

Hawaii Island Palm Society (HIPS)

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www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com

Celebrating over 44 Years as Hawai'i Island Palm Society

Membership Application for the Current Calendar Year

HIPS Activities: Bi-monthly newsletters, annual BBQ and rare palm auctions, private garden tours, access to the HIPS Palm Reference Library, Palm 101-Educational Meetings, guest/educational speakers, International Palm Society's *Palm Talk* Forum, palm seed exchanges, Community Outreach Events, and more.

Membership dues are for the current calendar year, cover up to 2 adults per household and are tax deductible. Members also receive a discount on products purchased at BEI Hawaii.

I/We wish to join for:

1 Year \$15.00 3 Years \$35.00 10 Years \$80.00 Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Primary Phone #: _____ Secondary Phone #: _____

An email address is required to receive our *Pritchardia* Newsletter and event notifications.

Primary Email: _____

Secondary Email: _____

Membership Questions:

Reason for joining HIPS: _____

What is your interest level in palms? (Check all that apply.)

Beginner Home Gardener Palm Collector Palm Grower Other _____

How did you hear about HIPS? _____

Our Events Working Group needs occasional volunteers for tours/meetings. Are you interested in volunteering? Yes No (This is a great way to meet our members!)

Do you have a palm garden you would like to share with the Society? Please call the HIPS president!

Visit our web site at www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com for upcoming events.

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History and Membership Benefits

HIPS originated in 1974 when a small group of palm lovers on Hawai'i Island joined together to share their interest in growing palms. They recognized that Hawai'i's wide variety of climate and micro-climate zones offered the opportunity to cultivate most of the world's estimated 2,400+ species of palms.

The legacy of our founding members and of members today can be found in the mature specimens that exist at the Hilo zoo and in public and private gardens throughout Hawai'i Island. To further our commitment to the preservation of palms on Hawai'i Island, our society is working with *The Nature Conservancy* on local forest preservation and sustainability. Your membership dues, in part, go to fund this effort as well as other important palm-related issues.

Interest in our society has continued to grow and member participation now stands at over 270 single/family memberships. This includes members not only in Hawai'i but in other states as well. HIPS has become an association of people at all levels of palm expertise from novice to professional growers and academia. Due to our diverse membership we have implemented, as of 2014, Palm 101 seminars. Palm 101 seminars are geared to the palm novice or to those wanting to increase their basic knowledge. More information can be found on our website (www.hawaiiislandpalmsociety.com).

The Panaewa Rainforest Zoo project remains a fine example of our community outreach. At the Zoo HIPS members are continually maintaining the Palm and Cycad Gardens of over 100 species of Palm/Cycads in conjunction with Hawai'i County and zoo staff. In 2016 HIPS invested society funds for new signage to identify individual palms. Next time you are visiting the Zoo pick up our Palm Map at the Zoo's Gift Shop and enjoy this plant collection. Other community outreach includes our annual November Hawai'i Arbor Day Pritchardia give-a-way.

Continuously sharing information to educate our members on every topic that relates to palms (planting, growing from seeds, fertilizing, watering, diseases, what palms to plant where, etc.) is the goal of your HIPS Board. HIPS has a lending library of palm reference books for members to borrow. The list is on our website (see above).

We invite you to join us to increase your palm knowledge and enjoy our other member activities: bi-monthly newsletter, summer tours of private palm gardens, annual BBQ with rare palm auctions, palm and seed exchanges, and guest speakers. Another important resource includes The International Palm Society's *Palm Talk* forum to exchange ideas/photos/questions with palm enthusiasts around the world.