

**FROM THE INTERNATIONAL
PALM SOCIETY**

**VOTE: Ballot is enclosed for
IPS Directors for 2000-2004 Term**

The centerfold of this supplement (blue section) contains your ballot for election of IPS board members for the directors' term 2000 to 2004. **Only original ballots will be counted. Photocopies are not acceptable.**

Information on each candidate is also provided. As indicated on the ballot, please vote for the indicated number of candidates in each geographic area, regardless of where you live. Mail your completed ballot to Libby Besse as indicated on the removable ballot form. **Deadline for receipt of completed ballots is May 31, 2000. No ballots received after this date will be counted.**

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**New Caledonia Biennial and
Post-Biennial Tour to
Far North Queensland**

For those groups interested, a travel video on New Caledonia is available for circulation to the various chapters. Please contact Jim Cain by email at <palm_dude@pobox.com> if your group is interested in obtaining loan of this video (the one shown to the Board in Thailand). It is available for standard US televisions or in PAL format. Multiple copies of the US version are available, but only one PAL copy is currently available for circulation.

Biennial and Post-Biennial itinerary details and registration information (with required forms) are included as a separate supplement with this issue of *Palms*. See www.palms.org/activity/newcaledonia.htm on the Internet for more.

Year 2002 and 2004 Biennials

The Biennial 2002 will be in France with Post-Biennial Tour visits to Spain and Italy. Contact Steve Swinscoe, President, *Fous de Palmiers* (the French Palm Society) by email at manatte@libertysurf.fr for early information on the 2002 Biennial,

The Biennial 2004 will be in Hawaii with a Post-Biennial Tour to Fiji. Contact Hawaii Island Chapter President Bo-Göran Lundkvist (email: <flyg@ilhawaii.net>) for early information on the 2004 Biennial plans.

More information will be provided on each of these events in future supplements to *Palms* as the information becomes available.

**NEWS FROM
AFFILIATES, CHAPTERS
AND MEMBERS**

**Palm and Cycad Societies of
Australia (PACSOA)**

The July-December 1999 issue of *Palms & Cycads* featured a major article on "A. N. Rodd's revision of *Livistona* in Australia" by John Price. This article was a summarization of the full article, published by Rodd in *Telopea*, Journal of the National Herbarium of New South Wales in 1998 (8: 49-153). The article includes a detailed identification key and numerous color photographs of the various Australian *Livistona*.

The Year 2000 PACSOA and SQG sale was held on February 26-27, 2000, at the Mt Coot-Tha Botanical Garden auditorium in Brisbane. As always, there was a huge volume of plants for sale, as well as books and seeds. Setup took place on Friday, February 25th, with the show open to the public from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday. Rudy Meyer served as coordinator this year.

The PACSOA 2000 Annual General Meeting will be held on May 29th. The PACSOA seed bank is temporarily closed due to availability and quality of seed.

For information on *Palms and Cycads Magazine* or Bookstore matters send an

email to <pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au>. For PACSOA Seed Bank information, send an email to Rudy Meyer or Cheryl Basic at <pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au>. For more about membership or general inquiries contact Greg Cuffe by email at <pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au>. Also check out the PACSOA website at www.pacsoa.org.au. Additional information is given in news from some individual branches below.

Southern Queensland Group, PACSOA

The Southern Queensland Group (SQG) of PACSOA held their 1999 Christmas Party at the home of Peter and Nadia Beer in Forestdale. The temperature was cool for November but not uncomfortable. It was a bit cool for a dip in the Beer's beautiful swimming pool, surrounded by an oasis of palms. Outstanding examples were the 'Teddy Bear' palms, *Dypsis leptocheilos* and *D. lastelliana*. However, the dominant palm in the pool area was a magnificent *Caryota rumphiana*. Other standout palms in the garden were *Normanbya normanbya* ('Black Palm') near a small avenue of *Wodyetia bifurcata* ('Foxtail Palms'), which they definitely out-shined in a one-to-one comparison. There were numerous surprises in this 12-year old garden, with large clumps of *Areca vestiaria* and *A. triandra* for tropical effect. The hosts provided a guided tour, which was followed by traditional BBQ lunch and desserts.

The SQG met on January 17th. During the business meeting, Brett Northey was elected President, Chris Gray Secretary and Daryl O'Connor as Librarian. Michael Gray will continue as Treasurer.

The SQG March 20th meeting featured a slide presentation by Rolf Kyburz on his recent trip to Panama. The SQG purchased some additional rare palms and cycads to add to the raffle donation table. If successful, this venture will be expanded. Members were also encouraged to bring along seeds that they could make available to other members, and particularly to new members. This is not to generate revenue but strictly to provide a service to the members.

The Year 2000 PACSOA and SQG sale at the Mt Coot-Tha Botanical Garden served as the SQG February outing. The next

outing will be April 29th (shifted from 3rd Sunday to 4th to avoid conflict with Easter).

The upcoming May 22nd meeting will feature Rudy Meyer talking about his trip to Borneo. Peter Heibloem is scheduled as the July meeting speaker. Peter will talk about private cycad gardens in South Africa he has had the opportunity to visit and photograph.

The SQG meets every third Monday night at 7:30 p.m., every 2nd month starting in January. Meetings are held at the Merthyr St. Uniting Church conference room. In addition, outings are held every 3rd Sunday on alternate months to the regular meetings. Visitors from other PACSOA groups or from overseas are encouraged to attend SQG events, if able.

For information on the Southern Queensland branch of PACSOA, write the Secretary, PACSOA - S.Q.G., P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, Queensland 4060, Australia, or email to either Brett Northey <Brett.Northey1@defence.gov.au>, Chris Gray <chgray@ecn.net.au> or Michael Gray <mikeg@dstc.edu.au>.

Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

The Sunshine Coast Group of PACSOA met on February 8th for their Annual General Meeting (AGM). Lee Bohm spoke on the use of fertilizers. The door prize was *Crysophila warscewiczii*, a tender plant not suitable for areas in strong winds. The first raffle prize was *Calyptrogyne ghiesbreghtiana*, a low-growing understory palm from Central America. Seeds of *Rhopalostylis baueri* var. *cheesemanii* were also made available.

The group held an open day visit to Ben Hutson's garden in Upper Coboolture on February 13th, with members from nearby PACSOA groups also invited to attend since Coboolture lies between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast.

Two Sunshine Coast members' gardens participated in Australia's Open Garden Scheme on February 5-6. The Kvaukas, of Nambour, opened their 2-acre *Palm Fascinations* gardens that feature over 100 different species of palms, cycads and cordylines, as well as caladiums, heliconias, calatheas and the giant white bat plant. Peter and Clare Heibloem opened their Eudlo Cycad Gardens featuring 6 acres of landscaped gardens with over 120 species of palms, over 2000 cycads and numerous aloes, agave and cacti.

For more on the Sunshine Coast Branch, email to John and Jeanne Price <pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au> or write the Secretary, Palm & Cycad Society - Sunshine Coast Group, P. O. Box 1007, Nambour, QLD 4560, Australia

News from the Sydney Branch (PACSOA) IPS Chapter

For more information about the Sydney Branch, contact Ian Edwards (at <ianse@ozemail.com.au>).

North Queensland Palm Society, PACSOA Branch News

For information on the North Queensland Palm Society, write the Secretary, North Queensland Palm Society, P. O. Box 1731, Aitkenvale, Queensland 4814, Australia.

South Australian Branch, PACSOA

For more information, write the Secretary, Palm and Cycad Society of South Australia, P. O. Box 390, Prospect, S. A., 5082, Australia

News from Western Australia

The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) held their 1999 Christmas party at the Forrestfield home of long-time member Bruce Burges and family with about sixty attendees. Bruce gave a guided tour of his very interesting garden, with many magnificent palms, including a very unusual 'Triangle Palm' – quite different in appearance from the normal *Dypsis decaryi*. Thanks to all those members who contributed in making the party a great success. Bruce's children were a great help in making things run smoothly.

PACSOWA met in November with the main talk on *Rhapis* palms. This was in two parts. The first, by Ken Lee, spoke on advantages of growing these palms in water-well pots. Ken then gave a demonstration of dividing up a *Rhapis excelsa* var. 'Kobanishiki'. The second part of the talk was by Norm Patterson, who described many varieties of *Rhapis excelsa*, both variegated and green varieties.

The society met again on January 25th in South Perth. This meeting topic was "show and tell", with each member bringing along favorite palms and talking about them: where they got them, how well they grow,

why they particularly liked them, etc. This meeting produced some nice palms. Leon Cobban brought in some spectacular *Pinangas*, for example, *P. maculata*, *P. caesia*, *P. crassipes* and *P. kuhlii* (perhaps properly *P. coronata*). These were very striking palms, many with mottled leaves often turning to reddish. This proved that *Pinanga* palms could be induced to grow in Western Australia. There was also a nice *Reinhardtia gracilis* and a rarely seen *Dypsis interrupta*, a very delicate small palm with grouped leaflets. Other palms brought in included several *Coccothrinax* (*C. dyssiana*, *C. barbadensis* and *C. fragrans*), a nice *Chamaedorea stolonifera*, *Hyophorbe vaughanii*, *Sabal minor*, *Syagrus schizophylla*, and a rare *Arenga mindorensis* grown from seed. January raffle palms, provided by Ken Lee, included *Bismarckia nobilis*, *Beccariophoenix madagascariensis*, *Pritchardia hillebrandii* var. 'Dwarf Blue' and a *Ravenea xerophylla*.

The February 22nd meeting featured a South Pacific theme, with members encouraged to wear appropriate attire. Daryl Hardie, resident entomologist, recently back from a fact-finding tour of Hawaii, presented slides of his adventure, including his attempts to find wild palms – not as easy as you might think. George Sevastos gave a short talk about the particularly beautiful south pacific palm *Clinostigma harlandii*.

The group's planned bus tour to various gardens and nurseries in the northern suburbs for March had to be cancelled, with plans now to hold this in May. A visit is planned to the society's greatest achievement, Gascoyne Park, in Woodvale, on April 30th. The annual palm and cycad auction is still on schedule for May.

A working "busy bee" was held at Gascoyne Park on November 28th, 1999, with six members pruning, fertilizing and planting. Three *Dypsis decaryi* and 2 *Phoenix canariensis* were planted out. A work day on January 30th with the same six workers accomplished mulching and spraying. In addition, the group prepared for the planting of 4 *Beccariophoenix madagascariensis* and 15 *Ravenea xerophylla*. Another work day was scheduled for February 27th.

On a historical note, PACSOWA is now almost 15 years old, being formed in mid-1985. Many of the founding members are still very active in the society. Co-founder

Ken Adcock served as President from 1985-1989 and for three more recent terms as well. Others to serve PASCOWA as President include Alan Lane, John Banasiewicz, Neil Jones, Barry Shelton and Cliff Britto. Ken Adcock, followed by John Banasiewicz and (more recently) Ken Lee have made the society's project at Gascoyne Park such a visible success.

For more information on PACSOWA, contact President Cliff Britto at <kender@nw.com.au> or email to Darryl Hardie at <dhardie@agric.wa.gov.au>.

Far North Queensland

The Far North Queensland Palm & Cycad Association (FNQP&CA) met on February 23rd at Flecker Botanic Gardens Restaurant for their Annual General Meeting. The evening concluded with a special film "Some Palms of Madagascar". This was presented by Bill Beattie and Ivan Nozaic, filmed during their recent visit to Madagascar and featured new species *Dypsis mananjarensis*, *D. ambositrae*, *D. trapezoidea* and many others.

The FNQP&CA will host the Year 2000 Biennial Post-Tour of the International Palm Society. See details and registration information in the Biennial Supplement enclosed with this issue of *Palms*.

For more information on the FNQPACA, send Julie Rodgers an email at <ccp@internetnorth.com.au>.

Pacific Northwest Chapter News

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society new officers are Rudi Pinkowski (President), Frank Hunaus (Subscriptions), Michael Ferguson (Editor and Production), Jim Reynolds (Editor, *Hardy Palm International*), and regional Vice Presidents: Jeff St. Gelais (Vancouver Island), Eric Visser (Washington), and Brenton Gauthier (Oregon).

The Northwest Flower and Garden Show was held on February 2-6 at the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle. A Plant Sale is also planned for VanDusen Gardens on May 7th.

Cary Pinkowshi will host a BBQ in West Vancouver on July 23rd. General meetings planned for 2000 include March 27th, September 25th and November 27th. A summer garden tour is also planned.

For more information on the Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society,

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Chapter webpage <http://home.sprynet.com/sprynet/akerleys/>.

News from New Caledonia

The *Association Chambeyronia* will host the main International Palm Society Biennial 2000 in New Caledonia in October. See details are elsewhere in this issue.

For more on *Association Chambeyronia* or the upcoming biennial events, contact *Chambeyronia* President Philippe Cherrier <philpalm@offratel.nc> or Gilles Pierson <g.pierson@bci.nc>.

Fous de Palmiers

The French Palm Society News

Our website, created by Jean-Claude Van Caeyzele, now includes an index of titles of articles that have appeared in our magazine, *Le Palmier*, since the association was founded in 1989. Please note our new, simplified address and give our site a visit:

<http://www.chez.com/palmiers>

We'll have more for you in future issues on the Biennial for the year 2002 that we are planning here in Europe, based in France with a Post-Biennial Tour to Spain and Italy.

Steve Swinscoe
President, Fous de Palmiers

For more about *Fous de Palmiers*, visit their website or send an email to Steve at manatte@libertysurf.fr.

European Palm Society

Contact Martin Gibbons at <martin@palmcentre.co.uk> or visit the EPS website at <http://www.palmcentre.co.uk> for more information about the EPS.

News from New Zealand

The Palm and Cycad Society of New Zealand (P&CSNZ) met on December 7th for John Pettit's presentation on some secret methods of commercial palm cultivation.

The February 1st meeting featured Mike Moffat's talk and slide show on his recent trip to Bali. A March trip around Northland to various palm nurseries was also planned.

The Palm and Cycad Society of New Zealand (P&CSNZ) meets on the first Tuesday of each month from February to November at the Auckland College of

Education, 74 Epsom Avenue, Epsom, at 7:30 p.m. in Lecture Theatre F1. For more information about P&CSNZ, email Frank Seth <f.seth@auckland.ac.nz> or John Prince <Nestlebrae.Exotics@xtra.co.nz>

South Africa Palm Society

SAPS now has a new website. The address is <http://www.sapalm.co.za>. Peter Wunderlin, SAPS President, writes "We just started this new website and a lot more will go in there over the next few months."

The Year 2000 SAPS Congress and AGM are scheduled for Hectorspruit on April 29- May 1, 2000.

For information about the SAPS, visit their website or contact the new Secretary, Louise van Rensen, telephone +27 12 3762733 business and +27 12 3762413 home, or email at sapalm@lantic.net.

Dick Phillips (1923-1999)

The International Palm Society lost an avid member and supporter when former IPS board member Dick Phillips died on September 19, 1999. Dick was 76.

Dick moved to Fiji from Australia in 1951, working initially for the Bank of New Zealand. After five years, he joined the Colonial Government Service, where he worked until his retirement in 1971.

When Dick retired, his life-long love of palms became a full-time occupation. With Mary Ragg, he started the Nasene Nursery, initially serving businesses and hotels with potted palms and shrubs. Dick quickly became an authority on the palms of Fiji and established the largest collection of palms in Fiji. Dick was also the author of many papers on the palms of the South Pacific.

He traveled extensively overseas in his quest to increase his knowledge of palms. Dick attended quite several IPS Biennials and served on the board of the International Palm Society from 1986-1990.

Dick also worked for some time with David Zundel to establish a palm collection at the Garden of the Sleeping Giant in Nadi. The palms will complement the collection of orchids and other plants David has there. They will very much be Dick's legacy and a permanent reminder of his work. We have been informed that the garden will be named the R. H. Phillips Memorial Collection. In his legacy is also a palm named after him: *Heterospatha phillipsii*.

Bo-Göran Lundkvist corresponded with Dick from June 1999, when it was proposed that the Year 2004 Biennial be held in Hawaii with a Post-Biennial Tour to Fiji. Dick was very enthusiastic and helpful with planning ideas for the future meeting.

Those many members who knew Dick will miss his enthusiasm and knowledge.

[Appreciation to Robert and Lisa Stone of Fiji and to Bo-Göran Lundkvist of Hawaii for providing the above facts on Dick.]

The Palm Society of Maui

For further information on the new *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 893, Pai, Maui, HI 96779 (telephone 808-280-0788)

Island of Hawaii Chapter

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) held their annual BBQ on January 21st at Wailoa River State Park.

November 1999 marked the 25th anniversary of HIPS. It all began with a landscaping class taught by Norm Bezona at HCC in 1974. Norm, an IPS member, had been active in Florida. He asked if anyone was interested in palms and several said yes. Norm called Donn Carlsmith, also an IPS member. That began it. The Hawaii Island Palm Society now has over 150 members.

On February 25th, Bo-Göran Lundkvist gave a slide presentation from visits to Thailand and Singapore. Many of these photos were taken at the IPS 1998 Biennial visits to the world-class Nong Nooch Tropical Garden, Khun Charlie's private garden near Bangkok. Those and slides from the Singapore Botanic Garden came alive with commentary from Bo. New HIPS T-shirts were also available at the meeting.

The HIPS January 2000 *Pritchardia* newsletter featured "New Member Profiles" on members who had joined the society in 1999. Also featured was a very nice tribute to the late Dick Phillips, former IPS Director and palm enthusiast from Fiji who passed away on September 19, 1999.

The Hawaii Island Palm Society will host the IPS Biennial in 2004, with a post-biennial trip to Fiji. If you would like information on the Hawaii Island Palm Society, contact President Bo-Göran Lundkvist (email: <flyg@ilhawaii.net>) or visit the chapter web page on the IPS Internet site at <http://palms.org/>.

**BIOGRAPHICAL PROFILES OF CANDIDATES
FOR IPS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Candidates for Directors, 2000-2004

BILL BAKER of Austin, Texas, remembers that as a fourth grader from northern New England he was vacationing in Florida and became fascinated with palms; within a week he knew the differences between dates, coconuts, and royals - pretty good for a ten year old! Fortunately as an adult he now lives where he can grow palms and has taken full advantage of that fact. Bill has been a member of both the Houston Area Chapter of the IPS and the Palm Society of South Texas, and is currently Chairman of the latter group. He has contributed articles to the *Bulletin of the Palm Society of South Texas* and to publications in Canada and France. Having grown up near the border with Canada, he began speaking French at an early age, and in later years, living near the Mexican border, he learned Spanish. Bill graduated from Saint Michael's College with a major in American Studies and French followed by extensive graduate work in geography at the University of Vermont. For most of his adult career he has worked in the field of Emergency Medical Services but is currently with a company providing flood certifications for mortgage lenders. In his spare time Bill manages a small palm consulting and nursery business.

LIBBY BESSE and her husband By of Sarasota, Florida, have been growing palms on Florida's West Coast for more than 40 years. Their garden has become a frequent meeting spot for palm and cycad enthusiasts as well as for the Central Florida and Southwest Florida Chapters. For many years Libby was associated with the Marie Selby Botanical Garden and traveled extensively with the Selby staff on more than 20 plant collecting trips throughout the tropics. An IPS Director since 1988, Libby arranged for the Board of Directors Meeting in Sarasota in 1995, and again for the Board Meeting in Miami in 1999. She is the current Chairman of the Nominating Committee and has recently assumed the job of Administrative Secretary for the Society.

JIM CAIN of Houston, Texas, an IPS member since the early 1970s, played a key role in organizing the Houston Area Chapter in the mid-70s. Since stepping down as chapter president in 1989, Jim remains active locally. He served as IPS President from 1992-1996 and has been the IPS Corresponding Secretary since 1996. His goal continues to be that of increasing rapport between the IPS and its chapters and affiliates worldwide—with particular emphasis on making the IPS more responsive to its full international membership. Currently, Jim is a member of the IPS Website Committee, assisting primarily with the Online Members Directory. Jim's palm activities are strictly an avocation and unrelated to his employment. However, his work provides extensive travelling and he has met with IPS members in Australia, Asia, Europe, South America, and the Caribbean.

RENÉ COATIVY of Bormes les Mimosas, French Riviera, France, graduated and worked in chemical engineering and is now a retired businessman. He has spent a great deal of time hand-planting more than 250 palms of 75 species, along with cycads and other exotics, on a steep hill overlooking the Mediterranean Sea at 43° latitude north. In late 1997 René founded and became President of *Manureva*, an exotic plant society with a major interest in palms and cycads. René is Editor of the colorful magazine *Manureva* (eight issues a year), and he has written in English for the *Palm Journal* of Southern California, the *Palmateer* of Central Florida, and the *Bulletin of the Palm Society of South Texas*. René is an active traveler and shares this passion with *Manureva* members by leading world trips: to California in 1998, Florida in 1999, New Zealand in 2000, and Temperate South America in 2001. He enjoys giving presentations on palms and exotic plants and he has arranged for speakers from other countries to bring their plant expertise to France. René says he has a lot of spare time and would like to help the IPS establish new IPS chapters throughout Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

PAUL CRAFT of West Palm Beach, Florida, got the palm bug in the mid-80s after going to his first palm sale at Fairchild Tropical Garden. He immediately joined the IPS and soon converted his plant business into a nursery specializing in palms. Last year he sold his business, Palm Nuts, and now uses the knowledge gained in years of working in the nursery trade to become a horticultural consultant. He is especially pleased to be finding time for more palm traveling and

STEVE SWINSCOE, now of Le Houga, France but a native of the U.S. Mid-West, discovered palms as an adolescent when he lived in both San Diego and Fort Lauderdale. After spending three years in Florida with his French wife, they moved to southwestern France where he has worked for more than 20 years in landscaping and tending his collection of hardy palms. An IPS member since 1988, he joined *Fous de Palmiers*, the French chapter, when it was founded and currently serves as its President and IPS Correspondent. Steve was instrumental in a recent promotion for increasing IPS membership by arranging for his Chapter to purchase and distribute free copies of the October 1999 issue of *Palms* to its 500 members. Steve has led several palm-oriented trips to the US for Fous members, thereby developing international contacts, and is currently helping Fous de Palmiers prepare for the IPS Biennial to be held in France in 2002.

STEVE TROLLIP of South Africa, is Vice President of the South African Palm Society. He owns two successful businesses, namely Grass Roots Palm Nursery and Bark Enterprises which produces growing medium for seedling growers. Steve has traveled extensively in Brazil to collect *Syagrus* species and went to Australia to familiarize himself with PACSOA members. He is very keen to foster relations between the South Africa Palm Society and the IPS bodies and is prepared to work toward hosting a biennial in South Africa in the future.

ROSS WAGNER of Woodland Hills, California, is a retired chemist. He is a Los Angeles native who majored in chemistry at UCLA and received his Ph.D. from USC. Ross worked on inorganic polymers at the American Potash and Chemical Corporation and on high-energy rocket fuels and oxidizers at Rocketdyne Division, Rockwell International. His lifelong gardening hobby became focused on palms in the '60s as a result of vacations in tropical regions. Ross joined the IPS in 1973 and served as Treasurer of the Southern California Chapter from 1979-1984. He has been an IPS Director and Treasurer since 1984.

HOWARD WADDELL of Miami, Florida, has been a member of the IPS since the mid-1980s and has served as Treasurer of the South Florida Chapter since 1997. Howard has led successful efforts to improve the Chapter's financial management, enhance its community outreach program, update its by-laws, and strengthen its local marketing activities. In recent years Howard has hosted garden tours at his home for both local IPS members and for Fairchild Tropical Garden's palm culture classes. Howard is the author of the April 1998 *Principes* article, "Ecosane and the Growth of Containerized Palms", and has recently completed an article for *Palms* in which he shares ideas that could help other chapters hold successful palm sales. Howard is president of a marketing research and consulting firm that serves clients throughout the U.S.

TERRENCE WALTERS of Miami, Florida, is the Executive Director of the Montgomery Botanical Center. Trained as a plant systematist, he has undertaken studies on a wide diversity of plant families including palms, cycads, orchids, bromeliads, and grapes. As an active botanical scientist, Terrence has traveled in numerous countries collecting materials for his research interests; in 2000 he plans to visit Sumatra to obtain population-based samples of rattans. As Executive Director, Terrence is immersed in designing and developing an extensive scientifically valuable collection of palms on the 120 acres of the former Montgomery Estate. The Montgomery Botanical Center's garden has become a favored site for palm tours and for botanical researchers. This past year, in June 1999, the Center hosted the IPS Board of Directors for its midterm meeting.

JIM WRIGHT of San Diego, California, joined the IPS in 1963 when he was just out of high school. When he began noticing palms in the landscape, he contacted the San Diego Zoo horticulturist who introduced him to two old-time palm nuts and Palm Society members, Jim Specht and Ed Moore. Jim served as president of the early "Western Chapter" during the early 1970s and once again from 1977 to 1979, and took an active role in organizing the 12th Biennial Meeting held in San Diego and Los Angeles. Jim takes great pride in his home garden and spends a great deal of time cultivating the palms and companion tropical plants. His garden has been featured in *Sunset* magazine, *San Diego* magazine, the local newspaper, and on a local TV show. He confesses that palms are not his only love; he cultivates a great number of bromeliads and orchids, and is involved with their respective societies.

Southern California Chapter News

In his summary of 1999, President David Minks indicated that Palm Society of Southern California membership has grown to over 650 members, with a projected 750 members in 2000. Dues are now \$35 per year. Plant sales brought in \$9913 in 1999. The society also donated \$1000 worth of plants (33 specimen plants) to Huntington Garden last year.

Steve and Glenda Snyder, fourteen-year veterans and Patron members of the Southern California Chapter, hosted the January 22nd meeting at their home in Seal Beach. It was a sunny day with numerous beautiful palm plantings enjoyed by all. Included amongst the palms were a sizeable *Dypsis nodifera*, *Coccothrinax miraguama*, *Rhopalostylis cheesemaniae*, *Polyandrococos caudescens* (pectinata variety), *Bismarckia nobilis*, *Areca triandra*, *Linospadix monostachya* and many more. The Snyders provided a palm list that showed botanical name, location in the garden and their source for the palm. The garden visit was followed by a sumptuous Luau meal at the nearby Sam's Seafood Restaurant. It was announced that Geoff Stein (assisted by Barry Osborne) has revised the "*Palms for Southern California*" pamphlet originally compiled by Barry and Trish Reynosa. It is now 44 pages of packed information for the Southern California palm grower.

The Luau was followed by Don Hodel's slide presentation on "Palms of New Caledonia." Don thoroughly convinced attendees of the wonders of this island, site of the October 2000 IPS Biennial. [Visit www.palms.org/activity/newcaledonia.htm on the Internet and see the itinerary and registration details in the accompanying Biennial Supplement in this issue of *Palms*.] Finally, an auction and raffle were held. Don Hodel donated an amazing 5-gallon *Chamaedorea fragrans* (which sold for \$160). The auction brought \$2570 and the raffle \$253, netting the society \$1803.

The chapter held their March 18th meeting and Eighth Annual Concoction Auction at the Mildred Mathias Botanical Garden in Westwood, Los Angeles. This garden is named for Mildred Mathias, the garden's director from 1956 through her retirement in 1974. Dr. Authur Gibson took over from her and remains the current Director. Located on the southeastern

corner of the UCLA campus, the garden is managed by Rand Plewak. This is a fabulous and exquisitely maintained garden that also includes an excellent collection of old palms, as the garden was formed back in 1929-1930. The garden has a microclimate that is conducive to growing tropical varieties and the garden advisors are taking advantage of that fact, planting an array of tropical plants and palms. Palms growing in the garden include fruiting *Jubeae chilensis* and various *Livistona*, *Brahea*, *Trithrinax*, *Butia*, *Syagrus*, *Phoenix*, *Washingtonia*, *Chamaerops*, *Archontophoenix*, *Sabal*, *Rhapidophyllum*, *Caryota* and *Howea*. There is also an endemic Hawaiian collection that features eight native *Pritchardia* species. There are many more tender palms in the shade house. [The Palm Society of Southern California will be donating \$1000 worth of plants to this garden.]

The May 20th meeting in the Fallbrook area will feature the gardens of Gary & Lynette Wood and Gerry & Cindy Anderson. May will also feature the Fourth Annual Palm & Cycad Sale at Quail Botanical Gardens in Encinitas. The May 27th event is co-sponsored by Quail Gardens and the Palm Society of Southern California. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The January 2000 issue of *The Palm Journal* featured a "Colorful Palms" theme. The March 2000 issue will primarily focus on "Palm Seeds and Germination."

For more information on the Southern California Chapter of the IPS, see the chapter website on <http://palms.org/socal/>

Northern California Chapter

For more information about the Northern California Chapter, contact Dan Sekella, <sekella@pacbell.net >.

Gulf Coast Chapter

For information about the Gulf Coast Chapter and the *Fan and Feather* newsletter, send an email to editor Bill Watkins at <watkinsw@aol.com>.

South Florida Chapter News

The South Florida Chapter of the IPS met at Fairchild Tropical Garden on February 7th to hear Paul Craft present an

entertaining and educational slide presentation on "The Palms of Cuba".

The South Florida Spring Show and Sale has been scheduled for March 25 and 26 at Fairchild. Also, be sure and put the Fall Show and Sale on your calendar for November 4-5, 2000.

For more information on the South Florida Chapter, contact Bill Olson, email <wolson@gzinc.com >, 30150 SW 170 Avenue, Homestead, FL 33030 USA, telephone (305) 245-6331.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society Chapter News

The Palm Beach met on February 2nd at Mounts Botanical Garden. The speaker was Gale Carte, who presented some of the incredible things she has encountered during her travels throughout Costa Rica. La Selva rain forest, the Savegre on the Pacific coast, Lancaster Gardens in central Costa Rica and the incredible palm collection at the Wilson Gardens in San Vito were featured in Gale's presentation. An auction followed the talk.

The Palm Beach Tropical Garden and Flower Show was held on February 25-27 on Flagler Drive, downtown West Palm Beach.

The chapter met again on March 1st to hear Larry Dietrich give a presentation on "Palms in the Landscape". Larry shared some of the secrets he has gathered through involvement in horticulture and landscaping for over 25 years.

The Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society will be hosting the first Palm and Cycad Societies of Florida (PACSOF) "Palm Fest" on May 21-22 in West Palm Beach, Florida. The schedule opens with a tour of Ruth Sallenbach's garden followed by lunch. After lunch, the group will tour Norm and Ann Moody's garden. Saturday evening features a banquet, with keynote speaker Don Hodel, who will talk on "*Palms of New Caledonia*". Sunday morning will include a tour of the Ann Norton Sculpture Garden, followed by box lunch and giant plant auction.

Registration for the event is \$60 per person, which includes munchies at the social hour, the banquet, box lunches on Saturday and Sunday, plus a contribution toward speaker's travel costs. The host hotel for the Palm Fest is the Sheraton West Palm Beach Hotel, 630 Clearwater Park Road, West Palm Beach. [telephone 561-

833-1234 or fax 561-833-1255.] Special rate for the event is \$69 ("Palm Fest" rate), per room, single or double occupancy. If you have any questions or would like a registration form, contact Rick Kern, Chapter President, at 561-791-8437 or send him an email at <allaboutgrowing@mindspring.com >.

For more information on the Palm Beach Palm and Cycad Society, contact Paul Craft (email to: <palmnut@gate.net >).

PACSOF Elects Officers

The Palm and Cycad Societies of Florida (PACSOF) have elected the following officers for the term 1999-2001.

- President: Paul Craft, Palm Beach Chapter, email: palmnut@gate.net
- Vice Pres.: Tom Broome, Central Florida Chapter, email: CycadJungle@aol.com
- Treasurer: Geri Prall, Southwest Florida Chapter, email: palmtreegardens@juno.com
- Recording Secretary: Bob Petersen, Southwest Florida Chapter, email: bobp@naples.com
- Corresponding Secretary and Editor: Jody Haynes, South Florida Chapter, email: webmaster@plantapalm.com

News from Central Florida

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society IPS Chapter held their Spring quarterly meeting on the West Coast of Florida. Members were able to visit the garden of Dr. U. A. Young in Tampa, one of the great private palm collections in Florida. Roy Works, who cared for the garden for some years, led the tour. This is an old, established collection with many wonderful mature palms. The garden also has a very nice specimen of *Lodoicea maldivica*, the "double coconut" or "Coco de Mer". The meeting then moved north for lunch at Frank Tintera's, whose garden features some crownshaft palms not commonly encountered in Tampa. A plant sale followed lunch.

Chapter officers for 2000 are Neil Yorio (President), Ray Hernandez (West Vice President), Marilyn Bachmann (Central Vice President), Charlene Palm (East Vice President), Mike Merritt (Treasurer) and Chuck Grieneisen (Secretary). Tom Broome continues on the board as Immediate Past President. John Kennedy is

editor of *The Palmateer* newsletter. Mike Dahme runs the chapter Seed Bank.

The annual Spring Sale at Leu Gardens in Orlando will be held on March 25-26. The sale promises several vendors with many unusual palms and cycads. Part of the sale proceeds benefits the Chapter.

The University of South Florida (USF) in Tampa plans their Spring Plant Festival for April 8-9 starting at 10:00 a.m. each day. The USF sales generally provide the CFPACS with their best sales of the year. Experts will also be on hand to answer questions.

The Third-Quarter CFPACS meeting is scheduled for September 9th in Brevard County. The Fourth-Quarter meeting will be held on October 28th at Hersh Womble's garden in Groveland. Further details on both meetings to be announced.

Interested persons should contact Neil Yorio < neil.yorio-1@ksc.nasa.gov > for further information on the CFPACS.

Florida First Coast Chapter News

For information about the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS, please email: Doug Howk at < dhowk@cybermax.net >.

Broward County, Florida, News

For information on the Broward County Chapter, contact Charlene Grall, (see Membership Roster or email to: < grall@oj.rsmas.miami.edu >.

News from the Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

The Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida met on February 26th at the Collier County Government Complex. The program featured a speaker from the Naples Botanical Garden.

On March 11th, the Southwest Florida chapter joined the Central Florida Chapter for a tour of 3 gardens in Tampa. Tours started at Dr. U. A. Young's, a well-established collection of palms & cycads. Meeting was capped with a Lasagna Dinner & Plant Auction at the Frank' Banana Patch (Tropical Trees & Palms).

March 18 featured the Cape Coral Garden Show @ Jaycee Park, Beach Park off Del Prado Boulevard. Free Admission. Various booths, plant sales and other home & garden items and workshops.

On April 8th, the chapter will participate in the USF Botanical Garden Sale in Tampa.

On April 22, 2000, there will be guided walk in the Fakahatchee. See native Royal Palms as well as native orchids and bromeliads. A plant raffle or auction is held at most meetings, with everyone encouraged to bring plants (doesn't have to be a palm) or a horticultural item (fertilizer, books, garden item, etc.). Guests are welcome to attend. with no obligation to join. However, only those completing the Membership Application and remitting the \$10 fee will remain on the mailing list.

Members and guests are urged to visit <http://www.plantapalm.com/southwestfl>, the chapter website or to contact Geri Prall < palmtreegardens@juno.com >.

Louisiana Chapter News

Information on the Louisiana Chapter can be obtained by contacting Joe Baucum by email at theanchorage@worldnet.att.net or by telephone at (504) 689-4243.

The *Supplement* to *Palms (formerly Principes)* is always looking for additional news input from or about local palm enthusiasts around the world – whether or not associated local IPS affiliates exist. Items can be on any subject that will be of interest to members of the IPS. If you would like to contribute anything about palms or palm activities in your area (or elsewhere), contact Jim Cain at palm_dude@pobox.com via email or send information by regular mail to Jim at 12418 Stafford Springs Drive, Houston, TX 77077, USA.

News from the Southeastern USA (non-Florida) Chapter

The Southeastern Palm & Exotic Plant Society met on February 12th at the Atlanta Botanical Garden in Georgia.

The group is scheduled to meet at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens in Savannah, Georgia on April 29th. The July 29th meeting will be hosted by Plant Delights Nursery in Raleigh, North Carolina. On October 14th, Will Taylor of Athens, Tennessee, will host the SPEPS meeting.

Visit the SPEPS website at <http://members.tripod.com/speps>. For more information on the SPEPS, contact

Rhapidophyllum Editor Alan Bills <palmfreak@aol.com> or President Tom McClendon <tmccclendon@ccboe.net>.

BE SURE AND VOTE! Ballot for election of Directors of the International Palm Society for the term 2000-2004 is enclosed at the center of this supplement. See the blue section and the pages just before and after that section for details on the candidates (as well as your ballot form). Each vote is important so please take the time to cast yours.

News from Texas

The two Texas-based chapters of the IPS (Houston Area Chapter and the Palm Society of South Texas) held a joint meeting at Moody Gardens in Galveston on February 19th. Sixty to seventy members and guests of the two groups attended. The meeting kicked off with a showing of a New Caledonia travel video (provided courtesy of the IPS) for those interested in attending the upcoming October 2000 Biennial there. This was followed by a brief business meeting, conducted by PSST President Bill Baker. Grant Stephenson of the Houston Chapter then conducted a tour of the Moody Gardens palms. Grant's tour included all the grounds, showing the palms planted outside, including those at "Palm Beach," and to complement the new hotel, as well as those planted in the Rainforest Pyramid. The weather was nice, but cool.

Previously, the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) January 22nd meeting was hosted by Ruth Merrill of Bayview, a small neighborhood out in the country with some magnificent "resacas" that provide water in an otherwise arid region. Ruth has quite a collection of palms. The *Caryota mitis* towering over her two-story house attracted much admiration and awe. It froze during the big freeze of 1989 but came back with vigor. Several *Brahea armata* reside in the front and a small grove of *Livistona chinensis* has reached maturity. Substantial clumps of *Acoelorrhaphe wrightii* grow throughout the property as well. Just almost everyone else in Bayview, Ruth has a small

grove of citrus trees, to say nothing of her rose garden.

PSST also met on March 18th at the home of Alice Garza and Mahandran Rajasuriar in Brownsville, Texas. It was a great "gathering" as it has been when PSST met there for the past several years. Members were able to see the progress of their planting and growth of their many palms. The hosts prepared a lunch of Cornish hens.

PSST plans an April 2000 trip to the hybrid Sabal Reserve in Brazoria County, Texas. The May meeting will be hosted at Carol Farrald's Nursery in Elsa. In June, Charlie and Lana Vieh, of San Benito, Texas, will provide the meeting venue.

For more, visit the PSST website <http://www.raingardens.com/psst.htm> which also has PSST meeting summaries.

Thanks to Mike Burnett, the Houston Area Chapter also has its own website, <http://www.palms.org/houston/index.htm>. Mike also has a private website featuring gardens of the Gulf Coast area at <http://iconx.com/html/gardens.html>. On-line garden tours currently feature the gardens of Jim and Liz Cain, Mike Burnett and the Hobbs.

The Houston Area Chapter's next meeting has been scheduled for March 25th at Darren Oeschler's Taylor Lake Tropical Garden in Seabrook. The group will meet again on April 16th at 1:00 p.m. at Mercer Arboretum in north Houston for Gordon Hintz' presentation, "Palms for Houston", followed by a guided tour of Mercer's palm garden. In May, Grant Stephenson and Horticultural Consultants will host a "Members only" sale.

For more information on the Houston Chapter, contact Randy DeLay, Chapter President [email <palmitas@swbell.net>] or visit the chapter's new website given above.

Biennial 2000 and Post-Biennial itinerary details and registration information (with required forms) are included as a separate *Supplement B* with this issue of *Palms*.

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