

2009 IPS Endowment Fund Applications

Applications must be received by December 31st of this year for consideration for a 2009 IPS Endowment Fund grant. Grants will be awarded at the March 2009 IPS Biennial Board meeting.

For applications to be considered, they must be sent to Endowment Committee chair, Jim Cain, prior to December 31st, 2008. 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 5MB in size, please send them to jimmydcain@aol.com instead (e-mails of up to 16MB, including attachments, will be received 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:

- Please submit a Narrative Proposal Section with a clear description of the project to be funded. This should include adequate details 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.
- Submit a clear and readable budget for the full project, along with the amount of funding requested from the IPS, and the amount of the total project funding that 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)
- Send current Curriculum Vitae of the applicant and the other key researchers involved in the project. This information should include contact information for the application [postal address, email address(es), telephone(s) and fax numbers.]
- Provide a statement with the name of the person or institution who should receive the grant payment if the application is successful (i.e., the individual, the individual’s university or employer, etc.)

If there are questions on the above, please contact Jim Cain via mobile telephone at +1 (832) 215-5551 or at jim.cain@cain-barnes.com.

The IPS grants about US\$20,000 in a given year if suitable applications are received. Typically individual awards are between \$1,000 and \$5,000, although larger grants are sometimes awarded. 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 Endowment Grants Awarded in 2008

Endowment Applications received in calendar year 2007 were reviewed by the IPS Endowment Committee. The following grants were made at the May 2008 IPS Board Meeting.

- US\$7,250 to Christine Bacon, Ph.D. Candidate, Simmons Lab, Program in Molecular Plant Biology, Department of Biology. Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, USA, for study of *Adaptive radiation and ecological isolation in Pritchardia (Palmae: Arecaceae)*.
- US\$2,500 payable to University of California Regents for Donald R. Hodel’s *Field Work for Development of the Book: Palms of the Pacific Islands Part II. Fiji*. Don is Principal Investigator, Environmental Horticulture Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, Los Angeles, CA, USA.
- US\$4,450 to Roxaneh S. Khorsand, Graduate Student and Teaching Assistant: General Biology, Florida International University, USA, Miami, FL, USA, for study of *Habitat effects on the reproduction of Mauritia flexuosa L.f., a native palm of the Amazon*.
- US\$5,000 to Elie Raheison, PhD candidate in Forest Science at Laval University, Quebec, Canada, for study of the *Genetic structure and life history of Malagasy palms: a case study on Orania trispatha*

and the transferability of microsatellite markers across species within the Areceae tribe of the Masoala region.

- US\$3,000 payable to Asociacion Civil Amigos de Allpahuayo Mishana (ACAAM) to fund Victor Hugo Vargas Paredes' *Study of the palm diversity in the National Reserve Allpahuayo Mishana, Western Amazonia, Peru*. Victor Vargas works as Biologist at the Universidad Nacional de la Amazonía Peruana. (UNAP), Iquitos, Peru.

A total of US\$22,200 in 2008 grants was approved by the IPS Endowment Committee – a total of US\$53,595 was requested.

New IPS Treasurer for 2008 – 2010

Kathryn Ostadal has resigned as the IPS Treasurer. That IPS officer position has been filled by Mike Merritt of Hawaii, with full IPS Board Approval.

Mike moved from Florida to Hawaii just a couple of years ago, and lives close to Hilo. He has been an IPS member since 1980. Mike was active in the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society (CFPACS) and was Treasurer there before moving to Hawaii.

Anecdote regarding this Supplement and Weather Conditions

You may find it interesting that the Final copy for this *Palms Supplement* was compiled by Supplement Editor Jim Cain on the evening of September 12th while awaiting the arrival of Category 3 Hurricane Ike to pass over (or very nearly over) his home in west Houston. It was interesting to multitask between watching hurricane news on television, assembling the Supplement, and reviewing the latest US National Hurricane Center internet postings and graphics. Ike is in the process of creating significant coastal damage, with the level of inland damage (where Jim lives) yet to be determined.

NEWS FROM AFFILIATES

Palm and Cycad Societies of Australia

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
- Sunshine Coast Branch
- Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay
- Northern Territory Palm & Cycad Soc.
- Palm & Cycad Soc. of South Australia

For information on PACSOA or the *Palms and Cycads* magazine write to Palm & Cycad Societies of Australia, P.O. Box 1134, Milton, QLD 4064, e-mail <enquiries@pacsoa.org.au> or visit the website, www.pacsoa.org.au.

Tropical Garden Society of Sydney

The Tropical Garden Society of Sydney's September 23rd meeting will feature a program on pitcher plants.

If you wish to have a membership form or more information on the Sydney Society, see <http://au.geocities.com/sydneytropical/index.htm> or e-mail Ian Edwards <ianse@oz.com.au> or contact Paul Anderson (Secretary), Tropical Garden Society of Sydney, P. O. Box 2, Empire Bay, NSW 2257. Ph. (02) 4369-1422 after hours.

The Palm & Cycad Society of Mackay

The Mackay area of Queensland was subject to bad flooding in mid-February 2008. To quote from the Mackay Society newsletter: "When the rain came down in Mackay on February 15th, at 100 mm/hour [~4 inches/hour] for approximately four hours, the city was declared a state of emergency – streets became rivers that inundated homes and businesses." Obviously many local members were affected.

The Annual Palm Fete was held on May 18th, at the Farleigh Mill Gardens – after having a Working Bee in March and again in April to prepare the garden grounds.

For more information on 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 Margaret Bazley, <bazleym@dodo.com.au>.

Sunshine Coast Branch, PACSOA

For information on the Sunshine Coast Branch, write the Secretary, Palm & Cycad Society – Sunshine Coast Group, P. O. Box 1007, Nambour, QLD 4560, Australia or e-mail Jeanne Price <pacsoap@spiderweb.com.au>.

Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, Branch of PACSOA

The Brisbane Palm & Cycad Society meets at 7:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. Meetings are held at the auditorium of the Mt. Coot-tha Botanic Gardens.

Members and guests are most welcome to attend. At our meetings we discuss cultivation and hear guest speakers present talks and slide shows on all aspects of palms and cycads both in the wild and in the garden. In 2007 we heard presentations on the Palms of New Caledonia; the Cycads and Succulents of Baja Mexico; and the Cycads of Far North Queensland. Each meeting concludes with our very popular plant raffle where you can win rare and unusual plants especially purchased by the society along with plants donated by members. Meetings run for approximately 2 hours and are a great place to share information and socialize with others who are fascinated by palms and cycads.

Field Trips are organized for April, June, August, and October. Outings could be a visit to a national park to view palms or cycads in habitat; or a tour of some of Queensland's best private gardens; or a trip to specialist nurseries where unusual plants can be purchased.

For more information on the Brisbane Palm and Cycad Society, write Secretary, PACSOA – BPACS, P. O. Box 376, Ashgrove, 4060, Australia, contact President Mark Wuschke or e-mail cocos2001au@yahoo.com.au.

Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia News

The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA) will hold their Annual Cannington Display and Sale on Saturday and Sunday, November 22-23, 2008.

For information on The Palm & Cycad Society of Western Australia (PACSOWA), see www.wawebsite.com.au/palmwest or e-mail to Editor Gary Pike at <gpike@dpc.wa.gov.au> or Pres. Ralph Coppola <raffy1@iinet.net.au>.

New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society

The New Zealand Palm & Cycad Society (PACSONZ) is 25 years old this year. An excellent 25th anniversary meeting was held at Landsendt in June, with about 70 present, including many who were present at the start of this society, plus others from its early years. Peter Money, Bret McKay, George Hall, Dick

Endt and John Lok all spoke briefly both about their early memories of becoming interested in palms. Cycads tended to come later for some of them (John Lok alleged that you graduate to cycads!) Gary Coleman wrote later on the NZ Yahoo group that "Some people had not been there for the last ten years. Those people must have been amazed at the growth." It was natural, then, for Bret McKay to urge younger members to plant not just the obvious palms, but also slow growing and unusual ones. All around was wonderful evidence of what you can do with palms and cycads in New Zealand given enough time. An auction was also held. Gerald de Villiers donated a sturdy *Encephalartos princeps* pup, and this went for NZ\$1000, which was the highest price achieved. In all, between donations and the society's share of sale prices, about NZ\$1,500 was raised. At the end a fine *Parajubaea torallyi* from Landsendt fetched NZ\$700. All around there was startling evidence of just how fast a good bagged specimen like this could grow in several more years' time. Thanks to everybody for a grand way to celebrate a quarter century of achievement, and particularly to the hosts for their hospitality again.

The July meeting, with a very small turnout, enjoyed a very interesting presentation from Society member and outdoor lighting specialist Jenny Pullar. Her background started with architectural studies and then with work in theatre lighting. In time her interest in gardening took her knowledge of theatrical lighting outdoors. She began with a photo of a sunlit wooden house wall which had been painted in a standard sort of white, and she encouraged us to see the color variations in the shadows and the brightly lit portions. When dealing with palms (and we saw lots of photos of her work around Auckland) the palms are usually uplighted. At night the stems (mostly of Queens and Bangalows in modern plantings) take on shadow patterns that make them quite different from what we see in daylight. Lighting technology is steadily changing. However, the palette that is available is still restricted to just a handful of colors. Happily, the PACSONZ magazine will be featuring an article by Jenny early next year.

August featured another good meeting. It is risky planning winter meeting weekends in northern New Zealand's often wet conditions. Nearly two weeks of real storms made it look really risky this year – but it was a risk worth taking. Counting the hosts, about 23 people were

present on a Sunday afternoon to view the covered areas, and to eat at Grant's café in the palm and cycad gardens. Grant explained his redevelopment efforts since taking over the place. It began as Longwood under the guidance of Leo Rowsell several decades ago. Now, it's the Mariposa Palm Gardens, and the plants (palms and cycads with underplantings) look attractive in their large windbreak enclosure.

At the September 2nd meeting, Mark Scragg from the Bay of Plenty, spoke on cycad growing in New Zealand. Mark's presentation showed many cycads grown around the country. He brought his knowledge, and also his plants of *Encephalartos transvenosus*, *E. longifolius*, *E. villosus*, *E. natalensis* and *Macrozamia communis*. The following palm seedlings were available for purchase: *Brahea armata*, *Dypsis ambositrae*, *Archontophoenix maxima* and *Caryota urens*.

For more on the New Zealand Palm and Cycad Society, visit the new website at <http://nzpalmmandecad.com>.

Most of the PACSONZ news items were extracted either from the new PACSONZ website or from internet postings by Michael McCorquindale (PACSONZ Vice President & Webmaster) <michaelmac@clear.net.nz>, Gary Coleman <aries@splurge.net.nz> and others on the NZ Society mail server. To subscribe, send an e-mail to <nzpalmcycad-subscribe@yahoo.com>. Additional news is taken from the quarterly *NZ Palm and Cycad Magazine* as appropriate.

Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society News

The Pacific Northwest Palm & Exotic Plant Society (PNWP&EPS) held their 2008 Summer Garden Tour on August 10th. Nearly fifty club members from Vancouver and Vancouver Island were treated to a comprehensive tour of Bob Duncan's exotic orchard, followed by a relaxing visit to Jeff St Gelais' stunning Gordon Head garden. A short tour in Beacon Hill Park followed by refreshments at "Bird of Paradise" Pub rounded out the day. Watch for more in a future issue of *Hardy Palms International*.

The Society's Summer Barbeque was held on Sunday, September 7th. Brilliant sun and warm temperatures made for a fine afternoon for the fifty or so participants who strolled and mingled in John and Urve's garden.

The September 29th meeting will feature a "Photo Festival!" Many club members are photo buffs so at this meeting PNWP&EPS will turn the tables and show pictures by members of their own gardens! Members are encouraged to take as many photographs as possible of their own garden or of another society member's garden during the summer. Exotic plant PRIZES will be awarded for participation.

More details will be posted on the website about the November 24th General Meeting.

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

South African Palm Society

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

European Palm Society

Chamaerops is published (both as a printed journal and on-line) with many full color pictures. Visitors can download selected articles from *Chamaerops* without cost to check out the on-line journal. Membership and on-line upgrades are available on the EPS website www.palmsociety.org/join/english1.shtml.

Tobias Spanner (Germany) is editor of *Chamaerops*. Tony King (United Kingdom) continues as Membership Organizer. Yann Corbel (France) is the French translator; Jörg Witticke (Germany) is the German translator. Lauri Coulombe (USA) is Language Editor.

Fous de Palmiers The French Palm Society

For information about the French Palm Society, Fous de Palmiers, or their journal *Le Palmier*, contact Steve Swinscoe at <manatte@libertysurf.fr> or check out the Fous website at www.fousdepalmiers.fr.

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>.

Association Chambeyronia New Caledonia

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 *Association Chambeyronia*.

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.)

News from Palmeraie-Union, La Réunion Chapter

For 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 sponsored a presentation on July 18th by Dr. John Dransfield entitled “*What’s New in Madagascar – Recent Palm Discoveries*” at the University of Hawaii, Hilo. Dr. Dransfield’s talk described some of the new palms from Madagascar that have been discovered since the publication of *Palms of Madagascar* in 1995. Some 25 new palm species have been recognized. Most of the new discoveries have been in the wild in Madagascar, but a few have been recognized in cultivation by growers in Hawaii who received seed from Madagascar which they grew into mature flowering and fruiting individuals. A special feature of the lecture was a detailed account of the discovery of the amazing new genus *Tahina* in 2006. John also discussed some of the forest giant *Dypsis* during his presentation.

With a Ph.D. in Botany, John Dransfield joined the staff of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew in 1975, first as a Research Fellow and then as a fully tenured staff member in charge of palm research. His main interests have been the global classification of palms and the palm flora of Malesia, Africa and Madagascar. He retired from salaried work at Kew in 2005 but continues his research as an honorary research fellow at Kew. He is author of over 250 scientific papers on palms and author or co-

author of several books including *Palms of Madagascar* and *Genera Palmarum* (with a second edition of *Genera Palmarum* only just released last month). He has been awarded the Founder’s Metal by Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden, the David Fairchild Medal for Plant Exploration by the National Tropical Botanic Gardens, the Engler Medal by the International Association of Plant Taxonomists, Cavaliere della Palme by the city of San Remo, Italy, and, most recently, the Linnean Gold Medal for Botany by the Linnean Society of London. John was accompanied on this Hawaii trip by his wife, Soejatmi, a noted bamboo biologist.

HIPS met on September 12th for a lecture by Greg Holzman on “*Adventures while Searching for Cycads in South Africa and Panama*.” More about this meeting in the next Supplement.

For information on the *Hawaii Island Palm Society*, contact President Don Hemmes <hemmes@hawaii.edu>, Secretary Rich Rawlinson <bjrriich@hawaii.rr.com> or Grace Kissell <kf@interpac.net> (Membership Chair.)

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. Regularly scheduled meetings and auctions are held at local gardens and at the Lakeside Palmetum. 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/>.

Palm Society of Southern California

On September 20th, PSSC visited two gardens on tour in Camarillo, Ventura County. Both are beautiful examples of how to landscape for a lush, topical ambiance. The first consists of large, well-established plants; the second shows what a fabulous garden one can create in a short time. Neither garden has been on the PSSC tour before.

PSSC’s first visit was to the garden of Robert and Mary Moebius, 905 Calle Acopada in Camarillo. The Moebius’ began planting the

palms in this garden in 1974. Many were purchased at Palm Society auctions, or grown from seeds obtained from the IPS Seed Bank. The predominant species is *Chamaedorea*. The group then moved on to the garden of Alex and Margreet Wijnen, 545 Calle del Norte in Camarillo. The Wijnen site was re-landscaped four years ago. There are approximately 30 species of palms, overlooking the golf course. This garden visit was followed by a potluck luncheon – PSSC provided the main entree meat dish and a green salad; visitors and members provided other dishes. The meeting and auction followed.

In general, PSSC meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of every other month in the following rotation for the remainder of 2008 and early 2009.

- Nov. 2008: Los Angeles/San Bernardino Counties
- Jan 2009: Annual Banquet

The above PSSC news items were extracted from postings on the website www.palmssc.org.

Phoenix (Arizona) Palm Society

For 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 Argy <argyfam@msn.com> .

Gulf Coast Chapter, IPS, News

For more on the Gulf Coast Chapter or about their *Fan & Feather* newsletter, see the chapter website at www.gulfcoastpalms.com or contact chapter President, Joe Taverniti, 1110 Bauer Road, Pensacola, FL 32506 or e-mail to Ann Adams at <Annierick7@aol.com> . Dues for the local chapter should be sent to Maxwell Stewart, 2557 West Road, Mobile, AL 36693.

Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society

The Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society met on July 2nd, to hear Dale Holton and Marshall Dewey discuss *Planting Tips*. There was a large turnout. Ruthie and Terry Lynch won the drawn prize of the night.

Larry Davis provided an excellent overview of the “IPS Biennial in Costa Rica” at the August 6th meeting at Mounts Botanical Garden.

PSBP&CS will hold their Annual Fall Sale on October 11-12.

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>

South Florida Palm Society News

The Board of Directors of the South Florida Palm Society has undergone a number of changes recently. The Society’s current roster consists of thirteen directors.

- President: Billy Olson,
e-mail: geo@yahoo.com
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- Director Steve Stern
- Director Jeff Chait
- Director Bill Sears
- Director Tim McKernan
- Director Sandra Farwell
- Director Linda Talbott
- Director Tim Blake
- Director Marcel Moreno
- Director Laurie Danielson

Guests are invited to attend South Florida Palm Society meetings held throughout the year, as well as their periodic field trips to interesting palm gardens and habitats. The meetings are free and open to the public, with regular meetings held in the Garden House at 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 President Billy Olson at geo@yahoo.com.

For e-mail updates, you may also want to consider joining the South Florida Palm Society Yahoo e-mail group at www.yahogroups.com/group/southfloridapalmsociety.

News from the Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society

The Central Florida Palm & Cycad Society (CFPACS) maintains a vigorous online seed bank. If you are not receiving seed lists and wish to do so, please send requests for more additional information (including individual seed prices) or 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 treasury.

For more on CFPACS, see the website at www.cfpacs.com.

Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society

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

- Kathryn Ostadal, President and Editor,
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* This is a new e-mail address for Kathryn.
- Jayanne Crawley, Vice President
< southlandtropicals@yahoo.com >
- Scott Hoxie, Secretary/Treasurer,
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- Ron LaBorde, Webmaster
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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 should be mailed to: Louisiana Palm and Cycad Society, 114 Melrose Drive, Destrehan LA 70047.

Florida First Coast Chapter

David Casella <dc_palm@msn.com> is the current President of the Florida First Coast Chapter of the IPS. Bruce Latimer has volunteered to serve as the contact / liaison person between the chapter and the IPS and other IPS affiliates and chapters.

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

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>.

Southeastern Palm Society (North of Florida)

The Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) plans the following additional meetings in 2008.

- Fall Meeting, October 11, 2008. The garden of Chuck and Barbara Mooney, Midville, Georgia
- Southeastern Citrus Exposition, November 15, 2008. Conference Center, University of Georgia, Tifton, Georgia

The quarterly journal of the Southeastern Palm Society (SEPS) is *Southeastern Palms* (formerly *Rhapidophyllum*.) The journal is included with membership.

Southeastern Palm Society membership dues are \$20 for one calendar year (\$25 outside the US, Canada and Mexico, payable in US funds.) For more information, visit the SEPS website at www.sepalms.org or contact Will Taylor, Memberships, <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 June 21st, approximately 40 members of the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) gathered at the main house of Elizabeth and Steven Burns' 40,000 acre ranch in southwestern Brooks County. Elizabeth gave tours of the palms in the yard on an electric cart. She has planted many different varieties of palms, especially across the front to generate a "palm wall" for privacy from the highway. Lunch was enjoyed outside on wooden picnic tables under huge live oak trees. The temperature was hot (about 100 degrees Fahrenheit), but a breeze made all comfortable in the shade. After lunch, Chairman Jon Watson conducted the business meeting. Romeo Montalvo gave an update on the Brownsville Botanical Gardens and showed the photograph of the \$10,000 check; the photo was provided by Judy Henderson of Corpus Christi.

July 2008 brought the society to San Antonio to visit Father Leo Perez and his unique garden at Oblate Theological School. Father Leo's garden is uniquely situated in a court yard of the school that is protected on three sides by 4-story buildings. This creates a micro climate to push the envelope of palms that can be grown in San Antonio. During the regular business meeting, a decision was made to purchase a "PSST Chairman's" bench (with the names of former and present Chairs) to be placed in the new Brownsville Botanical Garden. Father Leo

spoke about the school grounds – followed by the tours.

August 2008 brought the society to Austin to visit the home and garden of Randy and Cathy Smith. They have been living in their home for about twelve years, which sits high on a bluff in northwestern Austin. They have worked diligently to terrace the large slope in their back yard, which has turned out wonderfully. They now have multiple bedding areas for their palm collection. The Smiths have an extensive cold hardy palm collection. After socializing, the first guest speaker spoke about disappearing fountains. This was followed by lunch and a presentation on cold hardy palms in Austin. After the meeting, some made their way over to see fellow Austinite Clay Fischers' garden.

Additional PSST meetings scheduled for 2008 in various South Texas locations are:

- September 13, 2008 - John Volk - San Antonio
- October 2008 - Luke and Marian Oliver - San Benito
- November 2008 - Ed and Mary Ayers - Brownsville
- December 2008 - Santa Claus - TBD

The PSST journal is published three times a year by editor Richard Travis of San Antonio, who has served in this post since 1998. His book *Palms for South Texas* is available at lulu.com.

The PSST web hostess is Jana Whalen of Corpus Christi, serving since 1997.

To join the Palm Society of South Texas (PSST) please send your check, in U.S. funds, for \$20.00, made payable to "John Dillard – PSST." Send the payment to John at 7317 Pepper Ridge Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78413. See the on-line membership form for more information.

Check out www.palmsocietysouthtexas.org for further details.

[Above PSST information was taken from John Volk's on-line meeting summaries and other information on the PSST website, with appreciation to John and the PSST for the use of this information for other IPS members.]

Houston (Texas) Area Chapter News

For information on the Houston Chapter, e-mail local president, Paul Norris, <poollovers@comcast.net>.

La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas [Spain]

For information on the Spanish Palm Society, La Asociación Española de Amigos de las Palmas, or to subscribe to *Espadice*, e-mail Santiago Orts, <sorts@huertodelcura.com>.

Asociacion 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

"Ti-Palm" (which means "Little Palm" in French Créole) is the latest official IPS Affiliate. Ti-Palm covers the French territories of Tropical America, including the French Antilles (Guadeloupe archipelago, Martinique island, the French part of St Martin island, St Barthélémy island) and French Guiana in South America, the total of three French overseas "departments" with more than one million inhabitants.

Ti-Palm officers are:

- Président: Pierre-Olivier ALBANO (contact@tipalm.fr)
- Vice-Président: Georges PASTEL (jgpastel2@wanadoo.fr)
- Vice-Président: Monique BA-EPAILLY (baepapha@wanadoo.fr)
- Secretary: Fabrice GHISALBERTI (fabrice.ghisalberty@wanadoo.fr)

Information about the activities of Ti-Palm is sent to members via e-mailings (in French.) There is a chat at "Fous de Palmiers" website (<http://fousdepalmiers.fr/html/forum/viewforum.php?f=30>) Membership fee: 10€ . Register form can be download at the following address: <http://tipalm.fr/pages/association.html>

Asociación Venezolana de Palmas

AVEPALMAS, the first palm association in South America, has its own website, <http://www.avepalmas.org/>. The current officers of AVEPALMAS are listed on www.avepalmas.org/directorio.htm.

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