

Gaylord Meeting Report

By Maryann Krisovitch

Our Society enjoyed a wonderful indoor visit to the Gaylord Palms Resort in Kissimmee on December 13, 2014. Our host, Bethany Lahey, guided us through the back of house and into the lush resort. Palms along the way included a *Roebeleni vietnamese* and an *Areca vestiaria* orange form. Eight to ten years ago, our own Tom Broome donated a *Ceratozamia Hildae* which is thriving today in the Key West area of the resort. In addition to the many species of palms, the unique micro climate allows also many tropical plants including bananas able to avoid the cold weather as well. These bananas are harvested all at once and used in the resort's restaurants. **Bethany noted** they had lost a double-headed *Phoenix dactylifera* as it had gotten too top heavy and snapped off. However it did produce seed before its unfortunate accident. The site also contains a *Caryota himalaya* which

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The big green leaf attached to the long skinny petiole is 'Percy,' the Lodoicea maldivica now planted at Gaylord. Blue shirt is Dave Martin, Chuck Grieneisen center, Brad Young, right.

(Photo by Mike Evans)

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New Smyrna Beach: Two Stops for March 21st Meeting

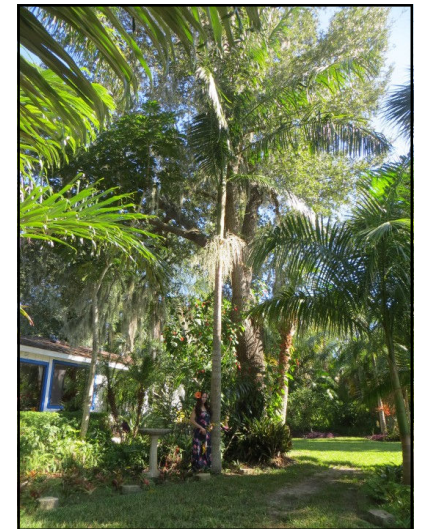
Two palm collections will be visited in New Smyrna Beach at the Saturday, March 21st CFPACS meeting.

The first is Dave Hall's, the second is Frank Radosta's. Frank and Esperanza Radosta will be providing lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers, with soft drinks and bottled water, to the visitors, who may bring a covered dish.

Each member should be sure to bring a chair.

The meeting will begin with a tour of Dave Hall's palms from 10:00 to 11:30. The next stop will be lunch at noon at Frank Radosta's, then a tour of his palms, 2:00-3:00.

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Above, Archontophoenix cunninghamiana in flower at the Radosta home-place.



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March 21st Meeting

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A **Board** meeting (all members welcome) will take place from 12:30-1:00 and will be followed by a tour of Frank's palms from 1:00-2:00. The plant auction and sale will run from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

See directions on this page

—**John Kennedy**



Palms in Dave Hall's collection.

(Photos by Himself)

Directions

First garden: Dave Hall

250 N. Causeway

New Smyrna Beach 32169

From I-95 North or South (New Smyrna is south of Daytona)

1. Take exit 249/SR 44/Deland/New Smyrna onto Canal St. (SR44 east) toward New Smyrna Beach (4.2 miles).
2. Turn left onto Live Oak St. (347 feet: at a red light at the base of the Causeway Bridge)
3. Turn right onto Douglas St. (0.2 miles)
4. Turn left onto S. Riverside Dr. (0.3 miles)
5. Turn right onto WASHINGTON St. (82 feet, over small bridge)
6. Continue on North Causeway (0.5 miles)
7. Turn right at first light, then immediate left turn. Destination is on right. Rolling gate is visible.

Dave's cell: (386) 690-2416

Second garden & lunch: Frank Radosta

2858 Sunset Drive

New Smyrna Beach 32168

From Dave's:

1. Go back to red light at North Causeway, go left.
2. At second light, turn right onto N. Dixie Frwy (U. S. 1 North), 3.6 miles.
3. Turn left onto Art Center Ave. (just north of a 7-11)
4. Turn left onto Sunset Drive. Go to 2858 Sunset Drive.



Above, Corypha elata (center) with terminal inflorescence spiking above the leaves at the Michael place on Earring Point, Wabasso. Above right, is a closer look. The palm has to be about 40 years old to flower, which it does only once before dying.

(Photos by Justin McSweeney)

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produces red fruit and one of the palms is flowering now for the fourth time since planting.

One problem the horticulture staff deals with that most of us

don't is height. Palms over six feet tall have to come through the front revolving doors. Normally tricky, the doors limit the max height of new plant material to 23 feet.

On to the highlight of our visit - the *Lodoicea maldivica* in the Ev-

erglades area of the resort. You may remember from previous meetings that this was one of the palms removed from the U.A. Young collection and transferred with the great assistance of several CFPACS members including Phil Stager and Tom St. Pete among others. Unofficially nicknamed 'Percy', the palm is working to adjust to its new surround-

ings under the watchful eye of its new caretakers. The staff has plans to add an ultrasonic mister in the future to create a fog for Percy. Let's keep our fingers crossed and hope a future visit by the Society will result in a well-established and happy Percy!

The Collector's Own Account

[Frank Radosta was asked to provide some info about himself and his collection. He replied in the third-person, as reproduced below. —the Editor]

Brief History

Frank Radosta has been a Palm Society Member (now IPS) for over 30 years. He was fortunate to be included in the organization of the Central Florida Palm Society (now CFPACS) with Dave Besst, Hersch Womble, Ed and Nancy Hall, Gordon Smith, and Tom Pavlucik. He was the first editor of the newsletter. Back then it was done on a typewriter and there were no pictures. **Living in** New Smyrna Beach, only 20 minutes away from the property of Dent Smith (founder of the International Palm Society), Frank was able to visit Dent's property on several occasions before Dent died. Dent graciously



gave a personal tour each time.

Successful Palms in New Smyrna Beach Which palms has Frank attempted to grow over the years and which palms have been successful? If you name a particular palm, Frank probably has tried it. He used to receive small packets of palm seeds (sent from all over the world) from the IPS Seed Bank. Many of the palms which are considered fairly common today; e.g., *Dypsis decaryi* (Triangle Palm) and *Bismarckia*



nobilis, were not available back then. They had to be grown from seed and obtaining seeds was not easy (the internet was nonexistent).

His passion has been to grow crownshaft palms and also, of course, the coconut palm. The coconut palm will grow in New Smyrna Beach for awhile, but eventually will be killed by cold weather. Its leaves look bad in the winter, even if there are no freezes.

Far left, Esper (*Ezperanza*), Frank's wife, gives scale to *Attalea butyracea*. At near left, she stands before *Licuala ramsayi*.

Crownshaft Palms

Below is a list of the some single-trunked crownshaft palms that have survived in New Smyrna Beach over the years, in order of the most cold-hardy to the least cold-hardy.

Archontophoenix cunninghamiana

Archontophoenix cunninghamiana var. *Illawara*

Archontophoenix alexandrae

Roystonea regia

Teddy Bear Palm, *Dypsis leptocheilos*

Hyophorbe verschaffeltii (Spindle

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Palm)

Non-Crownshaft Palms

Some of the single-trunked non-crownshaft palms that have survived are:

Arenga pinnata

Bismarckia nobilis

Dypsis decaryi

Howea forsteriana

Latania loddigesii

Licuala ramsayi

Sabal mauritiformis

Fastest Growing Palm

Archontophoenix cunninghamiana has proven to be the fastest growing palm at Frank's property. No other palm comes even close to its rate of growth. Its growth rate far exceeds that of the Queen Palm or the Royal Palm. In relatively short order, it will form a trunk, be above head height, and begin flowering and

fruiting. It has also proven to be very prolific. Once it fruits, many seedlings can be found coming up under the tree.

Some of the Palms Members Will See

Archontophoenix alexandrae---1 specimen, flowering & fruiting
Archontophoenix cunninghamiana---a number of them flowering, fruiting, germinating on their own under the trees.

Arenga engleri---a number of them are flowering & fruiting.

Arenga pinnata---a number of them have fruited & died, & a number of specimens that have not yet flowered.

Arenga tremula---one specimen is flowering.

Chamaedorea microspadix---flowering & fruiting, started from seed given to Frank by Dent Smith when he visited Dent's home.

Chamaedorea seifrizii---many flowering & fruiting.

Licuala ramsayi---about 8 feet overall height.

Roystonea regia---a number of them are about as tall as a 2-story building, but not yet flowering..

Hyophorbe vershaffeltii, Spindle Palm---about 6 feet of wooden trunk, not yet flowering.

Syagrus schizophylla---1 specimen, flowering, won as the door prize at the first meeting of our local chapter back in the 80s, in a

3-gallon container at that time--*Dypsis leptocheilos*, Teddy Bear Palm---one specimen has about 10-15 ft of wooden trunk, not flowering yet.

Dypsis decaryi, Triangle Palm---1 specimen, about 10 feet of wooden trunk, not yet flowering, about 30 years old from seed sent through the IPS seed bank.

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THE GRAND TOUR, FLORIDA STYLE

By **Lucinda McCartney,**
CFPACS Past President
and **Sarah (Cindy) Adair,**
IPS Director

October 2014

Take it from a couple of world travelers: No matter where in the world palms grow, there's lots to see here in Florida where hundreds of private gardens in small spaces rival public botanical parks for diversity, enthusiasm, beauty and personality. True, Costa Rica, Thailand, Vietnam, Cuba and all the rest of those far- away lands are well worth seeing. Yet, there's no place like home as two biennial buddies, one from Virginia Beach, the other from Snead Island on Florida's south-west coast, learned first-hand.

Last October, Cindy had a few frequent flyer miles burning a hole in her pocket so, on a whim, we decided she'd spend them getting to my place, then together we'd work our way south and east by car, visiting rarely seen palmy spots between Tampa and Homestead. Over the course of a week we were wined/dined and overwhelmed by the hospitality fellow palm lovers showered on us along the way. **Naturally, we** promised ourselves we wouldn't buy anything ... but hooked an eight foot trailer behind my convertible "just in case." No surprise: It came back FULL of goodies ranging from coconuts from the famous David Romney plantation to a 12-foot *Satakentia* scored from Ken Johnson's farm in Homestead. The

back seat and trunk were buried under smaller plants destined for Cindy's Puerto Rico finca. **Our basic** itinerary covered 494.75 miles from Snead Island to Homestead, plus uncounted miles traveling from place to place within each area. Along the way, we enjoyed exclusive and personal tours of 27 private and public gardens plus reveled in a great visit with members of the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society at their monthly meeting, some of whom were with us in Cuba last June. **The two** travelers first met at the Thailand Biennial in 2012 when a wise IPS biennial committee assigned a couple of strangers as roommates for that phenomenal trip. Obviously, we hit it off be-

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Susie Dow (right) shows Cindy Adair (left) pictures of her and Rob Branch's collection in Sarasota. Rob is seated at far right. Unless otherwise noted, all photos for the epic journey were taken by Lucinda.

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cause we repeated the housing arrangement last year in Cuba. And hope to do it again in Madagascar this coming October. Space in *The Palmateer* mandates that we describe only the highlights of this epic journey, and let photos -- laboriously whittled down from approximately 1,600 shots -- speak for themselves.

DAY ONE – Rob Branch and Susie Dow in Sarasota

– Cindy’s plane from Virginia arrived at 2 o’clock in Tampa and, not wanting to waste the rest of the day, we headed south. Just east of the Bradenton/Sarasota airport Rob and Susie oversee a two acre +/- spread jammed with literally thousands of specimens collected and planted over the course of two decades: Palms of all sizes and species and one of the most extensive private bromeliad gardens you’ll ever see. All are hand watered and Rob says they don’t fertilize. A creek running along

the rear property line provides a watery environment for palms that like wet feet and a koi pond burbles on the shady southern property line. The Branch garden is known around the world and CFPACS members are privileged to meet there regularly.

DAY TWO – four gardens in St Petersburg – Phil Stager’s private garden, Gizella Kopsick Palm Arboretum (GKPA), Sunken Gardens and Mike Evans’ private nursery.

Phil, who was the driving force behind the successful effort to salvage the extensive U.A. Young palm and cycad collection, graciously agreed to show us where the collection was planted. He also hosted us in his own private 27-year-old garden boasting over 50 mature palms on a small subdivision lot in St Petersburg. From there it was on to GKPA and Sunken Gardens, new home(s) of the Young Collection. He said that while great care was taken during the transplanting process of

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Above, left, a cycad from the Young collection planted at Kopsick and, right, Pseudophoenix vinifera. Below left, Phil Stager tells Cindy Adair to Look Up in his garden. .



Mike Evans, above, shows Lucinda and Cindy around his St. Pete nursery in the rain.



At Selby: pitcher plant above, Cindy with banyan below.



Above, at the Pralls', Cape Coral. Below, Cindy with Geri and Dave Prall.



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about 350 specimens, the greatly expanded, re-edged beds won't reach their full beauty until later this year when the cycads put out their first full flush in the new environment. Hopefully, CFPACS will meet there soon.

Late afternoon it began to rain and the top went up as we left Phil for the drive a few miles north to Mike Evans' place. We can report that his vast, beautifully grown collection looks just as fabulous from under an umbrella and while standing in a mud puddle as it does when the sun is shining.

DAY THREE – Selby Gardens in Sarasota and the Cape Coral

home of David and Geri Prall – Selby Gardens was our first stop this day and we spent the morning touring the various areas. I bought a pitcher plant destined for a pair of seven year old grandchildren. The real treat, though,

was the Pralls' truly amazing garden. David and Geri originally began 28 years ago with a typical ¼ acre subdivision lot then, as the opportunity arose, they bought the lot next door and the house/lot behind them. Today, their palms and other species sprawl over ¾ of an acre. There are *Coccothrinax* by the dozens and a rare *Syagrus montgomeriana* F2. **In back** is a shade house with hundreds of potted specimens. David has been working with dwarf *Dypsis lutescens* and I was so impressed with these little beauties that another purchase went into the car. He says these tiny palms can be divided after a time, but cautioned that the split must be made with a vertical cut down the middle. Meanwhile, we noted unusually fast growth on the *Coccothrinax*. Dave's secret: Lots of water. He said he learned that when his underground irrigation system sprung an undiscovered leak. By the time it was

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Left, Cindy poses with Elvis Cruz of Miami before a Caryota at Mounts Botanical Garden, West Palm Beach. Right, Dale Holton shows his visitors around.



At Mike Harris' Caribbean Palms nursery.

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found, the trees in the area had experienced vastly greater growth than those elsewhere on the property.

DAY THREE – Palm Beach and McArthur State Park, Mounts Botanical Garden and Palm Beach Palm Society meeting. McArthur Park offered a bit of change from a steady diet of palm trees with two miles of beach, estuarine environment

and native habitat. During June and July it is famous as a landing/ nesting site for giant marine turtles. The Mounts Garden was a delight of itself, but our primary attraction here was attendance that evening at the Palm Beach Palm & Cycad Society monthly meeting and a rendezvous with a few of our Fellow Cuba Travelers. Speaker Elvis Cruz described his visit to the Seychelles and I bought a *Neoveitchia storkii* (\$26) which went into the back seat of the car where it subsequently

cooked. It's still alive though, even after three hours of 36F temperature two weeks ago, and destined to be planted soon in the wettest spot I can find. A zone-pusher for sure.

DAY FOUR – Lake Worth, Loxahatchee and Cooper City with Dale Holton and two palm fanciers named Mike Harris Dale had a tight schedule so we were at his place for only two hours. Too bad: his vast garden and encyclopedic knowledge is

worth a whole day. I first visited him several years ago and took home three potato chip palms (*Chamaedorea tuerckheimii*) and a climbing *Chamaedorea elatior*. Unfortunately, he didn't have any more of the elatiors, other than his private stock, on this particular morning or we'd have loaded up the car. More on the way, though, he says. Elatiors are particularly interesting because unlike other palms, the top can be lopped off and rooted, while

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the original plant grows anew. Next stop was Mike Harris and his Loxahatchee Caribbean Palms nursery of beautifully grown plants from seed collected in the Caribbean. The two travelers managed some restraint and bought only a few three gallon specimens. One was a gorgeous *Kerriodoxa elegans*.

Last stop this day was Mike Harris (this is a different Mike) and his stunning 7.5 acre private botanical garden in Cooper City. Neither of us had ever met him before, but no matter: He cordially invited two palm lovers to join him, his friend, retired veterinarian Peter Balasky, and Mike's young caretaker and wife for dinner. We dined sumptuously on the porch of his sprawling log home overlooking the private lake on chicken baked personally by Mike.

Peter has made 23 trips to Madagascar so we picked his brain



The "private botanical garden" of Mike Harris in Cooper City, lake view,

about what to expect on our own planned excursion in October.

Day Five –Southwest Ranches – Big Day! The Searle Brothers Famous Fall Sale and we were there with check books when the gates opened. Our own Ray Hernandez was on hand in the uniform red tee shirt guiding customers to an unbelievable assortment of every plant one can imagine. After overdosing on the Rainforest Collection, we tramped over to Flamingo Gardens, a botanical assemblage and sanctuary for Ever-



Seen at Flamingo Gardens.

glades wildlife. Then back to Jeff and Andrea's home that night for dinner (cooked by Jim and Judy Glock) and a private tour of the amazing collection of palms that surrounds the Searles' home. One species that stunned me was their *Tahina spectabilis*, same age as one in my yard, but twice the size. Jeff coyly refused to tell me his secret: Must be the water.

Day Six – Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden member sale, Orchid Show in Coral Gables, then Andrew Street's nursery in Cutler Bay. I passed up the Fairchild sale because it required arriving at 7:30 for parking, then standing around until the gates opened at 9. I refused to wait an hour and a half till show time. Cindy's addiction is greater than mine so I dropped her off with a shopping list and went elsewhere (She found a 3 gallon *Copernicia baileyana* for me). Cindy is also addicted to orchids and the show in Coral Gables was on her bucket list. She came out with an armload of potted beauties; I bought a handsome vanilla bean. Highlight for me this day was Andrew Street's nifty place which was our next stop. Yes, we both bought plants but I openly admired a three foot long wood carving of a redfish hanging on the patio and lo/ behold Andrew's dad GAVE it to me.

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*Lucinda admires Copernicia at second Mike Harris'.
(Photo by Cindy Adair)*



Andrew with Cindy and Coccothrinax (?)



*Andrew and Lucinda with gift wooden fish.
(Photo by Cindy Adair)*



The dynamic duo reach the end of the tour at Ken Johnson's in Homestead. Note the packed trailer .

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DAY SEVEN – Redland and Homestead – Steve Stern’s “Exotic Palms,” Don and Katie Chafin’s “Going Bananas” farm, Fruit/Spice Park, RF Orchids nursery and tour and, finally, Ken Johnson’s palm paradise.

No *Syagrus romanzoffiana* anywhere at Steve Stern’s “Exotic Palms” nursery. As the name implies, he specializes in hard to find species of all sizes growing rampantly throughout his sprawling spread. Cindy loaded up here.

Then on to the Chafin place where we scored black bananas (*Musa balbesiana*) just like the ones at the Branch garden in Sarasota and enjoyed a private tour of a truly a beautiful and professional operation. The RF orchid place is famous the world over and we were lucky to be in the vicinity to see it. Final stop late in the afternoon was to see Ken and Denise Johnson. Ken had a *Satakentia* waiting for me, all

wrapped in burlap, ready for a road trip. Meanwhile, Carol Romney had dropped off a bunch of coconut seedlings plus three gunny bags of nuts; those also went in the trailer, which was now full. After a delicious pool side visit munching on chips and palm heart salsa (Ken’s secret recipe) we headed back to the hotel for the major job of boxing 50 or more plants for a long plane ride, first to Virginia Beach, then, ultimately to the Puerto Rico finca.

DAY EIGHT – Pack plants and catch a plane –It took the entire morning and half the hotel parking lot to box our purchases and shelter plants in the trailer from the wind. All went well until we arrived at the Miami airport. There Cindy discovered her purse with boarding pass, identification, money and credit cards missing! Money and credit cards were not a problem, but identification needed to get through security

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was major. Don't ask me how, but she convinced the authorities that she was a harmless, bonafide USA citizen and after some serious discussion they cleared her through. (Note: purse later turned up in the computer room of the hotel).

So ended seven days traveling the highways and byways of Florida where a couple of tanks of gas bought us a whole world of exotic sights and interesting people, proving there's truly no place like home.

If you live in Florida.



*Above, Maryann Krisovitch holds the society t-shirt she is about to present to Bethany Lahey, Gaylor's guide for the CFPACS. Through the doorway is the CFPACS gift to Gaylor: a handsome *Hyophorbe indica*.*

(Photo by Mike Evans)



Caryota himalaya at Gaylor.

(Photo by Maryann Krisovitch)

Checking Balance 10/31/14	\$14,936.34
Nov— Dec Deposits	172.88
Nov—Dec Checks	65.31
Ending Checking Balance (12/31/14)	\$15,043.91
Gain/(Loss)	\$107.57
Income Year to Date	
Membership	\$1,490.30
Merchandise	36.00
Private Sales	2,524.40
Public Sales	2,120.95
Seed Bank	708.27
Total Income Year to Date	\$6,879.92
Expenses Year to Date	
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Other Assets	
Endowment Fund Balance 12/31/14	\$13,138.15
CD #1 12-28-14 maturity	\$3,266.90
CD #2 9-25-15 maturity	\$3,151.28
Sales Cash Box	\$300.10
Total Assets	\$19,856.43
Liabilities	
U.A. Young Collection Relocation Commitment	\$5,000.00
Total Liabilities	\$5,000.00
Net Worth as of 12/31/14	\$29,900.34

Treasurer's Report 12/31/14

Our net worth at the end of 2014 was \$32,259.11. Adjusting for the \$5,000 U.A. Young project money which was unused, the Society had an overall increase in net worth of \$2,641.23 in 2014. Thank you to all of our members for a great year! ~ Maryann

Below, Turnbull Bay at Frank Radosta's place in New Smyrna Beach.

(Photo by Frank)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In my first presidential speech, I pondered over the many corny clichés I could use to mobilize our members to improve the Central Florida Palm and Cycad Society. However for this article, I will stick to the more serious information that needs to be conveyed to our members.

Over the past ten years, the Society has existed due to the substantial contribution of a few dedicated members. This effort may be good enough to keep things going but not enough to make the Society thrive. I know that I have benefitted from attending many meetings over the years with my only worries being which palms would look best in my collection and can I get them for under ten dollars.

Now as president, it is time for me to pay the society back for the many years of benefits provided to me.

We need the combined efforts of our many members to make the society great. Imagine what we could accomplish with just five minutes per month by only a third of our members.

There are many ways members can assist the Society. Just some of the easy tasks are things like taking a picture of your favorite palm in your yard and sending it to our editor along with a couple of lines of information about the palm, helping to locate future gardens to tour, mentioning the Society to interested people, or contacting local media for an article or community note that list the tours, meeting, and sales.

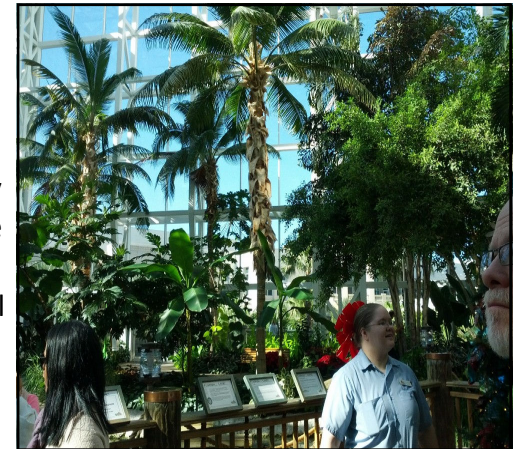
Be creative, there are many great ways to help and anything would be greatly appreciated. Sometimes just 5 minutes donated to the society once a month can be the difference between a good quarterly meeting and a great one.



Left, listening hard at Gaylord to the explanations from guide Bethany Lاهی, below. (Photos by Mike Evans)

Along these lines, I am making a change by holding our Board Meetings after lunch and before the auction. This would allow all of our members the ability to contribute to our regular operation and give everyone the ability to assist in the tasks that must be performed. Certainly every small effort will be appreciated and will keep the Society growing. Happy planting!

Ron Hart



PayPal Tutorial

Here is how to make a payment to CFPACS using PayPal

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- 4) From there you will be taken to a secure page where you can enter your name, address and credit card information.
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Those joining before October 1 have access to all four issues of *The Palmateer* for the current year.

From the Editor's Desk

Did you enjoy Lucinda's *opus* on looking at palms in places where she's never been. Previously in Florida? I particularly liked the bit where they hook on a trailer to her convertible, *just in case they see something to buy*. After all, they are just going to look, right? Then, at the end of the journey, with Ken Johnson in Homestead, we see the trailer is packed with stuff. Not really 'stuff' but with palms. Good thing they had the trailer, yes?

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As for the *Neoveitchia storckii* and whether it will flourish on the Isle of Lucinda (otherwise known as Snead Island). . . I had a smaller palm of the same species some years back and can assure her that it flourished in the summer, then went to glory I think the first time the temperature dropped into the 40s the following winter. And coastal

Indian River County is a tad less chilly than coastal Manatee County. Lucinda is planning a trip to Madagascar in the fall. I wonder how she will get the trailer there, *just in case*. Of course, I am assuming there are palm nurseries there or, at the very least, helpful local people and—for sure—palm species she's never seen before that require testing for acclimation to Snead Island.

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The French palm society, Fous de Palmiers (Fools About Palms) is planning an excursion to Colombia to examine its palms, more particularly *Sabonaria magnifica* in habitat. And, I will bet, at least 20 people will make the trip.

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I'm waiting (with bated breath, of course) for the newest palm to be announced, complete with pictures, and an account of the re-

mote, nearly inaccessible place in which it grows. Since the Southern Hemisphere is heading out of summer into fall, I figure the discoverers have actually found and named the palm in the season just fading away. Right now, they are busily getting together all the evidence and the written description. This will burst on us next winter in *Palms* or in one of the more specialized botanical journals.

Actually, I'd prefer the newest palm to be American, from the U. S. of A. In a remote corner of the Okefenokee Swamp grows a palm that everyone mistakenly thought was *Sabal minor*. Or, in a remote canyon of the Big Island of Hawaii, there's a palm thought to be just another (ho-hum) species of *Pritchardia*, but isn't!

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Your editor has reserved Saturday, April 25, 9 to 2, for an event

sponsored annually by the Garden Club of Fort Pierce. It's "Plants in the Park," a highly informal collection of non-profits, selling plants, including natives, to support their various good causes. The location is Glidden Park in Fort Pierce, two blocks west of U. S. 1 on Georgia Avenue.

I will be seated at a card table representing CFPACS with, hopefully, some membership brochures (St. Lucie County is the southernmost county on the east coast in our service area). I also expect to have some handouts on palms for the Treasure Coast and palm seedlings in plastic cups free to those attending, likely *Livistona saribus* and maybe some *Chamaedorea seifrizii*. **Stop by** to say hello if you're in the area.

John Kennedy



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*Seen somewhere in Pinellas County during Lucinda's Grand Tour: a double-headed Queen Palm.
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