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President's Message



We have four great events lined up for members in the coming months. We have three fantastic garden for tours including a first time visit to a new garden. Because many of our tours take place in residential neighborhoods, we unfortunately must sometimes limit attendance

to control crowds and parking. If you are interested in a particular tour, please RSVP soon after receiving the email invitation because we expect tours to fill quickly. Carpooling is always greatly appreciated.

This year's garden tours happen to be clustered late in the summer during peak hurricane season. We have our fingers crossed that we will dodge severe weather, but we hope to push up the 2020 schedule to reduce the risk. All of our garden tours go forward rain or shine, unless the forecast is for dangerous conditions.

We also have a potluck social and palm sale lined up later in the fall. Everyone is encouraged to bring their baby palms so that they can find new homes. Clean out your greenhouse and make some money at the same time.

We want to remind our newer members (two years or less) that they have the opportunity to visit gardens individually through our open house program. When we

send out invitations with several gardens to choose from, simply reply with your preferred location and we will arrange the details. These visits offer a slower pace that is a great way to get one-on-one tips from members who have designed and planted landscapes featuring palms.

HIPS is only as strong as our community of palm enthusiasts make it. Please get involved. Open your garden to newcomers private visits or full garden tours if possible. Volunteer for our zoo workdays. Help set up the banquet facility in February. Volunteer to serve on the board, no experience necessary. And of course, please send your comments and suggestions to us so we can offer the types of programs our members are most interested in.

Rick Kelley

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July 20, 2019

David Hertzberg, Hawaiian Paradise Park



A new garden for HIPS! David Hertzberg started planting on his one acre property in 2014 with his partner and well known plantsman the late DeArmand Hull. This wonderful garden has a nice variety of palm species laid out along gravel paths. David is a member of both HIPS and the orchid society so there are plenty of orchids, gingers, heliconia, and bromeliads in the garden as well. To allow you to fully enjoy your experience in this beautiful garden, David has graciously offered a morning and an afternoon tour limited to 35 people each.

Note: We are working on pairing David's garden tour with another nearby garden. Stay tuned for more information. Registration for this event will be **available on our website starting July 4th**.

August 11, 2019 *Tim Brian and Bob Gibbens, Hilo*

HIPS last toured this inspiring city garden in 2015. Planted on a steeply sloping two acre lot, the garden grants views into a canopy of palms whose size only becomes apparent as you make your way down to the base of the garden. The garden showcases a surprising number of strikingly exquisite palms. Sections of the garden have been reworked since our last visit. Membership will be notified when registration is open on our website, as this tour will be limited to 65 people.



September 7, 2019

Davis Dalbok, Opihikao

Don't miss this special garden tour with landscape designer and owner, Davis Dalbok. Davis will personally show us around his 24 acre garden that he has developed over the last 25 years - a collector's garden masterfully designed. The garden is home to extensive collections of palms, orchids, bamboos, cycads, bromeliads, vireyas, organic gardens, and a native lowland tropical rainforest restoration project.



Find out more about Davis' landscape projects and the company he founded: [Living Green Design](#) . Plenty of room for everyone, no need to register. Directions will be emailed prior to the event.



November Lecture: Jason Dewees Author of Designing With Palms



Here in Hawaii we are blessed with both a climate that can support a wide range of palm species, and access to some of the world's best palm growers with wonderfully diverse and affordable inventories. But the possibilities are overwhelming when creating a garden, and often times we fall back on the familiar - the tried and true line of areca palms on a property boundary or the driveway lined with foxtail palms. An evening with Jason will have you looking at your garden from a new perspective and send you to your favorite nursery with a list of palms you may have never considered.

A member of the Northern California Palm Society and International Palm Society, Jason is the horticulturalist and palm expert at Flora Grubb in San Francisco, and works as a horticultural consultant for landscape designers and architects. His book featuring photographs by Caitlan Atkinson is winner of the 2019 American Horticulture Book Award, for both the Writer's Award and Photographer's Award. Jason shares lessons from some of the best designers working with palms in the United States. The book includes inspirational gardens from Hawaii (you'll recognize Lar's and Irene's garden originally planted by Jerry Hunter), Florida, California, South Carolina, and even the desert southwest. The book does not flinch from the more scientific aspects of palms as well.

The Siren Song of Palms Lures Orchid Fans To Booth

HIPS volunteers create a big splash at the Hilo Orchid Show. This year's theme was Odyssey, and gala attendees were called to our booth by two beautiful sirens, Naia Lakin and her mom Christalynn Penovaroff.



Even at an orchid show palms stand out, especially when adorned with orchids. A big thank you to Sara Wagner for her creative design and vision. Thank you to all our member volunteers that set up, sat in, and/or cleaned up: Shasta Fox, Elisabeth Erkel, Shep Field, Sara Wagner, Bryan Young, Mary Lock, Ruth Robinson, Lise Dowd, Rick Kelley, Stephen Kling and Mike Arends. Mahalo to Bob Ferrazzi and Lars Woodruff/Irene Francis for offering use of their trucks while they were off island.



Philanthropy 2019

HIPS is committed to the promotion of palms in cultivated landscapes and the conservation of palms in Hawaii and throughout the world. In addition to the caring and feeding of palms planted by our society nearly 40 years ago at the Panaewa Zoo and Botanical Garden, HIPS provides small grants to other organizations each year that align with our mission.

UH Hilo Palm and Cycad Garden awarded \$200.00



The University of Hawai'i at Hilo botanical gardens were started in the late 1980's by retired Professor Don Hemmes, a long-time member and past president of HIPS. Thousands of students have toured the garden over the years and even in his retirement, Hemmes uses the garden to talk to beginning students about their plans for the future and career opportunities in the biological sciences. Don shared the garden with HIPS last year, and most recently welcomed a group from the East Hawaii Master Gardener's Program into the garden.

We encourage our members who value this wonderful garden to add their individual support through a gift to the designated fund under the University of Hawai'i Foundation for the University of Hawai'i at Hilo Botanical Gardens. The gardens were awarded the Kaulunani Urban Forestry Award in 1994, the Hilo Outdoor Circle Beautification Award for Excellence in Landscaping Award in 1998, and the Award of Excellence for Community Gardens at the 10th Annual Betty Crocker Landscape Awards in 2012. The gardens are free and open to the public.

International Palm Society

HIPS has become a member of the International Palm Society, a \$55.00 donation in support of their international efforts in education and conservation. Established in 1956, this unique organization encompasses members in over 80 countries and publishes the journal *Palms*, devoted entirely to articles about palms. Their website offers extensive information about palms, reference books for sale, and the organization hosts the online forum, Palm Talk. IPS offers biennial trips around the world with celebrated experts in the field. Individual membership in the IPS is required to attend these trips. The next trip is May 2020 to La Réunion. Go to <https://palms.org/membership/> for more information on IPS membership.

TBD

Board members Lise Dowd and Rick Jones are currently researching organizations to identify this year's recipient of a \$500.00 grant. Contact Lise at lisedowd@aol.com or Rick at r.d.jones@sbcglobal.net if you would like to suggest an organization to be considered.

Red Listed Endemic Palms of La Réunion

In honor of the 2020 International Palm Society Biennial, I decided to go online and see what might lure the scientific palm community and random palm nuts to a small island in the Indian Ocean. I found out that the geology and ecology of La Réunion is often compared to Hawaii Island:

- It was never attached to a continent, it grew from a volcanic hotspot underneath the Indian Ocean.
- It has a shield volcano like Mauna Loa on the eastern end of the island. Piton de la Fournaise is an actively monitored volcano and last erupted in April, 2007. Réunion has another volcano on the northwest side of the island that is considered extinct like Mauna Kea.
- It shares a history of growing sugarcane and coffee.
- Flora and fauna arrived from the sea and so the only native mammal is a bat.
- Hawaii and La Réunion host endemic palm species that evolved after reaching the island and at one time covered large portions of the land. Now on both islands, the endemic palms are only found in disparate populations on cliff sides and largely inaccessible areas.

There is plenty to lure palm aficionados to La Réunion, but for now let's just talk about the four endemic palm species on the IUCN Red List of endangered species.

The first thing you should know is that endemic palms of La Réunion are delicious - almost all of them on the IUCN Red List are there due to over harvesting of palm heart. All except one, which is merely endangered from habitat loss. And, it might have a chance at recovery due to its decidedly non-deliciousness. The common name for *Hyophorbe indica* is Poison Palm.

If you are reading this, chances are you may be growing one or more of these four scarce palm species. While rare in the wild, these palms are not only tasty but beautiful too, and so from early on became popular palms in the nursery trade. You've heard of Hurricane Palm and Red Lantan? On Hawaii we can buy all four Red Listed species:



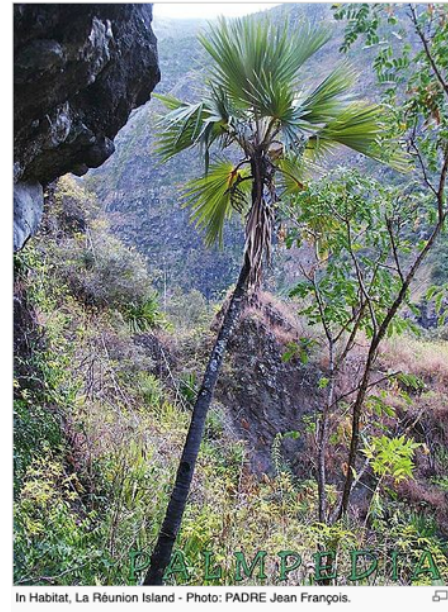
Acanthophoenix rubra - critically endangered, limited regeneration
Photos taken in Hawaii, from Palmpedia



Dictyosperma album (Hurricane Palm) – The variant album from La Réunion is critically endangered, restricted range with no natural regeneration observed. Photo Dr. John Dransfield Palmweb/Kew



Hyophorbe indica – endangered, restricted to low elevation forests and ravines but is regenerating in nature reserves. Photo from PASCOA.org



Lantania lonteroides – endangered, already recorded rare in the wild by 1895 but put into cultivation in the late 19th century. The latest count was done about 20 years ago and estimated to be around 100 individuals in the wild with no regeneration observed. Photo PADRE Jean Francois on Palmpedia.

The International Palm Society 2020 Biennial is scheduled for May 23rd - May 30th with the hope of seeing the rare sight of these palms in habitat and learning about conservation efforts to preserve wild populations so future generations know them as more than just street trees in Florida and Hawaii. Final trip arrangements are being worked out for the Biennial and additional pre and post tours that will include nearby Madagascar. Learn more about the trip at <https://www.palms.org/newsletter/may2019.pdf>.

Gardens Looking for New Stewards

Sometimes it is hard to leave behind a garden or nursery business. You hope whoever buys it will take care of it, but you never know. HIPS would like to keep Hawaii's residential gardens and nurseries intact by connecting gardeners to garden properties. Our newsletter goes out quarterly, if you or someone you know has a palm garden or nursery that will be going on the market, please contact Mary Lock at marylock@sbcglobal.net so the MLS can be shared with our members in the next newsletter, September 30th. The following is not an advertisement, HIPS provides this list of properties to our members as a matter of interest.



15-1937 32nd Ave, Keaau

This garden was originally designed by Garin Fullington, a palm expert who initiated the palm plantings at the Pana'ewa Rainforest Zoo and Gardens, as well as The Lakeside Palmetum in Oakland. A mature botanical garden featuring 30+species of palms, and multiple species of bromeliads, tillandsias, anthuriums, plus a variety of exotic fruit trees, banyan trees, rainbow eucalyptus, Hawaiian & Australian tree fern & more.

Listing Link: [Here](#)

18-4017 N Pszyk Rd, Mountain View

A mystery garden of up to 20 varieties of palms possibly planted around 1994, by previous owners and possible palm society members Paul Harder (original owner) and William Flammer (second owner). The current owner and seller said they were established before they bought the place 5 years ago.

Listing Link: [Here](#)



Lundkvist Garden

One of Hawaii's most beautiful and species rich gardens, the palm society has toured this garden many times. Karolyn is a long time member of HIPS.

Listing Link: [Here](#)



Paniolo Palms

15 acres of Palms and Bamboo in pots and field stock. Bob Davis has been a staunch supporter of HIPS. His *Cyrtostachys renda* brought in the highest bid in the silent auction.

Listing Link: [Here](#)

Note from the editor:

This newsletter goes out quarterly, the next newsletter will go out September 30th. If you have any questions, comments, or would like to contribute to the production of the newsletter, contact Mary Lock at marylock@sbcglobal.net.