

IPS Endowment Fund Applications Due for 2011 Grants

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

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain, prior to December 31st, 2010. 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 send them to jimmydcain@aol.com instead with 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 asks that grants not be used to pay any indirect costs charged by the grant applicants’ institutions – that is, money to cover general G&A and/or any other “overhead” expenses are not to be included in the applicant’s Requests for Funding.

The IPS will provide a letter to this effect to recipients’ institutions, upon request.

- Current Curriculum Vitae of the applicant and other key researchers involved in the project. This information should also provide proper contact information for the application [postal address, e-mail address(es), telephone(s) and fax numbers.]
- A statement as to who should receive the Grant payment, if the application is successful (i.e., the individual, the individual’s university or employer, etc. The applicant should provide clear payment instructions (including payee address).

If there are questions on the above, please contact Jim Cain via mobile telephone at +1 (832) 215-5551 or at the given e-mail addresses.

The IPS usually grants about US\$20,000 of awards in a given year, if suitable applications are received requiring this amount. Typically individual awards of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 are made, although larger grants are sometimes awarded if merited. Applications must be accompanied by a statement on the acceptability of “partial funding.” Without such a clear statement, the IPS may be forced to turn down such an application if the entire requested amount cannot be awarded.

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Send comments, corrections and other events to:
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Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia

The Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia (PACSOA) is a group of affiliated, semi-autonomous, regional Palm and/or Cycad Societies.

Information from individual branches of PACSOA is given under separate headings below, whenever information on local branch activities is provided. PACSOA branches are:

- Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of W.A., Inc.

Key contact information is:

- For *Palms and Cycads* magazine or the PACSOA Bookstore: e-mail Tom Turner at <pacsoa1@ozemail.com.au>
- For PACSOA Seed Bank, Rudy Meyer or Cheryl Basic at pacsoa2@ozemail.com.au
- For Membership or general inquiries: Greg Cuffe at <pacsoa3@ozemail.com.au>

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

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA

The Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society met on November 23rd, 2010 at the Mt.Coot-tha Botanic Gardens Auditorium. Special guest speaker was Philip Arrowsmith who gave a slide presentation on his visit to Madagascar.

On December 12th, the Society was hosted by Peter Beer for a garden visit and the Society's annual end-of-year BBQ function. Peter's home is in Forestdale, in Brisbane's southern suburbs. Peter has been a long time Brisbane member and has been on their property for some 20 years, with an impressive collection of palms and cycads. BBQ lunch was served after tours of the gardens.

Members receive the monthly newsletter which is four A4 color pages covering past and upcoming events. Annual Brisbane Group membership is just Aus\$15. Join today (see the PACSOA home page for subscription info). For other details on the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, write Secretary, PACSOA – BPACS, P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, or contact President Mark Wuschke via e-mail <cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au>.

The above PACSOA and Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society news was taken from the PACSOA website and its Brisbane webpage, www.pacsoa.org.au/branches/Brisbane.html.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

The Tropical Garden Society Sydney meets regularly at the Drummoyne Senior Citizens Hall in Five Dock. The September 28th, 2010, meeting featured Jim Brydies who spoke on growing orchids and on which orchids will grow well in Sydney. Jim has been growing orchids for 35 years and is the President of Kuringai Orchid Society and the Species Orchid Society. The meeting ended with the usual plant auction and AU\$1 raffle.

On November 23rd, the guest speaker was Gary Daly, Director of Gaia Research, which conducts fauna research assessments in relation to development proposals and surveys for national parks. He also publishes articles on the biology of threatened species of reptiles and amphibians. At his home in Nowra, Gary has a large arboretum of Australian rainforest plants. His presentation was "Small is Beautiful," featuring some of the rainforest tree and shrub plant species that can be grown in Sydney residential gardens.

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, <bazleym@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.

The September 28th meeting featured a presentation on “Landscaping with Palms” by Gary Pike. A silent auction was also held.

The October 26th meeting was a “Surprise” presentation by Eric McCrum, who took members and guests through the little Sandy Desert and also had members identify several palm and cycad species.

On November 23rd, Barry Sheldon gave a presentation on “Palms and Cycads around Perth” – an expansion on his various articles on the subject in the PACSOWA magazine.

Future meetings for 2010 and 2011 include:

- December 10, 2010 – Christmas Party at Chapel Farm starting at 7:00 p.m.
- February 22, 2011 – “Garden Products” by Rob Gray, Garden City Plastics
- March 22, 2011 – “Pests, Diseases and Geotagging of Palms and Cycads” by Dr. Darryl Hardie
- April 7-11, 2011 – “Garden Week,” Perry Lakes
- April 26, 2011 – “Daintree Tropical Rainforest” by Gary Pike
- May 24, 2011 – PACSOWA Palm and Cycad Auction, auctioneer Russell Dyer
- June 28, 2011 – “Cycads, Aloes and other succulent plants of South Africa – Part 2” by Bill Dewar and Karel Hartlieb
- July 26, 2011 – Annual General Meeting with Open Forum night
- August 23, 2011 – “How to Establish a Tropical Paradise with Palms and Cycads” by Russell Dyer
- September 27, 2011 – “Botanical Gardens: Kew Gardens, Elfurt Gardens (East Berlin), Edinburgh Gardens (Scotland)” by John Banasiewicz
- October 23, 2011 – “Palmathon” in Gascoyne Park
- October 25, 2011 – “Surprise” by Eric Crum

In addition, the PACSOWA held their Annual Show at the Cannington Exhibition Centre on November 27-28 – an amazing display of palms, cycads, bromeliads and ferns with a wide range of plants available for sale to the public. Entry was free and the event was well-attended by the public. People admired the palms and cycads on display and also had the opportunity to purchase rare and exotic plants.

Gascoyne Park is located on the corner of Timberlane Drive and Gascoyne Avenue, Woodvale – with its palm garden maintenance an ongoing PACSOWA activity. The Society conducts regular working bees, usually on the fourth Sunday of every month. The Palmathon was held at Gascoyne Park on Sunday, October 24th, and it was a great success. There were many requests from members that this become an annual event.

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 new website www.pacsowa.com.au.

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) held their Rare Plant Auction was held on Sunday, November 21st.

Some 20 people attended the November 28th visit to Tony Ting’s garden which is only five years old but has many older mature plants. The setting out of numerous bromeliads has added another dimension to the garden. There were some very old *Phoenix roebelenii*, as well as a number of large cycads and grasstrees. Many people were amazed at the space required for three *Macrozamia johnsonii*.

On Sunday, February 13th, 2011, Robert and Margret Flanagan will open their garden for a society field trip at 1:30 p.m. This garden has many palms, cycads, bromeliads and other subtropicals set in park like grounds.

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

Most of the PACSONZ news items were 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

The PNWP&EPS held their fall excursion to Keats Island on Saturday, September 11th. The weather was threatening but the rain held off on a day to remember for the 21 lucky palm enthusiasts able to attend. Larry Wick's botanical paradise has grown very lush over the years. The water taxi from Horseshoe Bay got the trip off on a nautical note. Upon disembarking, club members dispersed to roam the multiple paths, discovering horticultural surprises at every turn. After lunch, many explored further discover the wonders of southern Keats Island

The society held their last 2010 General Meeting on November 22nd. The meeting began with business including the election of the executive officers for 2011. After a short break, Gary Lewis of Phoenix Perennials took everyone away to sunny Australia for "Among Kangaroo Paws and Grass Trees: The incredible spring flora of Western Australia."

The PNWP&EPS officers for 2011 are:

- President: John Brimacombe
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- Secretary: Jay Rowland
Phone: (604) 929-8833
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- Vice Pres. – Washington Currently Vacant

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

Association Chambeyronia

See the *Association Chambeyronia* website www.endemia.nc/organismes/chambeyronia.htm or contact Secretary Jean-Pierre Canel < jpcan@canl.nc > or President Jean Pierson < pierson@socatrans.nc > for more information on the New Caledonia Palm Association.

Palmenfreunde in Germany

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

European Palm Society

For information on the European Palm Society, contact EPS Secretary Tony King < tony@aking88.wanadoo.co.uk >, or visit the new website www.palmsociety.org.uk. It is free to sign up to this website, though you must register for an account to gain access to the EPS forum of over 420 members.

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

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

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

South African Palm Society

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

Asociacion Botánica Española de Palmeras y Cycas (ABEPLYC) [Spanish Palm Society]

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

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

News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

For more information on Palmeraie-Union, contact Thierry Hubert at palmeraie.union@wanadoo.fr or e-mail to Nicole Ludwig at nicole.ludwig@wanadoo.fr.

Hawaii Island Palm Society

The Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS) met at the University of Hawaii in Hilo on Friday, October 1st for a presentation and discussion on Brazilian palms and culture. Our speakers were four Hawaii Island Palm Society and International Palm Society members who attended the IPS Biennial in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in April of this year. They covered highlights of the Biennial tours, including the Pre- and Post-biennial trips. The presentation was non-technical, focusing on the total experience. Dan Ashley and Donald Sanders gave an overview of their experiences during the Biennial Pre-Tour - "Palms of the Amazon." Local Manaus resident and IPS member, Don Kittelson, was private host and guide for Dan and Don in the unique city of Manaus and surrounding rural areas before they began the riverboat tour upstream of Manaus, where the Rio Negro and the Solimoes River join to form the Amazon River. Their Amazon Tour leader was Dr. Andrew Henderson, Curator, Institute of Systematic Botany, New York Botanical Garden. The Captain of the riverboat, Dorinha, was Mo (Moacir Fortes), who served as able guide and protector during many excursions into jungles and backwaters of the Amazon River basin. The friendly and helpful riverboat crew were all local Amazonians, raised in and familiar with the many wonders and risks in their jungles and rivers.

Alan Bredeson and Mike Merritt gave an overview of the 2010 Brazil biennial which included a trip to the Organ Mountains National Park to view wild populations of *Syagrus*, *Euterpe*, and *Geonoma* species. In Rio de Janeiro, the Biennial visits included the renowned Rio Botanical Garden, over 200 years old, containing huge and old specimens of palms from all over the world. Another trip was to a beachfront park, designed by renowned landscape designer Roberto Burle Marx, containing many palm plantings, including numerous *Corypha* specimens (Talipot palms), a palm from India that grows to enormous size, flowers once, and then dies. Many of these

palms were at the flowering stage. The group also visited the country estate of R. Burle Marx, where the grounds are planted with palms and many varieties of plants, mainly those native to Brazil. Still another trip was to Herminio's Nursery, actually a huge ranch, with acres of plantings of indigenous and exotic palm species. Most evenings, our trips were to various churrascarias (Brazilian restaurants), which opened up a whole new dimension in eating for many of the attendees. After we chose from a huge array of buffet items, waiters went from table to table offering various cuts of meat prepared over a nearby grill. Finally, for the finale of the biennial all traveled to the huge ranch, Fazenda Boa Esperanca, of Jill Menzel, a key in the organization of the biennial event. Jill's ranch contains sections of the Atlantic Forest where attendees were able to view forest palms such as *Attalea humilis*, *Acrocomia aculeata* and *Allagoptera caudescens*.

As an optional Biennial Post-Tour, Dr. Lorenzi of Nova Odessa, Brazil and co-author of Brazilian Flora Lorenzi: *Aracaceae* (Palms), led a 4-day trip, first to the Belo Horizonte – Diamantina areas in the state of Minas Gerais in south-central Brazil, where a new and beautiful Botanical Garden was visited. Participants then took a 2-day bus trip out into local habitats to see many recently discovered palm species. Especially notable were many small or dwarf *Syagrus* and *Butia* species, most still unavailable in cultivation. A one-hour flight south on the last day took post-tour participants to Campinas (near Sao Paulo, SP) where the group visited Harri Lorenzi's Palmarum, another beautiful botanical garden. The tour ended with a farewell meal at one of the best churrascarias to close out the group's Brazil gourmet experiences.

HIPS has planned a busy ending of 2010 and beginning of 2011. On December 5th, HIPS members were hosted at the fabulous Floribunda Nursery in Kurtistown by owners Jeff and Suchin Marcus. This provided a unique opportunity to see a wide variety of mature palm species, as well as a chance to buy various palms. According to Jeff, this has been a great year for palm flowering so members were able to see interesting flowers of palms from the giant *Metroxylon vitiense* to the rare and gorgeous *Loxococcus rupicola*, which was flowering at just 5' of height. A few of the other unique palms seen included a flowering *Dypsis marojejyi* (Madagascar foptail), *Dypsis albofarinosa*, *Dypsis saintlucei*, the more than

robust *Dypsis robusta* (named from the specimen at Floribunda,) *Dypsis tokoravina*, a flowering *Marojejya darianii*, *Lemurophoenix halleuxii*, *Areca macrocalyx* with its beautiful red crownshaft, an unusual *Pinanga*, *Licuala* and many other rare palms.

HIPS will meet in Hilo on Friday, January 14th, 2011, to hear Dr. Andrew Henderson talk about his travels in Sri Lanka, India, Myanmar, China, Thailand, and Vietnam in search of palms. Andrew is Curator at the Institute of Systemic Botany at the New York Botanical Garden. His talk will concentrate on the more ornamental genera such as *Licuala*, *Pinanga*, *Areca*, *Livistona* and *Rhapis*.

HIPS will hold their Annual BBQ and Palm Auction on February 4, 2011.

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

Palm Society of Southern California

The Palm Society of Southern California (PSSC) will hold its Annual Meeting and Banquet on Saturday, January 15, 2011, in San Diego's Balboa Park.

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

For more on the Palm Society of Southern California visit <http://www.palmssc.org/>

The Palm Society of Maui

For further information on the *Maui Palm Society*, contact Sunya Echternach, P.O. Box 790893, Paia, Maui, HI 96779 (e-mail to Sunya at evitaazul@yahoo.com or telephone to cell phone 808-280-5051.)

Northern California Chapter, IPS

If you are a member of the International Palm Society and wish to be added to the Palm Society of Northern California Chapter mailing list, send an e-mail to the secretary <Edith@PalmPaintings.com> or write Edith Bergstrom (Secretary) at P.O. Box 126, Palo Alto, CA 94302. Include your mailing address, phone number and e-mail address. There is no additional fee for Northern California Society membership. You are also encouraged to visit the Northern California Chapter website at their new website <http://www.palmsnc.org/>.

Arizona Palm & Cycad Society

For more information on the Arizona Palm and Cycad Society, please see the Society website, <http://azpalmandcycad.org> or send an e-mail to either Vice President Monte Crawford <montecrawford@hotmail.com> or President Nick Argys <argyfam@msn.com>.

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter, contact chapter President, Joe Taverniti, 1110 Bauer Road, Pensacola, FL 32506 or e-mail Ann Adams at <Annerick7@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 held its Fall Sale on October 9th and 10th at Caloosa Park in Boynton Beach. There will be hundreds of species of palms & cycads, fertilizers, books, tee shirts and free advice.

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

Palm & Cycad Society of Southwest Florida

For more information on the Southwest Florida Palm & Cycad Society, e-mail Geri Prall at <SW_FL_PalmCycad@hotmail.com>.

South Florida Palm Society News

On November 6th and 7th, the South Florida Palm Society held the "World's largest palm and cycad sale" at Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden (FTBG) in Coral Gables, FL. The sale included hundreds of species of rare and exotic palm and cycad species grown by experienced vendors who answered questions related to palms and cycads. The SFPS also had free palm seeds, seedlings and information available.

Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings, which are free and open to the public. Regular meetings are held in the Garden House of Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden at 7:30 pm on the first Monday of every even-numbered month. Send an e-mail with your snail mail address to Corresp. Secretary Louis Sgueros at <nickelsonk@bellsouth.net>.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) continues to maintain a vigorous online seed bank. To obtain instructions on how to order seeds, send an e-mail to seedbank@cfpacs.org. Minimum order is \$5 plus postage. All seeds are donated, not purchased. Species are correctly identified as far as is known. All proceeds benefit the CFPACS chapter, with seed donations helping to fund CFPACS grants and other outreach in Central Florida. If you have seeds to donate, please contact John Green (Florida east coast) or Lucinda McCartney (Florida west coast).

CFPACS initiated an E-News in 2009. Future issues of this new CFPACS e-Publication will be sent to members in April, July and October (in-between *Palmateer* issues).

The CFPACS participated in the following sales events in late 2010:

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

For more on CFPACS, see the website at www.cfpacs.com or e-mail CFPACS President Bob Johnson at < TropicalBob@earthlink.net >

Florida First Coast Chapter

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

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

Membership is \$15 per calendar year and includes a subscription to *ET CETERAS*, the Society's quarterly newsletter. This color newsletter contains articles of interest to palm and cycad enthusiasts and the activities of the local Society. Membership fees may be paid by check or money order made payable to "Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society" and mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

For more information on the Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, please contact:

President Rod Gates < rodpgates@cs.com >, Vice President Jayanne Crawley, < southlands_tropicals@yahoo.com > or Kathryn Morgan, < kathryn_o@cox.net >.

Southeastern Palm Society

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) held its fall meeting in Savannah, Georgia, on October 9th, 2010. The day began at the Bamboo Farm and Coastal Gardens, where SPS maintains its official palm collection. More than 200 individual palms of 40-plus species, hybrids and cultivars are thriving. The bulk of the collection was planted in the years 1998 through 2002, so many of the palms are mature and of an impressive size. The morning featured a general meeting and plant sale. Members brought their plants to sell and swap. After lunch, the group reconvened at nearby Armstrong Atlantic State University, where several faculty members have created an outstanding display of subtropical and unusual plants. Particularly impressive is the collection of Australian plants.

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

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

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

News from the Palm Society of South Texas

On September 11th, the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) was hosted by Oliver Achleitner in Brownsville, Texas.

On October 16th, PSST met at the home of Daryl Smith in Corpus Christi, Texas. Since PSST had last visited the garden, Daryl has completely changed the way his yard looks. All the palms that Daryl has acquired over the past few years have really grown exceptionally well. After the noontime meal, a very quick society meeting was conducted by our Chairman Jon Watson. After the meeting was concluded, Daryl provided a guided tour of his garden and described the various ways he has tried growing palms as well as harvesting rain water.

On November 20th, the PSST meeting was hosted by Jake and Linn Keller in Bay View, Texas.

The PSST 2010 Christmas Party was held on December 11th, hosted by Don Dionisi and Louis Forrai, 137 Creekbend Drive, Brownsville, Texas. Great food for all with holiday gifts being exchanged.

Planned 2011 PSST meetings include:

- January 8, 2011 – Danny & Kathy Payton, Harlingen
- February 19, 2011 – Kyle Robinson and Juan Munguia, Edinburg
- March 2011 – Barry and Georgina Putegnat, Brownsville
- April 09, 2011 – Romeo and Linda Montalvo, Brownsville
- May 14, 2011 – Bill Baker at the Palmetto State Park, Gonzales
- June 2011 – Jon and Suzie Watson, Corpus Christi
- July 2011 – OPEN
- August 2011 – OPEN
- September 2011 – OPEN
- October 2011 – John “JV” Volk, San Antonio
- November 2011 – Lloyd & Elena Molina, Brownsville

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 >.

New 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.