

IPS Officers elected for 2012 – 2014 Term

At the IPS Board of Directors meeting on September 15th in Thailand, the following IPS officers were elected for the two-year term 2012 – 2014.

- **President:** Leland Lai
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Two Additional IPS Directors Appointed for Remainder of 2010 – 2014 Term

At the IPS Board of Directors meeting on September 15th, incoming President Leland Lai announced that because of the resignations of Larry Davis and Santiago Orts, two open Director positions existed for the remaining two years of the 2010 – 2014 Board of Directors term. Three candidates were nominated to fill these two terms: Francisco “Paco” Marti of Spain, Jill Menzel of Brazil and Cindy Adair of Virginia, USA. Following some discussion, President Lai asked for a volunteer among the three nominees to participate in Board activities as an active Committee member and wait until 2014 to run for a board position. Cindy Adair so volunteered. The IPS Board then approved Paco Marti and Jill Menzel to fill the two open positions that will expire at the Biennial in 2014.

IPS Standing Committees

The following comprise the standing IPS Committees for the two-year term 2012 – 2014.

- **Executive Committee**

Chair: Leland Lai

Members: Jeffrey Brusseau, Jim Cain, Kim Cyr, John Dransfield, Ray Hernandez, Horace Hobbs, Susan Hubbell, Bo-Göran Lundkvist, Mike Merritt, Larry Noblick & Scot Zona

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Chair: Grant Stephenson

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2012 IPS Biennial Meeting, Thailand

The 2012 Biennial Meeting of the International Palm Society was hosted by Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden near Pattaya on September 11-18, 2012.

There were 208 IPS Attendees from 23 countries and 10 US states. Members attended from Australia, Brazil, China (PRC), Colombia, Costa Rica, Germany, Guatemala, India, Mexico, Morocco, The Netherlands, New Caledonia, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom, Uruguay, USA and Venezuela. US members came from Arizona, California, Florida, Hawaii, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia, with Florida with Florida leading attendance at 46. California was next with 35 attendees.

Many thanks to Kampon Tansacha for hosting this marvelous event, with fantastic support from his staff. Anders Lindstrom, Watcharapong "Ron" Chomdee and their staff provided impeccable service to the IPS attendees. Kampon went out of his way to make all feel welcome.

IPS Endowment Fund Applications Due for 2013 Grants

Applications must be received by December 31st, 2012 for consideration of 2013 IPS Endowment Fund grants. The 2013 grants will be awarded at the IPS Board Meeting to be held in October 2013. Grant funds awarded for 2013 will be available to grantees shortly before year-end 2013.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain, prior to December 31st, 2012. Proposals should be sent in MS Word or Adobe PDF documents as e-mail attachments to jim.cain@cain-barnes.com. If the documents exceed 9MB in size, please also copy them to jimmydcain@aol.com with at least a note to 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 grants may 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 grants approximately US\$20,000 of awards in a given year, if suitable applications are received requesting this amount. Typically, individual awards of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are made, although larger grants can sometimes be 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.

IPS 2012 Endowment Grants Awarded

The International Palm Society (IPS) Endowment Committee and Board of Directors met at the Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden in Thailand on September 15th, 2012.

The Endowment Committee awarded a total of US\$15,972 in 2012 Endowment Grants, as described below:

Christine Bacon, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa Ancón, Republic of Panamá, was granted US\$5,232 for her study on *Evolutionary relationships in the Iriarteeae and understanding patterns of Andean uplift from Wettinia*. Christine's grant was awarded the Sneed Award, in honor of late IPS members Melvin and Phyllis Sneed.

Marc L. Jeanson, Ph.D., The New York Botanical Garden, The Bronx, NY, USA, was awarded US\$4,430 for work on *A phylogeny of Desmoncus (Cocoseae, subtribe Bactridinae): collecting in Costa Rica and Panama*.

Noufou Doudjo Ouattara, Master's Degree candidate in Systematics and Biodiversity at the Conservatoire et Jardin botaniques de la ville de Genève / Université de Genève, Switzerland, was awarded US\$2,000 toward his *Floristic and systematic studies of West African poorly known palms (Arecaceae): Case of the genera*

Borassus L., Hyphaene Gaertn. and Phoenix L.: Proposal for fieldwork in Ivory Coast.

María José Sanín Pérez, Ph.D. Student in Science – Biology, Instituto de Ciencias Naturales, Facultad de Ciencias, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Medellín, Colombia, was awarded US\$4,310 for work on *Assessing the Impact of Wax Extraction from Ceroylon quindiuense in Peru: a documentary video of the felling of palms, the extraction of the wax, the elaboration of candles and of their use by the Colonos during the patron saint festivities*.
Master's Degree

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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 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 books.

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below. 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:

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

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA

The Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society (BPACS) comprises members living in metro Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast, the Gold Coast and northern New South Wales. Officers for 2011 – 2012 are:

- President: Michael Green
- Secretary & Treasurer: Carmen Forster
- Editor: Daryl O'Connor
- Patron: Mr. Ross McKinnon AM

Meetings are now held at the Milton State School, Bayswater Street in Milton – about 2 kilometers west of Brisbane's central business district.

The August BPACS meeting featured Steve Villiers who presented a great photo documentary of his recent visit to Colombia, including the local palms and aroids. It was a very interesting and entertaining view of his travels to parts of Colombia in search of new plants. Steve's descriptions of his travels in Colombia provided insight into that part of the world.

At the November 27th BPACS meeting, Daryl O'Connor presented a report on the recent IPS 2012 Biennial conference at the Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden in Thailand. There were numerous photographs of their impressive palm collection as well as the social and cultural aspects of the meeting. The Annual General Meeting of PACSOA was conducted. Plans were finalized for the year-end BPACS Christmas Party BBQ and Garden Tour being held on December 9th at David Tanswell's place in Bardon.

Field Trips are typically organized for February, April, June, August, October and December. Outings include national parks to view palms or cycads in habitat, and trips to nurseries and to Queensland's best private gardens, with a major field trip once per year.

The 28 October 2012 BPACS outing was to Willy de Bok's garden in Dayboro, Queensland. The weather was quite cool and cloudy, a change from the recent Brisbane dry and warm weather. Willy's garden is 18 years old and covers several acres of frost free hillside. The garden has been

lovingly landscaped with terraces, steps, walkways and paths surrounded by lush plantings of many palms and companion plants. At the lowest part of the garden is a spring fed watercourse and dam, whose moisture has helped Willy create a natural rainforest setting, along with lots of desirable plants located further up the slope. It was an inspirational garden for those able to attend!

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 1134, Milton, 4064, Australia, or contact President Michael Green via e-mail at <cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au>.

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 at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall in Five Dock. Visitors are welcome at our informal meetings and light refreshments are served.

The regular meeting on November 27th featured a presentation by President Fred Moody on his recent trip to Thailand to attend the IPS 2012 Biennial hosted by Nong Nooch Tropical Botanical Garden. The usual raffle and plant auction followed the presentation.

The first meeting scheduled for 2013 will be held on January 22nd, with guest speaker Anthony Grassi giving a talk on the many *Plumeria* cultivars.

On February 26th, Fred Moody will give the second half of his presentation on his recent trip to Thailand, then Vietnam.

Membership is Aus\$20.00 per year (Family Aus\$25). The 20-page magazine, *Tropica*, is filled with articles and color photographs. *Tropica* is published 3 times a year, alternating with a *Newsletter* with meeting details.

If you wish a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, visit the website, www.sydneytropical.org/ or e-mail to President Fred Moody <moody_fred@hotmail.com> or to <sydneytropical@yahoo.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.

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 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.

The Annual Palm and Cycad Show took place on November 24 & 25, 2012, at the Cannington Exhibition Hall, Station Street in Cannington. The group PACSOWA met on November 27th to review feedback on the Show.

For more information on PACSOWA, send an e-mail to George Sevastos (President) at <george@pacsowa.com.au > or Norm Patterson (Vice President) <rudi123@optusnet.com.au > or visit the website www.pacsowa.com.au.

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The Sunday, October 7th meeting featured Barry Tomlinson at Landsend, Oratia. Barry is Professor of Biology at Harvard and wrote the book on palm structural biology.

The NZ Annual General Meeting and Rare plant Auction was held at Landsend on Sunday, November 25th. Come and look around these fabulous gardens and perhaps go home with a rare auction bargain!

For more information on the PACSONZ, visit the website at <http://nzpalmcycad.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 <nzpalmcycad-subscribe@yahoogroups.com >.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The Annual General Meeting of PNWP&EPS was held on November 26th, 2012. The meeting commenced with the annual reports from the executive on the activities of 2012, which indicated a very good year for the Society. New initiatives in plant sales and other activities seem to have paid off, with membership growing by about 30% and the Society's funding comfortably in the black. Because there were many new and revised activities, it was difficult to assess which of these contributed to this growth. To that end the outgoing executive recommended that a membership survey be conducted to better direct the new executive in the coming year. This online survey will be sent to members early in the new year.

An election was held for the 2013 executive. The positions of President, Treasurer, and Secretary were filled by acclamation, and appointed directors announced. The new 2013 executives are:

- President: John Brimacombe
- VP (Vancouver Island): Jeff St. Gelais
- VP (Oregon): vacant
- VP (Washington): vacant
- Secretary: Edith Camm
- Treasurer / Subscriptions: Frank Hunaus
- Webmasters: John Brimacombe & Charlie Warburton\
- Membership Director: Charlie Warburton
- Speakers Director: Ron Perozny

After a brief break, members were treated to an abbreviated version of the video "Saving Juby", the moving of a 28-ton *Jubaea chilensis* to Golden Gate Palms & Exotics by owner Gary Bragg. All members were caught up in the quirky presentation and engineering challenges of moving a palm the size of a moon rocket.

Jay Rowland's audio-visual presentation of the photo contest entrants and winners rounded out a diverse evening. Contest winners, by category:

- Specimen plant: Jeff St Gelais
- Plant Grouping: Rudi Pinkowski,
- Landscape: Rudi Pinkowski, and
- Miscellaneous: Charlie Warburton.

Winners in each category will receive a 2013 PNWPEPS wall calendar.

The raffle at the conclusion of this meeting exceeded expectations, with generous specimen donations from a variety of members; particularly from Fritz Friesen.

Meetings scheduled for 2013 are:

- March 25, 2013: General Meeting
- May 27, 2013: General Meeting
- September 23, 2013: General Meeting
- November 25, 2013: General Meeting

Starting in 2012, *Hardy Palm International (HPI)* is being published twice a year, in April and October, rather than quarterly as in past years. These new issues will be larger at 40 pages instead of 32. To reflect this change, the fee structure has been revised to an annual Canadian membership of Can\$28, USA membership of US\$28 and membership outside of North America to be US\$29.

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 <jpccan@canl.nc> or President Jean Pierson <pierson@socatrans.nc> for more information on the New Caledonia Palm Association.

Asociación Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas (ABEPEC) [Spanish Palm Society]

Some 13 ABEPEC members from Spain (or perhaps more) are attending the 2012 IPS Biennial in Thailand this month. Secretary Francisco “Paco” Martí, was instrumental in getting the group together for the Thailand trip.

For information on ABEPEC or to subscribe to the Spanish Society Palm Magazine *Espadice*, e-mail to Secretary Francisco Martí <pacomarti.maseta@yahoo.es>, the President Tomás Font <tomas.font70@gmail.com> or visit their websites <http://abepyc.com/> or <http://abepyc.blogspot.com/>.

European Palm Society

Tony King has announced that all archived issues of EPS journal *Chamaerops* are available on the website. All issues are in pdf format so members can download and enjoy them at their leisure. *Chamaerops* will continue with new issues on-line.

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

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

The 2012 Fous de Palmiers general assembly was held in and around Paris during the long weekend of May 17-20. The main meeting was held at Courson, a château where an exhibition of rare and original plants is organized twice a year in a Paris suburb. The results of the election of board members were announced along with the officers of the association for the next 2 years. The new officers are as follows:

- President: Pierre-Olivier Albano
- VP: Sophie Barbaux, in charge of media relations
- VP: Sébastien Rassart, in charge of web site coordination
- Treasurer: Gérald Martinez
- Assistant Treasurer: Ghislain Nicaise
- Secretary: Ruddy Benezet in charge of opinion poll activity
- Assistant secretary: Benjamin Rassart, regional activities

The meeting was followed by dinner that was held in an amazing old farm dating from the XIII and XIV centuries, where passionate discussions between members took place.

Organized by Sophie with the help of Sébastien and other members from Northern France, the Paris general assembly get-together lasted for four days. Thrilling visits of ‘Fous’ gardens were organized, demonstrating the possibility of growing a palm jungle at these northerly latitudes, concentrating on species of *Trachycarpus*, *Sabal*, *Butia*, *Phoenix* and *Washingtonia*. One example was the Durupt garden, where a *Washingtonia filifera* almost 3 meters (10 feet) tall flourishes along with a *Butia odorata* over 4 meters (13 feet) high and a healthy and impressive *Sabal bermudana*, all grown amongst lots of *Trachycarpus*.

This Paris general assembly was an opportunity to visit popular palm places throughout Paris, including the greenhouses of the Museum of Natural History as well as Auteuil Park, where the famous French tennis open tournament takes place. One of the most notable palms seen was a *Sabal bermudana*, growing in the museum greenhouse, the only exotic survivor after World War II, when the temperature in the greenhouse fell to -9°C (-16°F) following the failure of the heating system. This *Sabal* was identified by Scott Zona.

Sophie proposed a palm tour of Paris, highlighting those places where palms can be seen growing outdoors in the ground or in large containers, moved indoors during colder months.

The Fous members attended two conferences, one on palms and the other devoted to cycads. The cycad conference featured “how to grow Cycads other than just the hardy *Cycas revoluta* outside the Riviera,” given by former Fous president, Pierre Bianchi. After an overview of Cycad species, Pierre described the interactions between species, climate and soil, describing how it is possible to install some new species beyond the Riviera with some success.

A lecture was given on “Palms can grow in cold climates: key success factors” by former vice president, Robert Leroy, landscaper and plant breeder. He shared very useful information for the Fous, following the last three harsh and discouraging winters, even in the south of France. A few species can be used for most of our French climates; the best candidates are *Trachycarpus fortunei* and *T. wagnerianus*, *Rhapidophyllum hystrix* and *Sabal minor*. Many other successes were reported on acclimatizing *Chamaerops humilis*, other *Sabal* species and the famous *Jubaea chilensis*. Per Robert, palms should be grown in essentially natural conditions; winter protection is helpful but requires much hard work in order to be installed every winter. Sometimes older palms are hardier and winter protection can be forgotten. Robert ended his talk saying “palms should be respected to be able to appreciate their natural beauty!”

For more information concerning Fous de Palmiers, please contact President Pierre-Olivier Albano <poalbano@yahoo.fr>, Secretary Ruddy Benezet <ruddy.benezet@gmail.com>, or the Fous’ IPS correspondent Thierry Benezech <thierry.benezech@wanadoo.fr> or visit the Fous website <http://www.fousdepalmiers.fr>.

Apologies from Supplement Editor Jim Cain. The above write-up from Thierry Benezech should have appeared in the September Supplement but was inadvertently omitted.

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 (HIPS)

On November 18th, Cindy and Jerry Andersen hosted the Hawaii Island Palm Society to a tour of their Leilani garden. Jerry and Cindy have owned this garden since November 2001. The garden sits on four acres and has a large collection of palms and other plants from around the world. Some of their favorite palms are from Madagascar, so members saw many species from this region that are beginning to mature. Two acres and a small home originally purchased were previously owned by the late Ken Foster, who was a well-known palm collector and former IPS President. Ken planted some of the palms along the original driveway several years before the Andersens bought the property. They continued to plant and expand the garden to its current extent. The “Cottage House,” is now a vacation rental where many palm and plant enthusiasts come to stay and visit the garden.

A few of the exceptional palms on the property are the double coconut (*Lodoicea maldivica*), extensive *Dyopsis* and *Ravenea* collections, *Johannesteijsmannia altifrons* and *J. magnifica*, both of which were flowering. Other plants to mention are the cycads, such as *Encephalartos laurentianus* and many *Zamia* species. There are also many aroids in the garden and something for everyone to enjoy. Cindy and Jerry have made efforts to maintain a natural setting so the garden will flow from understory planting to the native Ohia tree canopy with walking trails throughout the garden.

Jerry and Cindy are originally from southern California and began growing palms over 20 years ago at their J. D. Andersen Nursery in Fallbrook, California. Their son now maintains that site, allowing them to have a smaller certified nursery in Leilani Estates. There were many plants for sale during the visit.

HIPS has two planting areas at the Panaewa Zoo where member help is needed. One area previously cleared of “trash trees” and planted with palms by HIPS is starting to revert to its earlier “jungle” state. Seedling trees are rapidly growing and weed growth is heavy! The second area needing work is at the entrance to the zoo

parking lot where HIPS has a great start on the cycad garden. Cycads are planted on large mounds of cinder to provide excellent drainage. Work is needed on containment of the cinder mounds so cinder will not drift onto the pathways. Hopefully both area tasks will be completed on the two work days, Saturday, December 8th and Thursday, January 10th, starting at 9:30am both days.

The HIPS Annual BBQ and Auctions will be held on February 8th, 2013. For more information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society or the 2013 BBQ, 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

PSSC meetings are generally held on the 3rd Saturday of alternate months. The Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) met on November 12th. 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 of the IPS

Annual dues the Gulf Coast Chapter (GCC) of the IPS are US\$15 for individuals or US\$20 for households, with new members joining after May given a 50% discount. For more information on the Gulf Coast Chapter, contact any of the following:

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The Gulf Coast Chapter met on May 6, 2012, at the home of Dr. Tom & Eileen Mignerey in Pensacola, FL. Members toured the beautifully landscaped Mignerey garden and palm nursery before consuming his famous Florida lobster appetizers and the usual potluck lunch. After President Joe Taverniti welcomed members and guests to the meeting, Dr. Mignerey welcomed special guest Dr. W. Hodge, second president and founding member of the International Palm Society. Dr. Hodge graciously autographed and dated several of his original articles from *Principes* (as the IPS Journal was named at that time) which had previously been donated to our Chapter by Walter and his family. Mignerey also noted that Dr. Hodges would mark his 100th birthday on October 14, 2012. Amy Martin opened the business portion of the meeting by reading minutes of the prior meeting, which was the first held in Baldwin County, Alabama. Amy also informed the membership that she was in the beginning stages of starting a Facebook page for the chapter. Larry Morris reported palm plantings in the Pensacola area were picking up.

Joe Taverniti gave a presentation on palm propagation methods and record keeping. His method of plant tagging uses inexpensive and easily found items and uses coding for the tags which can easily be referenced in a descriptive plant journal. The system uses a Plant Data Record (PDR) sheet for each species or even individual plants. A number is assigned to the

PDR and a corresponding numbered metal tag is attached to the plant itself.

Dr. Mignerey spoke on interspecies variations including the fact that five percent of *Howea forsteriana* show red petioles, *Butia capitata* have color and shape variations, and no two *Chamaerops humilis* look the same. A lively plant auction then ensued.

The October 28th meeting was held at the Mobile Botanical Gardens, kicking off at noon with a potluck lunch. Several unusual palm and cycad specimens were available for the palm auction.

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.

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.

The South Florida Palm Society will host the 2014 IPS Biennial. More information will be forthcoming on this event in future *Supplements*.

For more on the South Florida Palm Society, send an e-mail to President Ken Johnson <kenjohnsonpalms@earthlink.net> or to Corresponding Secretary Louis Sgueros at <nickelsonk@bellsouth.net> with your snail mail address.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

For more on the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (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>.

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

Membership is \$15 per calendar year and includes a subscription to the *ET CETERAS* quarterly newsletter. This color newsletter contains articles of interest to local palm and cycad enthusiasts. 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 on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact: President Rod Gates <rodpgates@cs.com>, V.P. Jayanne Crawley, <southlands_tropicals@yahoo.com> or Kathryn Morgan, <katgmorgan@yahoo.com>.

Florida First Coast Chapter

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

Southeastern Palm Society

The Fall 2012 Show and Sale was held on Saturday, October 6th, at 10:00 am at Longleaf Botanical Garden at Lagarde Park, Anniston, Alabama.

For details on any of the above meeting, or to obtain 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 <tnpalmdude@aol.com>.

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

On October 20th, Debbie Bick & Frank Raffaelli hosted the PSST at their garden in the hill country to the west of downtown Austin. Their garden reflects this terrain very well and from their back deck, one can see for miles and miles – a stunning view. Their large back yard is some 30 feet below the deck and has some interesting plantings. As members gathered from as far away as the Rio Grande Valley, they socialized, viewed the garden and enjoyed the hosts' hospitality. After lunch and a brief society

meeting, members socialized and took in the wonderful weather and views off the back deck.

On November 10th, Paul and Linda Hemphill hosted the PSST at their garden in Olmito, Texas. See the PSST website for further details as they are posted.

The 2012 Christmas Party will be held at the Kennedy Ranch Museum in Sarita.

Further details on the 2013 meetings will be provided 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.]

Asociación de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador

For more on Asociación de Palmeras y Cicas de El Salvador contact their President, Rodrigo Avila <rodrigo@bismarckia.com>.

French Antilles IPS Affiliate Ti-Palm

Ti-Palm regularly organizes garden visits and jungle hikes looking for endemic palms of the lesser Antilles and French Guyana.

On Saturday, April 14th, 2012, twenty eight members were present for a full day program organized in collaboration with SEPANGUY (an organization protecting natural habitat) in French Guiana. The day started with Mrs. Louison's incredible garden featuring a huge collection of palms, Araceae, Zingiberales, orchids, et al. After a riverside brunch the group followed the forest trail BAGNE DES ANNAMITES to observe 18 native palm species in their natural habitat. Among other palms seen was *Bactris nancibaensis*, a rare and protected species. The late afternoon was spent in Mr. and Mrs. Bowen's wonderful garden that includes several local palms like *Geonoma oldemanii* and *G. maxima* and *Manicaria saccifera*, amidst one of the most beautiful collections in French Guyana.

In the spring of 2012, The Ti-Palm President Pierre-Olivier Albano released his latest book, "*Palm Guide of the French West Indies (A la découverte des Palmiers des Antilles - Editions PLB)*".

Early in May 2012, several Ti-Palm members joined Larry Noblick who came to study endemic palms in French Guiana. Together they visited Andre Billot, who owns one of the most important local palm collections, and they explored SAVANE-ROCHE VIRGINIE, a granite formation emerging above the forest and home to a very specific endemic flora.

During October 2012 the Association organized a "Palm Journey" in French Guiana in collaboration with **Fous de Palmiers** and **Palmeraie-Union**.

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>.

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Apologies from Supplement Editor Jim Cain. The above write-up from Thierry Benezech should have appeared in the September Supplement but was inadvertently omitted.

Asociación Venezolana de Palmas

Eight (8) members of AVEPALMAS traveled to Thailand for the 2012 IPS Biennial in September.

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

