

2012 IPS Biennial Meeting, Thailand

The 2012 International Palm Society Biennial Meeting will be held at Nong Nooch Gardens, Pattaya, Thailand. The Biennial will begin with the Welcome Dinner at the Grand Four Wings Hotel in Bangkok, with the other Biennial events kicking off on September 12th. The Farewell Dinner will be held on September 18th. The primary Board of Directors meeting will be held on Saturday, September 15th. Biennial registration and itinerary details will be provided on www.palms.org and in a future Supplement to *Palms*.

**Call for Nominations
for IPS Board of Directors
for 2012 – 2016 Term of Office**

It is time for the election of those IPS Directors who will serve for the years 2012 to 2016. **If there is anyone you know who can contribute to the goals of the International Palm Society and who is willing to dedicate the time necessary to serve as a Director, please submit his/her name for nomination.**

May 15, 2012 is the deadline for Administrative Secretary Larry Noblick to receive nominations with all required supporting documentation – so election ballots can be mailed with the June 2012 issue of *Palms*. Completed original ballots must be returned to Larry no later than July 31st, 2012. Election results will be announced on the IPS website in August 2012 and published in the September 2012 Supplement to *Palms*.

Nominating requirements: A candidate must have been a Member of the Society for two years before being nominated as a Director. Any IPS Member may propose a candidate for nomination by writing an e-mail or letter to the Administrative Secretary. A second nomination in writing from another Member is also required. The proposed candidate must submit to the Secretary a written consent of willingness to serve if nominated and elected, which should include a willingness to attend board meetings during his or her tenure. The proposed candidate must also send the Secretary a short palm-related biography, which will be included on the ballot.

When the above conditions have been met, the Secretary will forward the proposed candidate's name to the Nominating Committee for consideration as a nominee on the ballot.

Nominating Committee guidelines:

Directors are elected for a four-year term with terms staggered so that approximately half the Directors will be installed at each Biennial meeting. The Nominating Committee will use the regional distribution of members as a guide for insuring worldwide representation.

Duties and expectations of the IPS

Directors: The Board of 34 Directors has general charge of the affairs and business of the Society including the management of the Society's funds. Directors are expected to take an active role in Board activities by serving on appropriate committees set up for specific tasks and concerns. The Board meets once a year, at the Biennial meeting or at an Interim Meeting.

An ability and willingness to travel to all (or most) of the annual Board Meetings at the Director's own expense is, by necessity, a strong consideration used by the Nominating Committee when selecting candidates. Directors are also expected to be accessible by e-mail.

Directors for the 2012–2016 term will be installed at the Board of Directors Meeting in September 2012 at the Thailand Biennial.

Questions concerning the nominating and election process may be sent to Faith Bishock, Chair of the IPS Nominating Committee; or Larry Noblick, IPS Administrative Secretary. E-mail messages are preferred.

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The Nominating Committee for the 2012 IPS election comprises Faith Bishock, Sue Rowlands, Horace Hobbs, Norman Bezona and Elena Beare.

IPS 2012 Endowment Fund Grants

The International Palm Society (IPS) Endowment Committee and Board of Directors met at the Hotel Botanico in Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands, on October 14th.

The Endowment Committee awarded a total of US\$19,532 in 2012 Endowment Grants, as described below:

Ángela Cano, Graduate Student in MS Biology program, **University of Geneva, Switzerland**, was awarded the Sneed Award, in honor of late IPS member Melvin Sneed. Ángela's project is under the direction of Dr. Fred Stauffer (Curator, Researcher in Neotropical Palmae. Conservatoire et Jardin Botaniques de la Ville de Genève), Dr. Mathieu Perret (Curator, Researcher in Gesneriaceae. Conservatoire et Jardin Botaniques de la Ville de Genève) and Dr. Daniel Jeanmonod (Senior Professor at the University of Geneva) US\$3,000 toward a *Monographic Revision and Phylogenetic Position of the Genus Trithrinax Mart. in the Neotropical Tribe Cryosophileae (Arecaceae: Coryphoideae)*. (The IPS funds will be used to cover most of the costs of molecular analysis [DNA Extraction, PCR, Purification of PCR products, DNA sequencing (3 loci/100 samples)], with the field work (\$6,800) being separately funded by Swiss Academy of Natural Sciences (SCNAT) and Bourse Augustin Lombard].

Belize Botanic Gardens, Belize, submitted by Heather duPlooy and Sinead McCormick in the amount of US\$5,000 for project: *To educate Belizean schoolchildren on the importance and pleasures of botanic diversity and preservation via a holistic field experience that focuses on indigenous Belizean palms, their uses and sustainability with a target group of at least 660 school children*. A secondary objective is: "To improve our existing infrastructure so that we can accommodate more school children and adults for educational purposes in the future, with conservation-related educational displays, hands-on educational activities, conferences and meetings on-site."

Dr. Thomas L.P. Couvreur, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD), Montpellier, France, was granted US\$4,880 to "undertake a one-month field trip to South Cameroon, in the Campo Ma'an National Park and surroundings in order to collect rattan and

other palm species" in support of his study of *Phylogeny and biogeography of the African rattan subtribe Ancistrophyllinae (Calamoidae)*. The data collected will help generate a species level phylogeny of the subtribe *Ancistrophyllinae* in order to clarify the relationships between species and the biogeography of the clade in relation to the evolution of African tropical rain forests.

Dr. Henry Ford, Bath, UK, together with **Dr B.S. Kholia, Botanical Survey of India, Baluwakhani, Gangtok, Sikkim, India** and **Dr. John Beeching, School of Biological Sciences, Bath University** were granted US\$1,442 to *Execute the proposed plan for the conservation of Trachycarpus takil*.

Dr. Andrew Henderson of The New York Botanical Garden and **Christine Bacon, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Biology, Colorado State University** were granted US\$5,110 toward *A Revision of Rhapis, based on Morphological and Molecular Data*.

A number of Endowment Grant Applications were received (with total requested funding of over US\$55,000) but not all could be funded.

Palm Tour of Vietnam (by New York Botanical Garden) to link with IPS 2012 Biennial

We are pleased to offer for the first time a *Palm Tour of Vietnam*. This 12-day tour, to follow immediately after the Thailand biennial, is designed for palm enthusiasts who are interested in experiencing the rich and diverse palm flora as well as the culture of Vietnam. We will explore the northern and central parts of Vietnam, a fascinating part of the country with a great diversity of palms. The region includes a variety of palm habitats and we will look for several interesting species in the genera *Licuala*, *Livistona*, *Pinanga*, *Areca*, *Rhapis*, *Phoenix*, and the new genus *Lanonia*.

We will travel by comfortable coach and stay in clean and comfortable hotels. Our Vietnamese guide for the entire trip will be Mr. Nguyen Quoc Dung, an expert on the National Parks and Nature Reserves of Vietnam and their palms. We will visit several National Parks and Nature Reserves, including Cuc Phuong National Park; Phong Nha Ke Bang National Park (a World Heritage site, featured in a recent article in *National Geographic* magazine); Bach

Ma National Park; and Ba Na Nature Reserve. We will also travel along parts of the Ho Chi Minh Highway to see some of the spectacular scenery of the Truong Son mountains along Vietnam's western border with Laos. We will also have sight-seeing tours of Hanoi and Hue, and spend a couple of nights at the beach resorts of Lang Co and Cua Lo.

The tour will be led by Dr. Andrew Henderson of the New York Botanical Garden. Henderson is author of *Field Guide to the Palms of Southern Asia*. The 12-day trip is planned for September 18th to 30th, 2012. See <http://www.nybg.org/botany/vietnampalmtour/> for additional information or contact Andrew Henderson at ahenderson@nybg.org, or by phone at 718 817 8973, or by mail at The New York Botanical Garden, Bronx, NY 10458.

Fee: estimated US\$2,900 excluding airfare to and from Hanoi, including accommodation, transport, meals, and field trips.

Pre-Biennial Tour
Expected Itinerary for IPS trip to the
South of Thailand for IPS 2012
Trang-Krabi-Phang-nga – Phuket
5-11 September, 2012

The following is a provisional itinerary and subject to change. Detailed schedule to follow in next *Supplement to Palms*.

Wednesday 5 Sept., 2012: All participants for Pre tour must arrive in Bangkok this day.

Thursday 6 Sept., 2012:

06.30 a.m. Leave from Don Muang Airport by Nokair or Orient Thai Airlines (07.40) to Trang

08.25 a.m. Arrive in Trang and transfer to Tungkhai National Park to see 16 species of palms

11.30 a.m. Leave for Ton Tae waterfall to see more than 10 species of Palms around the waterfall area.

12.30 p.m.: Lunch at the waterfall and walk around the area to see more than 10 species of palms.

03.00 p.m. Leave to see *Metroxylon sagu* in Na Khao Sia village and see how to make sagu powder in the traditional way

05.30 p.m. Check in at Rua Rassada Hotel, Trang

07.30 p.m. Dinner at hotel

Friday 7 Sep., 2012

07.00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel /check out

08.00 a.m. Leave for Wang Wiset District, Krabi (2 hrs. drive)

10.00 a.m. Walk up the hill to see *Maxburretia furtadoana*

12.30p.m. Continue to Khao Pa Bang Kram National Park to see more than 10 species of palms incl. *Licuala merguensis* near the Emerald pond. Lunch box served.

05.00 p.m. Check in at Krabi maritime park & spa in Krabi.

07.30 p.m. Dinner

Saturday 8 Sep., 2012

07.00a.m. Breakfast at hotel / check out

08.00 a.m. Leave for Khao Sok National park, Surathani

11.00 a.m. Arrive at Khao Sok, see *Borrasodendron machadonis*, *Licuala triphylla*, *Pinanga fractiflexa* and more.

01.00 p.m. Lunch at local restaurant.

02.00 p.m. Leave for Khao Lak

04.00 p.m. Check in at Kantary Beach Hotel

07.00 p.m. Dinner at Hotel

Sunday 9 Sep, 2012

08.00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel / check out

09.00 a.m. Leave for tour of Phang Nga Bay and James Bond island with lunch at Panyi Island

04.00. p.m. Check in at Kantary bay hotel, Phuket

07.00 p.m. Dinner at hotel

Monday 10 Sep., 2012

07.00 a.m. Breakfast at hotel

08.00 a.m. Leave for Khao Prataew to see two endemic and restricted palms: *Kerriodoxa elegans* and *Pinanga watanaiana*

12.00 noon Lunch at local Restaurant, then return to hotel

Evening at own leisure, dinner on their own

Tuesday 11 Sep., 2012

07.30 a.m. Breakfast. Followed by flight back to Bangkok .

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

Send comments, corrections and other events to:
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Palm and Cycad Society of Australia, Inc.

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

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 general inquires, contact Will Kraa at <wkraa@bigpond.com.au>
- For Membership or Bookstore inquiries: Margaret Kraa <pacsoa@bigpond.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 (BPACS) comprises members living all around metro Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and northern New South Wales.

Meetings are now 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. Meetings last year featured Dr. Paul Forster's presentation on the cycads of the Cape York peninsula; Philip Arrowsmith's slide show of palms in the wild on Mauritius and Reunion; and valuable tips on container and garden cultivation from veteran nurseryman Will Kraa.

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 or a trip to specialist nurseries or Queensland's best private gardens. Members typically organize a major field trip over a long weekend once per year to places further afield.

Members receive the monthly newsletter covering past and upcoming events. Annual BPACS membership is Aus\$15. To join or for other BPACS details, 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 e-mail <cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au> for the Brisbane Group.

The above PACSOA and Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society news was extracted 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.

The November 22nd meeting featured Kristopher Kupsch, a self-confessed plant enthusiast and Group Leader of the Rainforest Study Group of the Association of Societies for Growing Australian Plants. Based in Burringbar on the far North Coast, Kris has over 20 years experience in the horticultural industry. Kris's presentation focused on native rainforest plants that are manageable, attractive and tolerant of southern cooler and drier climates.

The next meeting will be held on January 24th, 2012 at 7:30pm. This will be the Annual General Meeting followed by a short presentation and raffle. The usual plant auction will be held after the presentation. Refreshment is provided and visitors are always welcome.

Helen Curran will have her garden open under the Australia Open Garden Scheme on the weekend of March 24-25, 2012.

Membership is Au\$20.00 per year (Family Au\$25). The 20-page magazine, *Tropica*, is filled with articles and color photographs. *Tropica* is published three times a year, alternating with a *Newsletter* with details of the next meeting.

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@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.

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 November 26-27, the joint Western Australian Fern Society & Western Australia Palm & Cycad Society’s annual show was held at the Cannington Exhibition Hall in Cannington, 9am to 4pm each day. Entry was free and the event was well attended by the general public. People admired the palms and cycads on display and also had the opportunity to buy some rare and exotic plants. This was a good day out for all who attended!

Scheduled monthly meetings for 2012 are:

- Feb 28th – presentation by Brian Klepzip on “Teutrog Fertilisers”
- March 27th – presentation by Barry Shelton on “Melbourne Botanical Gardens”
- April 24th – presentation by Karel Hartlieb featuring “Cycads, Aloes and other succulent plants of South Africa: Part 3”
- May 22nd – Annual May Auction
- June 26th – John Banasiewicz on “Bali’s Tropical / Fern Gardens”
- July 24th – Annual General Meeting and Open Forum Night
- August 28th – Annual Quiz Night and “Surprise – Surprise” by Eric McCrum
- September 25th – Dave Lysle’s talk on “Palm Spotting around Australia”
- October 23rd – Gary Pick speaking on “Recent Queensland Trip”
- November 22nd – Tyrone Cripps talk on “the Palms and Cycads of Sydney Botanical Gardens” as well as comments and feedback on Annual Show
- August 2012 – Annual Quiz Night

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 2012.

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

The PACSONZ visit to the Noel Scotting Garden planned for October 30th, has been postponed until February 2012, but put it on your calendar. Noel was a founding member of the PACSONZ society, so her former garden is one not to miss. More details on the new owner of the gardens can be found at www.ourhomes.co.nz/cms/life_outdoors/2010/12/tropical_dream_in_foster_care.php?page=1

The PACSONZ Rare Plant Auction and Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Sunday November 27th, 12:00 p.m. The always eagerly anticipated Rare Palm and Cycad auction once again was held at the stunning gardens at Landsend. Only society members were allowed to bid, so several subscriptions

were renewed to be up to date for the event. The auction was a great way to unwind at the end of the year with a BBQ, a drink, and a chat. All had the opportunity to wander around the wonderful Landsend gardens, started by Dick and Annemarie Endt, and now carried on by Carolyn and Anthony.

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 <nzpalmandcycad-subscribe@yahoo.com>.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

For the PNWP&EPS general meeting of November 28th, Ian Barclay, a frequent contributor to *Hardy Palm International* and owner of The Desert Northwest nursery, traveled over the border from Sequim, Washington, to share his extensive knowledge of exotic plants. Ian's talk for this event was on "Cold Hardy Proteaceae." This meeting also featured election of officers but results from this election are not available at press time. They will be given in the next *Supplement to Palms*.

Meetings for 2012 are scheduled as follows:

- General meeting - Monday Mar 26
- General meeting - Monday May 28
- General meeting - Monday Sept 24
- General meeting - Monday Nov 26

Further details will be posted on the website.

The NWP&EPS has announced that *Hardy Palm International (HPI)* will be published twice a year starting in 2012, in April and October, rather than quarterly as in the past. These new issues will be larger at 40 pages instead of 32. To reflect this change, the 2012 fee structure has been revised lower so annual Canadian or American membership will be \$28, International membership \$29. Refer to the "Join page" on the Society's website for further details about this revision and the new 3 year fee structure form.

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

Tony King announced earlier this year that the full archive of the issues of EPS journal *Chamaerops* is now available on the website. For the first time, all the issues are in pdf format so members can download and read them at their leisure. It has taken a huge amount of effort by a small number of people, so many thanks to them. *Chamaerops* will continue with new issues online.

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. 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 September 2011 issue of *Le Palmier* featured an excellent many page article on the *Trachycarpus* species, with accompanying photographs, authored Chris Stevens,

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

**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 *Asociacion Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas* or ABEPLYC.

The July 2011 issue of *Espadice* featured an excellent many page article on the various *Brahea* species, authored by ABEPLYC President Tomás Font, with a good suite of accompanying photographs.

For information on ABEPLYC or to subscribe to the Spanish Society Palm Magazine *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/>.

South African Palm Society

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

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

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

Errata: The last Supplement had an error in the URL for the new HIPS website. It should be at www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com. If you have not already done so, be sure to visit it.

On Sunday, October 23rd, about thirty members of HIPS visited two private gardens near Kailua-Kona. These gardens are adjacent, dry land gardens with a shared landscape design which forms a setting for numerous palms and cycads. One of the gardens is owned by Brian Lievens, a well-known landscape designer, who provided guided tours. Five acres belonging to Vern Magnuson feature one of the finest, most extensive private collections of cycads in Hawaii. Brian's garden is below Vern's and contains a wide variety of plant groups that he uses as display materials for his landscape design work. He has found that the best way to introduce new genera, species or varieties to

garden owners is to have mature plants in his attractive garden setting.

Being the first two lot owners in this 14-acre sub-division, Brian and Vern offered to work with the developer to create a botanically unique landscape theme unifying all lots. This project is an attempt to create a community with a common interest in the beauty of plants as opposed to the typical fragmentation of landscapes into compartmentalized boxed yards. The silhouettes of palms are the most important element in this unification. As new neighbors build their homes, Brian and Vern offer palms, trees, and shrubs free of charge that thematically connect each lot to every other, as well as to the common areas.

The complexity of the plantings and terrain was difficult to comprehend in just one visit. Normally our garden tours predominantly feature palms, but Brian's garden used many plant types to complement one another with no one family dominating the others. Palms and rare flowering trees were the primary horticultural elements with an emphasis on drought tolerance. Many large trees were preserved whenever possible. Vern insisted that the cul-de-sac wrap around the massive monkeypod, which provided an excellent focal point for an epiphytic garden.

Aiphanes erosa, *Bactris gasipaes*, *Nephrosperma vanhoutteanum*, and *Pandanus dubius* form an attractive but formidable barrier on the main street. Inside the gates, *Roscheria melanochaetes* is the foreground palm, with a backdrop of *Carpentaria acuminata* and *Dictyosperma album*. Three young *Corypha utan* are just inside on the left and are the primary focal point upon entering. *Normanbya normanbyi* are featured in the lawn strips, with large plantings of *Archontophoenix alexandrae* (accented by *Syagrus coronata* on both sides.) *Ptychosperma caryotoides* and *Areca vestiara* are utilized in large stands under the big monkeypod trees. *Chamaedorea microspadix*, *Chamaedorea glaucifolia*, *Veitchia winin*, *Licuala grandis*, *Caryota obtusa*, *Thrinax parviflora*, *Synechanthus fibrosus*, *Areca triandra* and *Areca catechu* are all planted around the *cul-de-sac*. It was a marvelous experience.

The 2012 Annual HIPS BBQ will be held on February 3rd. It is already that time of year again for the annual BBQ, the Society's biggest event of the year, so put it on your calendar.

Volunteer work at the zoo continues. Over the past two years, HIPS members have planted 42 new palms at the zoo. Visit the zoo and check out both the old (their growth will amaze you) and new palms.

For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Tim Brian <begteb@hawaii.rr.com>, Secretary Patty Ferrazi <pferazzi@gmail.com> or Treasurer Mike Merritt <merritt4154@gmail.com> or visit <http://www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com>.

Palm Society of Southern California

The Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) met on November 19-20 for a tour of the gardens of Don Nelson and Alan Valley, both in Palm Desert, with auction and potluck, plus tours of Palm Canyon. Both Don and Alan are long-time PSSC members and desert residents. The Low Desert of Southern California is a special place, with year-round sunshine, clean air, abundant recreation and soaring mountains for a backdrop. As the coastal cool season brings summer fun to an end in San Diego and Los Angeles, the fun season is just starting in the desert. It is quite surprising what will grow here. The desert almost never gets too cold for many of the tropics despaired over further to the west, as long as they can stand the heat. *Roystonia*, for example, if given enough water, reach perfection here. Coconuts are worth a shot, if reports by the Salton Sea are accurate. And there are many palms that will thrive at their best in the desert: *Hyphaene*, *Borassus*, *Livistona* desert species and many more. Palm Canyon, near Palm Springs, has a natural grove of *Washingtonia filifera* that fill a canyon nestled at the base of the mountains, also the ancestral home of the Morongo band of the Cahuilla native American tribe.

PSSC meetings are generally 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 Echernach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (e-mail to Sunya at evitaazul@yahoo.com or telephone to cell phone 808-280-5051.)

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>.

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/>.

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 7:30 p.m. 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 sign-up is available at the door.

The November 11th meeting featured Paul Craft, who spoke on "The Amazing World of Palms"

The PBP&CS held its 2011 Annual Fall Sale on October 8th and 9th at Mounts Botanical Garden in Boynton Beach. There were many hundreds of species of palms & cycads, as well as fertilizers, books, tee shirts and free knowledgeable advice.

The Members Only Annual Holiday Party and great plant give-away was held December 7th. Members were able to participate in this spectacular event with free palms, cycads, and other wonderful plants for the garden.

For more on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact President Betty Ahlborn, or send an e-mail to Secretary Ruth Sallenbach <diznee920@aol.com> or Membership Chair Tom Whisler <whisler.tom@synthes.com> or see 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.

For information on the South Florida Palm Society, send an e-mail with your snail mail address to Corresp. Secretary Louis Sguros 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. For more information on the seedbank or for 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 e-mail <seedbank@cfpacs.org>.

On December 10th, CFPACS will hold their 2011 Winter / Holiday Meeting with featured visits to two gardens:

- Neil Yorio's in Indian Harbour Beach
- Dave Reid's in Merritt Island

Participants will do lunch on their own between the two gardens. Dave Reid is the CFPACS's current president.

For more on CFPACS including upcoming meeting locations and itineraries, see the website at www.cfpacs.org or send an e-mail to Dave Reid at <president@cfpacs.org>.

North Florida Palm Society

The North Florida Palm Society's May 21st meeting was hosted by NFPS member David Kelley. David has an extensive cycad collection, located at 455 Old Bethel Road in Crawfordville, FL. There was a garden tour, a plant sale, and a cookout.

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 Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) Fall 2011 meeting was held at the Magnolia Plantation and Gardens, Charleston, South Carolina, on October 15th. Founded in 1676 by the Drayton family, Magnolia Plantation has survived the centuries and witnessed the history of our nation unfold from the American Revolution through the Civil War and beyond. It is the oldest public tourist site in the Low Country, and the oldest public gardens in America, opening its doors to visitors in 1870 to view the thousands of beautiful flowers and plants in its famous gardens. The gardens also have a Nature Train and Boat Tour in addition to the beautiful gardens.

The meeting began at 10:00am. Following a brief business meeting there was a tour of the gardens. The Peacock Cafe located in the gardens was open for lunch and offered good fare. Following lunch, members had plenty of

time for trading and selling plants and touring the gardens on their own. Additional information on the gardens can be found at <http://www.magnoliaplantation.com/>.

For more information on SEPS or the quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) *Southeastern Palms*, visit the SEPS website at www.sepalms.org or e-mail Will Taylor at <tnpalmduke@aol.com>.

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

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

On November 12th, approximately 45 Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) members gathered on a perfect fall afternoon in the beautifully landscaped back yard of Lloyd and Elena Molina in Brownsville, who provided a delicious Mexican lunch of fajitas, tortillas, beans, rice, and salads. Other members brought a great selection of desserts. After everyone was well-filled, a short business meeting was conducted by Ed Ladd and John Dillard. John introduced our guest speaker for the day, former PSST member Jorge Lozano who now works at a nursery in El Campo. Jorge received his university degree with emphasis on diseases of palms. He presented a very informative listing of palm diseases, complete with photos. Lloyd and Elena also provided two beautiful palms as door prizes. The drawing produced two winners: Carol Farrald and Greg and Nery Vail. Romeo Montalvo gave a brief update on the Brownsville Botanical Garden; Romeo also brought numerous seedlings and palm seeds to give away to members. The new issue of the fall Bulletin was distributed to those present. Our new editor, Louis Forrai, did a fine job with the Bulletin. After more social interaction, members began to depart for their homes.

The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party at the home of Guille Galonsky in Brownsville on December 17. Members were reminded to be on the lookout for palm-related gifts for the gift exchange.

Planned 2012 PSST meetings include:

- 17 December 2011 – Christmas Party at Guille Galonsky - Brownsville
- January 2012 – Sergio & Dolores Zarate - Brownsville

- 18 February 2012 – Kyle Robinson & Juan Munguia - Edinburg
- 3 March 2012 - Billy & Delana Darling - Harlingen
- April 2012 - Romeo & Linda Montalvo - Brownsville
- 5 May 2012 - Randy & Cathy Smith – Austin
- 16 June 2012 - Chuck & Cay Dee Caldwell - Rosenberg

The details for the July through December 2012 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.

