to compliment all of the side dishes and desserts that were brought to the meeting. A

short business meeting followed lunch. After the meeting adjourned, some members stayed around to enjoy the wonderfully warm February afternoon.

Additional planned 2011 PSST meetings include:

- March 19, 2011 – Mahandran Rajasuriar and Alice Garza, Brownsville (Spring auction)
- April 09, 2011 – Romeo and Linda Montalvo, Brownsville
- May 14, 2011 – Bill Baker at the Palmetto State Park, Gonzales
- June 2011 – Jon and Suzie Watson, Corpus Christi
- 9 July 2011 – Val and Suzanne Champion / Ed and Mary Ayers, San Benito
- ? August 2011 – Sabal Sanctuary, Brownsville
- ? September 2011 – Barry and Georgina Putegnat, Brownsville
- ? October 2011 – John “JV” Volk, San Antonio
- ? November 2011 – Lloyd & Elena Molina, Brownsville
- ? December 2011 – Don Dionisi and Louis Forrai, Brownsville

The exact dates for the August through December 2011 meetings will be provided later on the PSST website.

To join the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST), please see the PSST on-line membership form and other information on 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.>

Asociación 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>.

French Antilles IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm

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 on Avepalmas, see the website www.avepalmas.org or send an e-mail to avepalmas@cantv.net.